

## SOPHIE'S STORY

**Location:** Ollerton

**Distance:** 3 miles | **Estimated time:** 2.5 hours

Our guide is Sophie, a young woman grappling to understand her place in a town her family has long called home. As she introduces five stories that move through the years of coal mining, and we hear from those who work with the local community now, this is a rich exploration of the past, present, and future of Ollerton.

This walk starts and ends near the Hop Pole Hotel in Old Ollerton, taking us to New Ollerton and back. Walking past St. Giles' Church, we go up Wellow Road, left onto Back Lane and via Middlefield to a traffic-free path running alongside the disused railway line. Coming out onto Darwin Drive we go into the skatepark, and from here along the path past Tesco's into New Ollerton. Walking along Sherwood Drive we head up Briar Road to Church Circle, and stop at the community garden. Retracing our steps we head back into old Ollerton and end up sitting in the Remembrance Garden facing the Maun. The walk crosses a number of roads and is on pavements and paths. There are no steep sections at any point.

There are a total of 11 tracks on this walk, with regular stops along the way. There are also sections when the audio is playing as you walk.

### The stops are:

- 1 The bench opposite The Hop Pole
- 2 The bench where Church Street meets Market Place
- 3 The entrance to Private Road / Middlefield
- 4 The railway bridge
- 5 Skatepark at the centre of Darwin Drive
- 6 Lifespring Church, Sherwood Drive
- 7 Church Circle
- 8 Bench opposite A. W. Lymn's
- 9 The railway bridge
- 10 The bench where Church Street meets Market Place
- 11 The Remembrance Garden



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