

the sheepwash and situated just to the north beneath an oak tree, lies one of several communal wells. Brick built and about a yard wide, this circular well served the three cottages on Camomile Hill and a house until the mid 1930s.

Just past the well, on your right-hand side, you will come to **the Sheepwash (12)**.

Situated at the junction of Silver Street, Whitley Thorpe Lane and Sheepwash Lane, this sheep dip, which was public property, was in use through the 1920s and 1930s, and so was used by all the farms in the area.

Continuing along Silver Street, you are re-entering the village. Continue on to Doncaster Road (A19). Opposite and slightly to your right you can use your imagination to envisage the **Land Army Camp (13)**, now built over by new houses.

During World War Two there existed on this site a large Women's Land Army Camp. The girls lived in barrack style accommodation and would be taken out each day by horse and cart or tractor to outlying farms.

Hours were long (48 hours per week in winter and 50 in summer, and pay was low at £1:8s (£1.40) per week, of which more than half went towards board and lodging.

Although the work was hard the Women's Land Army proved very popular, and by 1943 more than 90,000 women and girls were at work on Britain's farms. Remarkably the WLA was not disbanded until November 1950, more than five years after the war had ended.

Now you can cross the main road and pass into Lea Lane. Continuing to the far end of the surfaced lane, you will see the site of **The Old Horse Stables (14)**, which are situated ¼ mile to the south of the end of Lea Lane. The old horse stables were used to stable farm horses during periods of working in the surrounding fields. This saved having to bring back the horses into the village after a long days work. **NB this is on private land**

A family lived at the stables with the horses, sharing the accommodation with them. The main periods when the building was in use would be throughout spring to late summer, the times when ploughing and harvesting took place.

The brick building now in ruins, with part of the foundations still visible, was approximately seven metres by five metres and would have consisted of a single storey structure, part stables and part living accommodation.

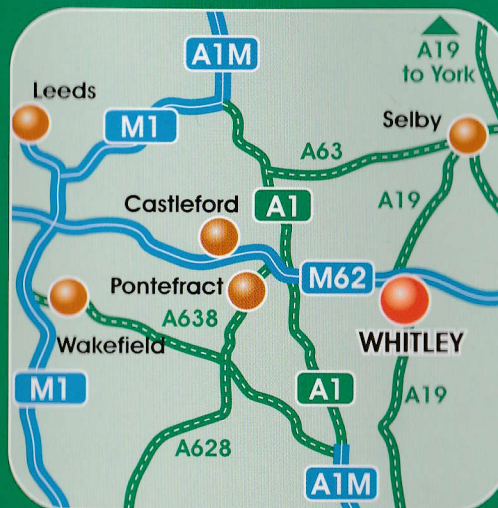
Retrace your steps back to the main road (the A19), turn right, cross over the road. Walk back through the village to return to the starting point at the George and Dragon, noting as you go that some of the 18th and 19th Century farmhouses remain.

Whitley Historical Society

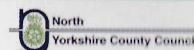
The society was founded in 2006 in order to research and help preserve the heritage of the area.

Meetings are held occasionally, to which all are welcome.

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