

The Cottingley Heritage Trail

A walking tour of places of historical
interest in the village of Cottingley -
Total distance 4.75 miles (approx)

This walk is arranged so that it can be commenced and ended at any point on the circuit.

Some buildings are not open to the public.

Those buildings that are open to the public (some on certain days and at certain times only) have inside them more detailed information about that building. They are:

The Town Hall
Cornerstone Community Centre (for St. Michael's Church)
The Mercure Bradford, Bankfield Hotel
The Sun Inn

Bus services :

To Cottingley village: 615, 676, 678, 680
To Cottingley Bar: 622, 623, 624, 662, 676, 680
The 60 Leeds to Keighley service stops outside the Mercure
Bradford, Bankfield Hotel

The Route

1. **Cottingley Town Hall** is a Grade II Listed Building which was opened in 1865 as a non-denominational church, school and community centre.

Walk up the hill, passing, on the left,

2. **Quebec Cottages**, where tanning was a cottage industry.

and

3. **Lynwood Terrace** is now just part of Main Street, but the old Lynwood Terrace street sign can be seen above No. 25. One of the houses was the home of Elsie Wright who, along with her cousin Frances Griffiths, achieved fame for photography of fairies.

Continue up Main Street. At the gate which crosses the road,

4. **Manor Farm** was built in 1666. A double cross of the Knights Templar, initialled and dated, can be seen on the house. It is now two private homes.

Continue up Marchcote Lane to the snicket between Nos. 72 and 74. Cross Airedale Avenue to the snicket between Nos. 80 and 82. Turn left, then right into Canon Pinnington Mews. On the right,

5. **St Michael and All Angels Church**. The original was built in 1877 and located in Bradford Old Road. A replacement was built in 1968, followed by this one in 2008. The WW1 Memorial commemorates 29 men associated with the village who died during the conflict.

6. **Cornerstone Community Centre** is at the back of the Church and was built at the same time. Information about the church can be found [here](#).

Travel down Manor Road and turn left into Bradford Old Road,

7. **Cottingley Mills** (now a business park) were originally a tannery, then a worsted mill. Only one original building remains (the one nearest the bus stop). The Toll Bar, which was demolished in 1913, was sited here.

Turn left into Bingley Road, towards Cottingley Bridge,

8. **Bridge Cottages** was the site of several tanneries and on the opposite side of the road, **Tan House Farm** — late 17th Century with later alterations.

Continue to Cottingley Bridge, then turn left into Beckfoot Lane,

9. **Beckfoot Farm** is dated “TB 1617” but now converted to several houses. Note the different lantern finials associated with the Knights Templar on Templar Cottage eaves and the old building opposite, the “Piggeries”, formerly a chapel with a barely visible inscription on a door lintel and, nearby, **Beckfoot Packhorse Bridge** which was built in 1723 for £10 which included maintenance for seven years.

Retrace your steps to Cottingley Bridge and back along Bradford Road, past the roundabout to, on the left,

10. **Bank Field House** (now the Mercure Bradford, Bankfield Hotel). Built in 1848 by William Murgatroyd, later a Mayor of Bradford.

Cross the road and head towards the Yorkshire Clinic,

11. **Cottingley Hall** was built in 1915 by Arthur Harry Briggs as a wedding present for his son. A previous Cottingley Hall (originally named Cottingley House) was located near the present St. Mary and St Monica’s Church and was demolished in 1913.

Retrace your steps to Bradford Road, then to the traffic lights and turn left into Cottingley New Road, then walk up the hill to,

12. **Cottingley Manor** was built in 1913 by Arthur Harry Briggs and is now the Nuffield Health Fitness and Wellbeing Centre.

13. **St. Mary and St. Monica's Church** was built in 1997/98.
14. **The Sun Inn** was opened on 27th March 1929 and replaced the Old Sun Inn which was located a few yard further down the hill (on the site of the current Petrol Station). The Old Sun Inn had originated from the 17th Century and was a stopping point of the coach road from Leeds and Bradford to Bingley.

Cross the road and return to the Town Hall

