

# Exploring the footpath – Water Tower to Lees Hall

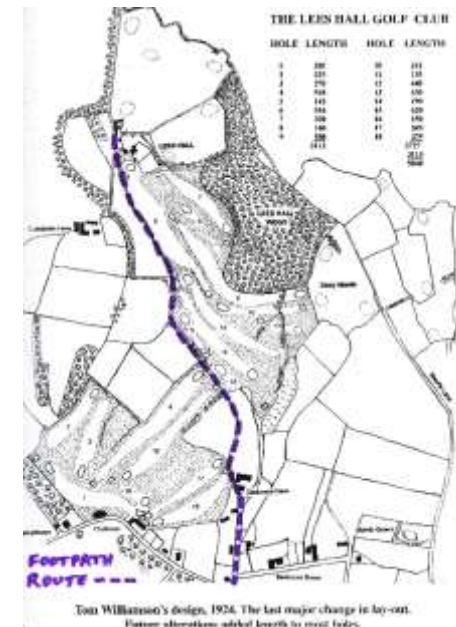
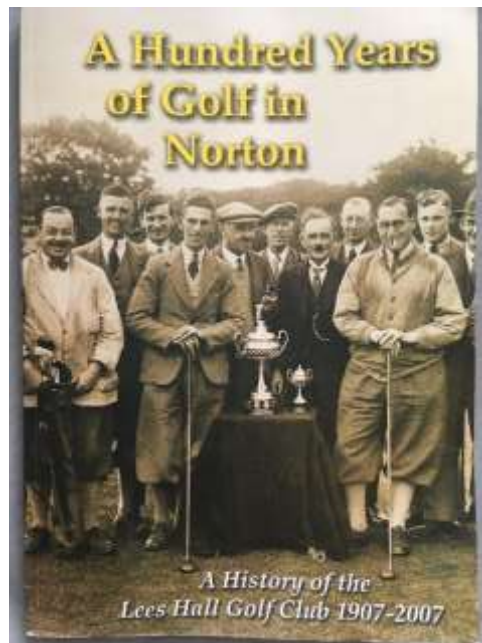


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- For many years, I'd been wanting to explore this footpath, as a possible walk into town (instead of Derbyshire Lane and Chesterfield Road)
- I recently obtained an excellent book "A Hundred Years of Golf in Norton" (no, I'm not a golfer) which gives a lot of history of the area, including the Lees Hall, which it is named after.
- With the beautiful sun today, and the trees still bare to allow light in, I decided to 'go for it'!
- From the Norton water tower (see old 'New Inn' below), I walked down Ashbury Lane, until it became a footpath by the golf club's maintenance depot.





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- The footpath is well maintained, and fenced on both sides by the golf course.
- It is part of the ‘Sheffield Round Walk’.
- The footpath is obviously very old, judging by the way it is hollowed out, and lined by old trees.
- There are lovely views, over both the city centre and the Gleadless Valley
- After a while, the left hand view becomes the playing fields of the Newfield School.
- The footpath then enters the woods, but still easy to follow.
- A pair of large stone gateposts shows that this was once an important thoroughfare
- Eventually it comes to a ‘cross roads’, with a pool.



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- The pool is obviously man-made, as it has been dammed up on one side at the top of a valley (just like the ponds in Graves Park).
- There is a wooden jetty on one side of the pool, and a stone plinth for a plaque.
- Someone's dog kindly waded in, to show the depth of the pool!
- Nearby, there are stones indicating the remains of the Lees Hall
- There is also a stone engraved to the memory of Ian Crackles, but with no date.





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