Seven STALYBRIDGE – MOSSLEY via THE CANAL.

A walk by the side of the Huddersfield Canal so that you can say you've walked through a canal tunnel.

Take the train from Eccles Station to Stalybridge Station.

Leave the front entrance of the station and walk down to Market Street. Turn right under the Railway Bridge and walk through the town.

Continue along Market Street until you come to the façade of the once very impressive town hall.

<u>Ignore</u> the small continuation of Market Street, instead bear right to the War Memorial and Victoria Bridge.

Cross the River Tame and go up Trinity Street. In succession on your left you will see: The post office, the Astley-Cheetham Art Gallery and Library and then the impressive former Market Hall.

Pass the large stone church (Holy Trinity & Christ) and you will come onto Armentieres Square and the canal side.

Go left by the canal to bridge 100 and cross over this bridge. U-turn right at the bottom of the steps on the other side and head for the hills.

You will pass a number of locks and walk through Scout Tunnel.

At bridge 91 go right up a narrow path between the bridge and a works yard. Uturn to left at the top and follow the road.

Mill Street goes up steeply on the right. Take it to the top. *Notice the large houses high up ahead.*

Opposite you will see Mossley Station to take the train back. To the left there is a coffee shop or to the right is The Britannia public house. Open evenings – real ale and in CAMRA national guide. Notice the fine buildings in this hill town.

CLASSIFICATION: MEDIUM LENGTH, EASY, ARCHITECTURE, RAIL FARE – category one

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