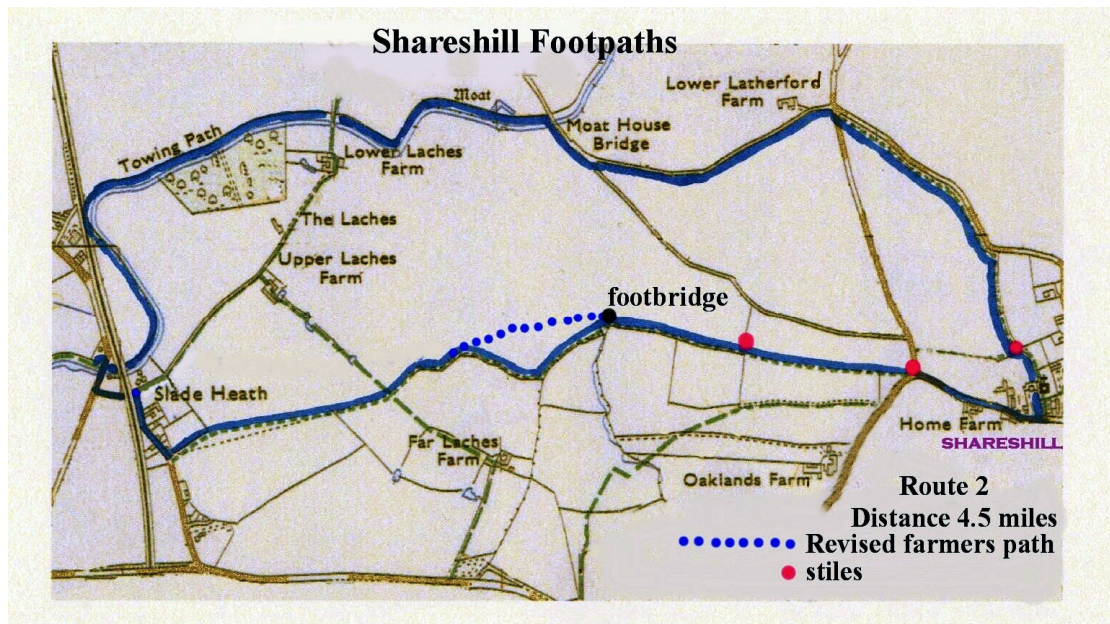


Shareshill Footpaths Route 2

There are many footpaths in the vicinity of Shareshill. There are many footpaths in the vicinity of Shareshill. These routes all start and finish at the village Post Office, also known as the *Community Shop*.

Route 2 is 4½ miles, but this can be shortened or extended using alternative paths.



From the Post Office, walk along Church road in direction of Shareshill church, and continue out of the village past Home Farm on left. At the junction with Latherford Lane continue ahead over stile with signpost pointing in direction of footpath. (West 270°) Aim for large tree ahead, and continue walking down the centre of the field to reach a stile in the fence.

Go over stile and continue in same direction with hedge on left. Follow hedge to reach a small wooden bridge over a stream. Cross stream and aiming for pylon on skyline, proceed to walk straight ahead across large field passing between two large trees in centre of field.

At the end of the field proceed right along hedge to the corner and turn left through gap in hedge and continue in a westward direction down next field with hedge on right. Ahead is the village of Slade Heath.

At the far corner of the field continue down way-marked track to reach the road. Turn right and walk through the village passing Cottage Farm on left. Where the road turns right along Laches Lane, take the track left under the railway which leads to a main road "T" junction. Turn right to the canal bridge. Cross over bridge and turn left down towpath to canal, and left under canal bridge. (Slade Heath No.72) Immediately go under second bridge and continue along canal to go under third bridge (Laches Bridge No.73) with Lower Laches Farm on right. Continue along canal for ½ mile and exit at 4th bridge, (Moat House Bridge No.74.) Turn right over bridge and in 50 yards turn left on farm track to reach crossroads by Lower Latherford Farm.

Cross road and go through double gate into field and follow footpath which is signposted up the field. Keep close to the hedge on left which continues alongside the lane. (This lane leads directly to Shareshill by the school). Continue up the field and note the view of Shareshill church appearing over the tree line ahead. Go over stile into next field, turn right and walk diagonally up to reach a stile in top left hand corner of the field. Go over stile and continue up the next field with hedge on left. Go through kissing gate in top left hand corner into Church cemetery. Take the paved path up to the Church and continue along drive to Church Road. Turn left and proceed to Post Office.