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GO FOR
AROUND OUR
BEAUTIFUL
JURIENTIFUL
LOCAL
COUNTRYSIDE

CONCETON SOUR DOOR

IN CONGLETON YOU HAVE LOVELY COUNTRYSIDE, RIGHT ON YOUR DOORSTEP.

You don't need to leave town to find woodlands, rivers and brooks, lakes and meadows, and all the wonders of nature.

Along the way, you will see spectacular views, discover interesting historical landmarks and experience the sounds, smells and textures of the countryside.

Dress for the weather, wear strong shoes if walking and set out on a voyage of discovery!

All distances, step counts and times are approximate.

Please try to access these amazing places from home or by public transport. All the walks are easily accessible from local bus routes.

Two of the walks are step-free, but be aware that they have areas of rough ground or slopes that could be very difficult in a manual wheelchair. In some sections a mobility scooter would have to travel on the road.

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WALK 1

Distance: 6.8 km (4.25 miles) Steps: 10434 | Time Allowed: 2 hours

The walk is circular and can be joined at any convenient point. The directions start at Harvey Road.

(1) Opposite the junction of Wharfedale Road and Harvey Road there is an unmade track which will take you onto the canal tow path via a flight of steps. Turn right and continue for some way along the canal to the overflow at Mossley. This is just after the high aqueduct. (2) At the end of the overflow, a path off to the right drops down steps into Dane-in-Shaw Pastures. After crossing the rill on stones at the end of the steps continue straight ahead towards the footbridge. Cross Dane-in-Shaw Brook and turn left along the river, rising as you go. Follow around the shoulder of the slope until in full view of railway viaduct then swing right uphill and head for the mast standing next to the railway line. Pass through a gate over a field and through another gate, then turn left under the railway and continue along the Biddulph Valley Way to its termination at Brook Street, the old Brunswick Wharf. (3) Walk along Brook Street to the left for approximately 400 metres and cross at the pedestrian crossing in front of St Stephen's church. (4) Take the path alongside the churchyard wall and drop down to Hankinson's Field which houses the leisure centre and rugby pitch. Straight ahead is a footbridge into Congleton Park, turn right and follow the path alongside the River Dane. Leave the park at the next entrance continuing to follow the river out onto Riverdane Road. (5) At the end of the road cross the footbridge and turn left. Follow Havannah Street to the parade of shops and then use the gateway in the corner on the left to access the St John's Playing Fields. After about 70 metres, the path swings left through the trees and bushes to follow the riverbank. Continue on this path until you emerge within sight of the children's play area. Head for this and leave on the path which slopes to the left which will take you up to Littondale Road and subsequently Malhamdale Road. (6) Follow Malhamdale Road to the right to a spur that goes to the right to join Harvey Road, at which you turn left. Go along Harvey Road for approximately 500 metres, this will bring you back to the start of the

WALK 2

Distance: 6.6 km (4 miles)
Steps: 10089 | Time Allowed: 2 hours

The walk is circular and can be joined at any convenient point. The directions are from Mill Green. (bottom of Rood Hill at the bridge).

(7) As you approach the park gates see the information plaque about the Old Mill previously on the site. Enter the park and before reaching the lavatories and pavilion, take the path on the left, up 3 steps between the garages. This climbs up the hillside and near the top before the path forks into 2 sets of steps turn sharp right and follow the path through the Town Wood. Keep straight ahead to the end of the wood then turn right to descend to the park boundary path. Turn left to the river then left again to leave the park. Follow this path and reach the Eaton Bank trading estate, as the path changes to road go left and take the path through the buildings and follow it past Varey Road, go right and at the end to join Eaton Bank and turn right continuing to the footbridge over the River Dane at the bottom of the hill (5). Cross the River Dane and turn left and after approximately 300 metres go through a yellow gate on the left and enter St John's Playing Fields. Walk straight ahead across the playing fields heading for the children's play area at the far end. Keep left of the play area and pick up the path which runs behind the school and alongside the river. This will bring you out on Havannah Lane. (8) Go left, crossing the river. On the bridge look north to see the weir, vegetation permitting, and the location of the Dane Valley Community Energy project, best known as the hydro electric scheme. Continuing uphill on Havannah Lane you will come to the main road, A536 to Macclesfield. (9)

Take care to cross this road going directly into Moss Lane and walk to the end of this lane which is a cul-de-sac. Turn left along a service road and before the gate turn right and follow the path through the underpass, turn left and on reaching the footpath walk down to the next turning on the right, into a new housing estate. Immediately after the bridge turn left and take the path to (10) Lomas Way, turn right and access the gravel path which runs between the houses. After a gentle ascent this

will bring you to Giantswood Lane (11). Cross

directly ahead into the wood and follow the path to the right. Westlow Mere will be visible through the trees to your left. At the end of the path you will join the lane to Westlow Mere. Walk to the left along here being aware of local traffic. On reaching the houses fork into the right-hand driveway and take the path on the right and follow this to a crossroads and go straight across into an untarmacked lane. Pass through a gate, go along a field, through some trees to meet the path running around the back of the Daisybank Estate. Turn right and finally, after using Lady Warburton's Walk, join Rood Hill at the traffic lights (12). Taking care crossing the road, descend Rood Hill on the left-hand side towards the town centre. Before the bridge turn left to the start of the walk in Mill

WALK 3

Distance: 9.7 km (6 miles)
Steps: 14740 | Time Allowed: 3 hours

The walk is figure-of-eight shaped and can be joined at any convenient point. The directions are from Astbury Mere Car Park. N.B. The walk can also be shortened into 2 loops at the junction (15).

Leave the car park and join the path in the country park (13). Go left in a clockwise direction around the mere, following the path. Continue along the east side of the mere and when you are level with the south of the mere and the boat club ascend the path to the left. This climbs to the top of the ridge, continue ahead and drop to a road, Fol Hollow. (14) Cross carefully and enter Lamberts Lane through a metal gate marked with a blue Bridleway sign. Follow Lamberts Lane for approximately 800 metres, this will bring you to a junction (15). Cross over the rough lane to enter a fenced footpath alongside a field. This is still Lamberts Lane and will continue for 1500 metres, do not take any of the side turnings but go straight ahead. Near the end you will cross the canal at a "snaily" bridge (16). After another 100 metres you come to a road which is part of the Astbury Lane Ends estate (17), cross over and continue down the path opposite. After another 300metres you will come to another estate road, cross into the footpath directly opposite. As you walk along this path you will notice a large water tower to your right. Cross another road and into another footpath, stay on this path which

swings to the right then cross a further road and follow the footpath opposite to drop into woodland. As you approach the stream in the valley keep on the path which swings right to gradually climb out of the valley and reach a footbridge over the Macclesfield Canal (18).

Cross the footbridge and go straight ahead into more woodland. You will emerge onto a golf course, keep walking in the same direction and head for a stand of 5 conifers on the opposite side of the fairway (not the ones to your right in the middle of the fairway) and join a path which goes to the right and drops down some steps to a footbridge. After crossing the footbridge and going through a kissing gate follow the path by the fence, go through a kissing gate on the right and follow the path across a field until a further kissing gate beside an oak tree, do not go through but turn left and follow the path by the hedge. There are yellow footpath markers along the route and the hedge should be always on your right. Keep ahead and you will see the spire of Astbury St Mary's Church, this is the direction you must head until you meet the end of a field where you turn right and exit the field onto a tarmac lane. Turn left along the lane and after passing a couple of houses take the lane on your right signposted "Congleton Town Centre" (19). The path goes through a gate on the right in front of a house called "Wit's End". Once in the open field keep right for approximately 50 metres and then turn left and go across the field, slightly downhill to access a gate in the hedge by a ditch on the opposite side of the field. This path will bring you back to the junction on Lamberts Lane (15), this time cross over onto the unmade lane (Stony Lane) which runs uphill. After approximately 800 metres there is a path on the right down a handful of wooden steps (20) and signposted "Town Centre", follow this path downhill to a bridge over the Howty Brook. Swing left, joining the path known as Priesty Fields which runs between hedgerows. When you reach the tarmac road go 200 metres and turn left into Vale Walk (21). This emerges at the top of Wagg Street, turn right and cross the road carefully into Lion Street. Carry on past Lime Street and past the next left which is The Crescent, continue to the next left which is the second turning to The Crescent (22). Take this left and then turn right to follow a path around the back of the football ground. This path emerges onto Westlands, turn right, go to the end and cross Astbury Street (23). Go straight across and follow the path between the houses, swing left and continue with

the backs of the houses on one side and shrubbery

on the other. This path will take you past the Community Orchard and eventually emerges on a road to Astbury Mere Country Park, turn left for the gate. Enter the gates of Astbury Mere Country Park.

WALK 4 Distance: 2.7 km (1.5 miles)

Distance: 2.7 km (1.5 miles)
Steps: 3590 | Time Allowed: 45 minutes

The walk is circular and can be joined at any convenient point. The directions are from the Town Hall (24).

Cross into Canal St and then turn right into Chapel St and walk to the entrance of St Peter's Church. Cross in front of the church, go through the churchyard and gate onto the path which runs behind the old grammar school to the cemetery. Continue along the path which leads through the old and newer graves to the Congleton Cemetery building on your left. Turn right through the gates and enter the footpath which is straight ahead (25) signposted to Lamberts Lane. Follow this path across Kestrel Close until it meets Lamberts Lane. Turn right towards Astbury Mere. The lane descends to Howty Brook, about 30-40 metres before the brook take the right hand footpath through a kissing gate up the bank (26). This is part of Priesty Fields. Continue straight ahead across the field and into trees. You will come to a junction of paths, keep right into an enclosed pathway which emerges onto a tarmac street called Priesty Fields. Walk along here until it swings right and meets Howey Lane/Moody Street. Turn left and this will take you downhill to High St, turn right to get back to the Town Hall.

WALK 5

Distance: 9.8 km (6 miles)
Steps: 14900 | Time Allowed: 3 hours

The walk is circular and can be joined at any convenient point. The directions are from Astbury Mere car park. N.B. there is a difficult road crossing which can be avoided by a slight detour along

Leave the car park (13) by the entrance gate and continue to the main road, cross at the pedestrian refuge and go left to access a tarmac path into the housing estate. At the road go left and join Heath Road, turn right and follow Heath Road to its junction with the Sandbach Road opposite the West Heath shopping Centre (27). Cross by the pedestrian crossing and turn left into the service road. Turn right at Quinta Road, then left at Birch Road. At the T junction in front of the school turn right and go to the main road, cross at the pedestrian crossing, keeping left until you can turn right into Black Firs Lane (28). Go along the pedestrian path forking to the right. Enter Rhead's Meadow through the gate on the left, follow the path straight ahead across the first field, go through the hedgerow into the second field and then turn right at the bench and head for the gate in the corner of the field. Ignoring the tarmac tracks go straight across to a dirt path which leads into trees running alongside Back Lane Playing Field. At the end of the woodland you will emerge onto Back Lane (29), turn left and at the roundabout go down Somerford Lane. At the end of this lane cross over past a phone box defibrillator and go along the dirt track on the verge (signposted Brownlow and Holmes Chapel). When this lane (Chelford Road) meets the main road, take care to cross over and access the lane marked as a footpath and cycleway (Sandy Lane) (30).

Continue along Sandy Lane until you can see the roundabout road signs on the new road. At this point there is a finger post pointing left, the path runs alongside a hedgerow (keep this to your left). As you walk along this path notice the views across to Sutton Common and Bosley Cloud. At the end of this path you will drop down to a main road (51)*.

You need to cross and access the drive to "Old Barn Farm" and "Field House Cottage". N.B. Take care crossing this main road. Go along the driveway until it swings left towards the buildings, at this point continue across the field straight ahead to a kissing gate just beyond the overhead wires. Head down the field slightly to the right to a corner where there is another kissing gate. The path is reasonably clear and will continue to further kissing gates until you reach a footbridge gated at each end. The path then rises to the houses. Follow the gravel path through the estate and emerge onto Padgbury Lane by Heath Farm pub.

((31)* Alternatively, to avoid busy road crossing,

follow the footpath to the left (dashed lines) to the traffic lights (32) and then turn right into Padgbury Lane until you reach Heath Farm pub.) (33).

Turn right and walk along Padgbury Lane until it swings left, then continue forward into the cul-de-sac length of the lane. Between numbers 212 and 214 is a footpath, take this path and keep left at the gates. This will take you diagonally across the fields directly towards Astbury St Mary's Church steeple. At the end will be the A34 in front of the Egerton Arms (34). Use the pedestrian refuge to cross and walk up past the village green and alongside the churchyard and continue to School Lane on the left. Turn up the lane and at the fork, go left at a signpost for "Congleton Town Centre" (19). Go through a kissing gate into the field, go right and at the end of the fencing turn left and go downhill across the field to a hedgerow at the bottom where a gate takes you through to a junction with Lamberts Lane and Stony Lane (15). Take Lamberts Lane to your left alongside the metal fence and house. At the end of Lamberts Lane it meets Fol Hollow (14), go across and into Astbury Mere Country Park. Go up the slope and at the top turn left and drop down to the mere. Cross in front of the water sports centre and afterwards keep to the edge of the mere going clockwise round the mere following the path to the car park.

WALK 6 Distance: 15km (9 miles)

Steps: 22800 | Time allowed: 6 hours

The walk is circular and can be joined at any convenient point. Directions are from the bus station.

Head towards the dual carriageway and turn left.

Cross Town Bridge to Rood Hill. At the top of Rood Hill cross over at the traffic lights and enter the path known as Lady Warburton's Walk (12). The path takes you alongside the housing estate on your right and Tesco on your left. When you reach a fork keep right following the path which runs behind the houses which will be on your right. Do not turn off the path which always has house gardens to the right and open scrubland to the left. At the end of the path where you will see a sign for Hulme Walfield, turn left and follow the path through the woodland. After approximately 200 metres there is a gap on your right towards the road, you will see a

green waste bin and a path going downhill on the opposite side of the road (11). Cross over here and follow that path through another housing estate. At the end of this path, (10) go around the green telecoms box and turn left along the path to the bridge. Turn right over the bridge and go to the end of the road and turn left on the main road. Walk approximately 90 metres and turn left down the tarmac footpath which slopes down alongside the road. Go under the main road using the subway then go right and swing back left to access the end of Moss Lane, an old defunct road which runs between the housing estate and woodland.

When you reach the main road at the end of the lane (9) go straight across into Havannah Lane, taking great care. Drop down to Havannah village, crossing the bridge and keeping left alongside the original terraced houses of the old village. (8) Then swing right onto a dirt path then keep left which takes you alongside a school playground. You will exit into a housing estate on Crompton Close, continue straight ahead onto Malhamdale Road and follow the road round until there is a left turn to take you to Harvey Road (6). On Harvey Rd turn left and continue until you have passed the turning to Wharfedale Ave and after another 30 metres there will be a dirt track on the left. Follow this straight up to the canal tow path (1).

Turn right along the tow path and continue until reaching the junction of the various transport methods: the canal, the road and the railway (35). At this point if you require refreshments etc you may exit the canal and there are two public houses serving food and a small parade of shops.

The walk continues along the canal tow path crossing a high metal bridge over Canal Road to Bridge 77. Exit here. This is a "snaily bridge" (16) designed to enable horses to change canal banks without being unhitched from the barges. Lamberts Lane runs across this bridge, when you go up the steps you will turn left. (do not go back over the canal).

Follow Lamberts Lane which runs more or less straight until it reaches a road, Fol Hollow (14). Take care crossing and enter Astbury Mere Country Park directly opposite. Go up the slope and turn right at the top then walk along the ridge, through the trees and at a junction of paths turn left down the steps, at the bottom turn left again and on reaching the path which runs around the mere turn right and head to the car park (13). (Lavatories and refreshments available at certain times). Leave the

car park by the road, cross Ennerdale Drive and then follow the path which runs around the backs of the houses on your right known as Lovers' Walk. Keep on this path past the Community Orchard with the houses on you right all the time until reaching a road, Astbury Street (23). Turn left and go straight down to the end by St James' Church, cross over and go down Dane Street to the end of the houses where there is a path to the right which drops down to the side of the River Dane. Continue alongside the river and emerge onto the Town Bridge. Turn right and retrace your steps to the bus station.

WALK 7 (Step-free) Distance: 2.8 km (1.7 miles) Steps: 3847 | Time Allowed: 35 minutes

Start at the Community Garden on the junction of Lawton St and Kinsey Street. Walk past the Cenotaph and turn right up Cole Hill Bank. At the end of the tarmac section before the dirt road turn left onto the cobbled area and follow this around the building and then turn right, signed pedestrian access to Wellbank Court. This section is quite steep and takes you by the Physic Garden and Bath House on your right. At the top, turn left onto the roadway and then turn left again almost immediately, follow the road around and this stretch gives views across to Sutton Common and the telecommunications column. Turn right out of Lowe Avenue into New Street. At the end, turn left onto Canal Road (36). Follow Canal Road to the front of the hospital and cross the road to go down Kestrel Close winding to the left, keep following the road. When the top of the road is reached and Kestrel Close swings around to the right, veer left, leaving the houses and after approximately 100 metres take the left-hand path towards the visible house on Lamberts Lane.

Go right along Lamberts Lane (this is not a paved or tarmacked road) for approximately 400 metres. A signpost for the town centre points to the right. Follow this path, pass a children's play area and go straight across a road to carry on along the pedestrian pathway, which is again signposted town centre. At the end of this path you emerge on to the top of Howey Lane (25)*. Enter the grounds of the cemetery and turn left to follow the path through the graveyard. This brings you to St Peter's

Church. Go through the churchyard, turn left into Chapel Street and at the end turn right into Moody Street. At the bottom, turn right onto High Street and carry on to the Community Garden.

((25)* There is a low step into the churchyard; if in doubt follow Howey Lane down to Moody Street.)

WALK 8 (Step-free) Distance: 5 km (3.1 miles) Steps: 7104 | Time Allowed: 1.5 hours

Start at Astbury Mere car park. (13) Go left (clockwise) and take the path winding up to the left across the field halfway along the top of the mere. Exit onto housing estate and turn right into Ennerdale, follow this to the end and take the passage to Astbury Street. Go left down the street and at St James' Church cross the main road into Dane street. At the bottom of Dane street turn right down the River Dane Walkway. Turn right just after a metal fence on the right to access a street called Rope Walk in front of the ATC meeting hall. (37) Follow Rope Walk to the end at Mill Street. Follow the path to the left, cross the road left of the roundabout, turn right and follow the fence to access the path on the left alongside the River Dane to the park. Turn left into Congleton Park over the bridge. Turn right to follow the river (or go clockwise round park for a longer route) and cross at the far bridge towards the leisure centre. Take the path around the skatepark, through the car park and then continue along Worrall Street to the crossing at the traffic lights. (38) Carry on to the town centre past the bus station, turning right along pedestrianised Bridge Street. You will pass the statue of Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy. At the end turn left up Swan Bank (or Little Street before it, but that is steep). Continue up Wagg Street, turn right into Lion Street and along Crescent Road. After a large hedge on the right (tennis club) turn left into the second turning to The Crescent. (22) After approximately 30 metres turn right into a pedestrian pathway. This emerges onto Westlands, turn right and go to the end and then cross the top of Astbury Street and go onto the gravel path ahead. Follow this, turning left around the rear of the houses. Pass the Community Orchard and eventually come to the gate of Astbury Mere Car park on your left.

Stay Safe & Erjay...



The River Dane is a tributary of the River
Weaver that originates in the Peak District area of
England. The name of the river (earlier Daven) is
probably from the Old Welsh dafn, meaning a "drop
or trickle", implying a slow-moving river. This seems
particularly quirky as the River Dane is the longest,
cleanest and thought to be the fastest flowing river
through Cheshire. Congleton has developed
alongside the river which has supplied power for its
historic industries. The name of the town comes
from the "town on a bend in the river".

SOMERFORD

LADY WARBURTON'S WALK Lady Alice married Sir Peter Warburton in 1781. Sir Peter passed away in 1813 at the age of 59. With her husband gone, Alice inherited a fortune that allowed her to establish her own

household.

Among her assets

was Lower Daisy
Bank House in
Hulme Walfield, Congleton. This picturesque home
became her residence for much of her widowhood.
Lower Daisy Bank was a modest yet charming
estate, and the footpath that connected her home
to Giantswood Lane is still known today as Lady
Warburton's Walk. Though Lady Alice lived a long
and fulfilling life, it is her ghost that continues to
haunt the imaginations of those in Congleton.
During World War II, many locals claimed to have

seen her spectral figure gliding through the mists

of Dane Valley or moving through the windows of

the now-demolished Daisy Bank House.

WESTLOW MERE



Reclaimed from sand excavation in the 1970's, the mere comprises some eighteen acres of crystal-clear water, fed by natural springs. The Mere is a water run for fly fishing by the Congleton & District Fly Fishers Ltd. Congleton & District Fly-Fishers was founded in the early eighties. Their priorities have included the maintenance of the natural habitat including the surrounding fields and woods as well as the water and their success in this has been recognised in the site being declared a site of special significance because of the wildlife it harbours and the flora it sustains.

CONGLETON

PARK AND TOWN WOOD

OLD MILL ON MILL GREEN

Before the houses this was the site of the Old Mill.

throwing machines. It was notable for its size, and

construction. It continued in use until 1996. It was

LOWER

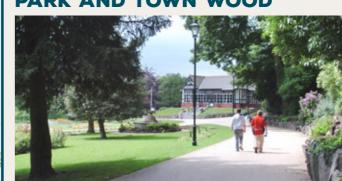
BUGLAWTON

an early silk mill established in 1753. It used an

internal water wheel to power Italian silk

demolished in 2003.

for the involvement of James Brindley in its



Congleton Park covers an area of 10 hectares (24.7 acres) and includes the historic Town Wood. Designed by Edward Kemp, Kemp had worked under the supervision of Joseph Paxton at Chatsworth, later he was consulted on the designs for Central Park in New York. The park was opened to the public on 29th May 1871. Congleton Town Council's Streetscape team keep the park looking impressive all year round. The wood is designated as an Ancient and Semi Natural Woodland as well as a county Site of Biological Importance. In order for a woodland to be defined as Ancient there must be evidence of continual woodland since 1600 AD.

MACCLESFIELD CANAL



The Macclesfield Canal opened in 1831 and its last commercial use was 1954. It is 26 miles (42km) long and runs from the Peak Forest Canal at Marple to link with the Trent and Mersey Canal. The route was surveyed by Thomas Telford but all the construction and civil engineering was overseen by William Crosley. The high viaduct carries the canal over Dane in Shaw Brook from which the Cloud can be seen to the east. Stone was quarried at the Cloud to enable the building of locks and other infrastructure of the canal. The Macclesfield Canal is proud of its stone mile markers which are a size and quality not seen elsewhere. These were buried during the second world war to prevent use by enemy soldiers. All but 3 along the length of the canal were dug up and restored.

FOL HOLLOW

One of Congleton's medieval routeways from the centre of the town to the south. Known by a number of names, the Kings Way, Wagg Street, Waggs Road and Fol Hollow. This was the main route to the south and London before the building of the turnpike road across Astbury Marsh.

PRIESTY FIELDS



Between Congleton and the village of Astbury a medieval pathway runs between the principal Parish Church at Astbury and connects with St Peter's Church in Congleton. The pathway, which is about two miles in length, acquired its name because Congleton had not got a dedicated priest at the time, so a Priest had to walk from Astbury to Congleton to perform services. If you inspect the bridge which crosses Howty Brook you can still see the original foundations of the bridge that would have been here in the 11th century.

ASTBURY MERE COUNTRY PARK



The park occupies an area which was an old sand quarry that ceased production in the 1980's. In the fifty years that the site was working, millions of tons of silica sand were extracted.

CONGLETON TOWN HALL

ASTBURY

The current Town
Hall was built in
1864 and opened in
July 1866. The
impressive building
was designed by
Edward William
Godwin. The
Victorian Gothic
building was built
to impress and to
reflect Congleton's
status.

BATH HOUSE AND PHYSIC GARDEN

Astbury Golf Course

(18)





Elizabeth (1833-1918) was a women's rights

MOSSLEY

ELIZABETH

ELMY

WOLSTENHOLME

Elizabeth (1833-1918) was a women's rights campaigner who lived in Congleton and started a girls' school on Moody Street. Emmeline Pankhurst dubbed her 'the brains of the suffragist movement'. Renowned sculptor Hazel Reeves created this statue of Elizabeth in the town which was unveiled by Baroness Lady Hale of Richmond on 8th March 2022.

BIDDULPH VALLEY WAY



The Biddulph Valley Way follows the disused railway line running from Brunswick Wharf into north Staffordshire, it is now part of route 55 of the National Cycle Network. Originally a branch of the North Staffordshire Railway or 'Knotty', for over 100 years trains travelled along the Biddulph Valley Way carrying coal from the Potteries to Congleton. Brunswick Wharf was a busy goods yard and as well as receiving coal from the Potteries used to transport sand from Congleton which was used in glass making at St Helens. When trams were being built for Manchester and other local cities, metal was brought to Brunswick Wharf to be melted down into brake blocks for trams, Once built the brake blocks would leave here to be used for tram construction. The decision to close it "baffled" the staff due to how busy and well-used Brunswick Wharf was. The last train left Brunswick Wharf on 1st April 1968, after which the Wharf closed

SNAILY BRIDGE



Bridge 77 Lamberts Lane, Macclesfield Canal. This turnover bridge was engineered to allow the horse towing the barge to cross over the bridge without being unhitched.