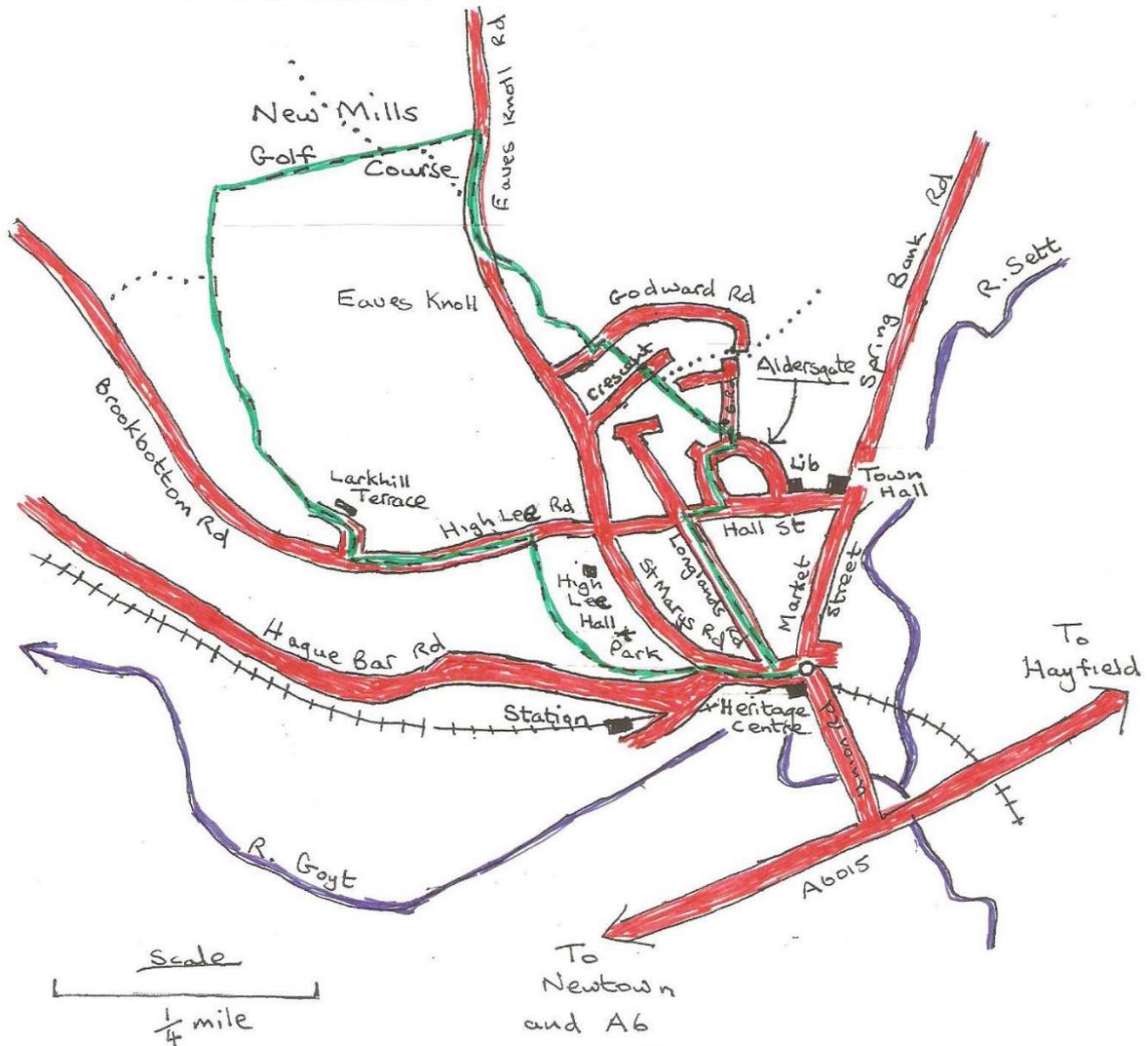


## Eaves Knoll

A walk round the back of Eaves Knoll and down through the ginnels – a northern term for passages between the sides of houses. Approximately 2 miles; using footpaths, tracks and short sections of quiet roads. Can be muddy in places. Grade easy/moderate.

1. From the Heritage Centre, walk straight up to the road (Hague Bar Road), turn left and take St Mary's Road on the right (opposite the road to Central Station). Stay on the left-hand side and in about 20 yards go through the gap in the wall on your left. This takes you into High Lea Park. Take the 1st left hand path that runs parallel with Hague Bar Road and goes through the wooded edge of the park. Stay on the path noting High Lee Hall on your right. This was a mill owner's house before it and the land were bought by New Mills Council at auction 14th June 1937 for £2300.00 and created the park you see today.
2. Go through a gap in a stone wall and stay on the path until you get level with the house. Where paths cross, carry straight on up (right will take you into the playground), keeping the small pond to your left. Carry on uphill, and just before the duckboards at a gap in the wall (straight on will take you into New Mills Community Orchard which you are welcome to go in), bear right, and with the wall to your left, continue up to the road which is called High Lea. Turn left and walk along the road. Just past where the pavement ends and the road narrows at Lark Hill House take the footpath on the right and follow the drive which goes uphill and bears right. The footpath then goes left onto a grassy path in front of the cottages. There was a coal mine just above here; Lark Hill House was the manager's house and the terrace was coal miners' cottages.
3. Walk to the end, then over a stile into a field. Bear uphill keeping the wall on your left. Go into the next field and head straight across, bearing slightly right and walking uphill towards the wall at the end. The stile is in the right-hand corner at the junction of 2 walls. Go left over the stile and keeping the wall on your right follow the path towards a metal gate by the telegraph poles. (We originally turned right here and headed towards the white house but found the stile onto Eaves Knoll Road was in a bad state of repair – this has now been improved and by following the path keeping the wall to your left, you can reduce the length of the walk by about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile.)
4. Otherwise, go through the open gateway and carry on towards New Mills golf course. Go over the stile onto the golf course; turn right and keeping the wall on your right walk down to the next stile which you cross over and go left now with the wall on your left. Follow this along to the next stile which takes you on to Eaves Knoll Road. Turn right and go up and then down the hill. You then take the 2nd footpath sign on your left (opposite where the short-cut original path comes out) and go down the lane past cottages on your left. At the T, turn right and almost immediately go through a stile on your left (you have a wooden fence on your right and a wall on your left). These are now the ginnels.
5. Carry on down going over 1 stile then another until you reach the road (this is Godward Road). Turn left, cross over the road and the path you want is between houses 51 and 49 (there is a footpath sign). Go down a few steps then carry on down to a road (this is the Crescent), go straight across and down the next ginnel. Where the paths diverge take the right-hand tarmac one going on down, cross the end of a cul-de-sac and carry on down until you reach a road (Godward Road again).
6. Turn right and at the T junction (this is Aldersgate) you have a choice.
  - (a) Left will take you down to Hall Street where you turn left, go past the library then the town hall and at the main road (Market Street) turn right and walk down the street and back to the centre
  - (b) Or, turn right, up and round to the left and then down the road to Hall Street, turn right and take the 1st left which is Longlands Road. Go down to the end and the centre is opposite.

Heritage Centre, back of Eaves Knoll and through the Ginnels



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	Roads
	Line of walk
	Other footpaths
	River
	Railway
	Named buildings