

Sixty seven GREENFIELD – UPPERMILL.

This is a short, pleasant stroll by the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. Uppermill is an attractive little stone town.,It has old-fashioned shops, pubs, cafes, and a good local history museum.

Either: Catch a train from Eccles to Manchester Victoria,
or: to Stalybridge,
Then: change train.

Transfer to a Huddersfield stopping train and alight at Greenfield.
On leaving the station turn right.

Then cross the next road and go left downhill round and behind The Railway public house –*serves real ales - a Good Beer Guide pub.*

Cross the bridge over the canal and go down the steps on the right.

U-turn to your right under the canal bridge and follow the canal bank. *On the right is a dock for barges and 'The Kingfisher' – a pleasant modern Marston's pub serving real ales and food.*

Continue along the canal bank until you ascend to a main road.
Cross the road (*very busy!*) and rejoin the canal on its left-hand bank.

At the next over bridge cross right and go left to continue on the opposite bank. *You pass under a railway viaduct (carrying the Manchester & Huddersfield railway) and come to a lock with a small exhibition centre and shop.*

Go right here to leave the canal.

Turn right along the main road and back under the viaduct.

Follow this road into Uppermill. *Notice the symbols on the Freemasons' Hall.*

Keep ahead through the town. *It has many cafes, churches, shops, and a tiny street market on Wednesday. There are a few pubs (recommended: 'The Wagon' – Robinson's real ale and food – a Good Beer guide pub).*

Opposite The Granby Arms turn right to visit the Saddleworth Museum. *This has a good local history collection. Admission (2010 prices) is £2 (or £1 concession). The steps next to the entrance take you to the canal wharf from which you can often take barge rides along the canal.*

Go back to the main road and turn right.

Just before the road goes over the canal go through the gap in the wall on the left of the road and descend to the canal bank. *This now runs between the canal and the river.*

Just past The Kingfisher leave the canal bank by going up the steps. Turn right (ignore the road that then goes off right) and walk uphill.

U-turn to your right round The Railway –*serves real ales - a Good Beer Guide pub.*

From its front door, cross the road and enter Greenfield station for a train back to Manchester (or Stalybridge if preferred).

CLASSIFICATION: SHORT, A DODDLE

COUNTRYSIDE, PUBS, CAFES, SHOPS, FOOD,
MUSEUM, CANAL, ARCHITECTURE

RAIL FARE: category one

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