

The hermit, a baker from Derby (c1130), was led to Depedale (the old name for Dale) by a vision of the Virgin Mary. He carved the cave out of the sandstone and built a lean-to at the front for himself and his animals.

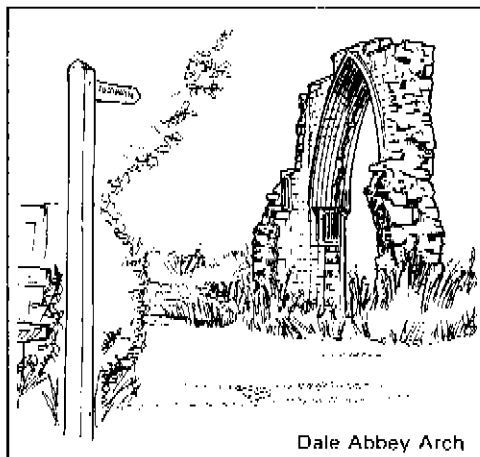
Return to bridleway, turn left and through yard of Church Farm, passing All Saints' Church.

The building is a rare example of church and house (and, until the 19th century a pub) under one roof. Part of the church dates back to c1150 and contains many unusual features.

Cross second stile on right to view Dale Abbey Arch.

The great east window stands witness to bygone days of greater glory. Upon its dissolution in 1538, the abbey owned some 24,000 acres of land. Legends tell of knights in armour and of unfound hidden treasures.

Return to main street and proceed to Carpenters Arms. At pub, turn right past old school. Enter first field after Play Area on left. Cross field bearing right towards barns in next field.



Dale Abbey Arch

Cross footbridge, go straight ahead alongside hedge. (Do not follow path beside wood) into field. Bear left under power lines, go over next stile and turn right along hedge.

The path here follows the line of the narrow gauge section of the former Stanton/Dale tramway which fell into disuse early this century.

After two more fields cross bridge onto path passing Ladywood Farm. Follow path along brow of hill to rejoin Kirk Hallam below small recreation ground off Wirksworth Road. Turn right down to Pioneer Meadows.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

GUARD AGAINST FIRE Every year, carelessness costs thousands of pounds.
FASTEN GATES - even if you find them open. Animals will wander if they can.
KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL - on a lead wherever there is livestock.
KEEP TO PATHS - if they exist.
AVOID DAMAGING FENCES, HEDGES AND WALLS

LEAVE NO LITTER
SAFEGUARD WATER SUPPLIES Do not pollute streams or cattle troughs.
PROTECT WILDLIFE, PLANTS, TREES
GO CAREFULLY ON COUNTRY ROADS
 Keep in single file, facing on-coming traffic, on the right.
RESPECT THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

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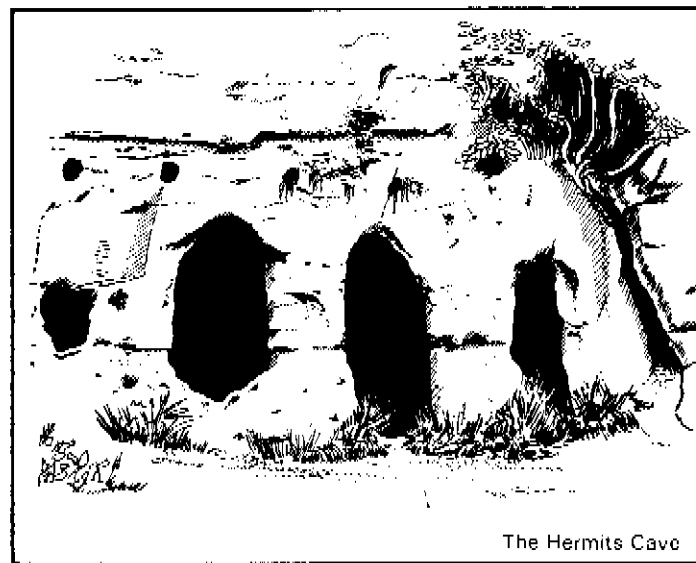


COUNTRY WALKS 1

IN AND AROUND EREWASH

Hermits Walk

3¼ Miles



The Hermits Cave

Retrace the Boroughs Monastic Past on this walk between Kirk Hallam and Dale Abbey.



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