



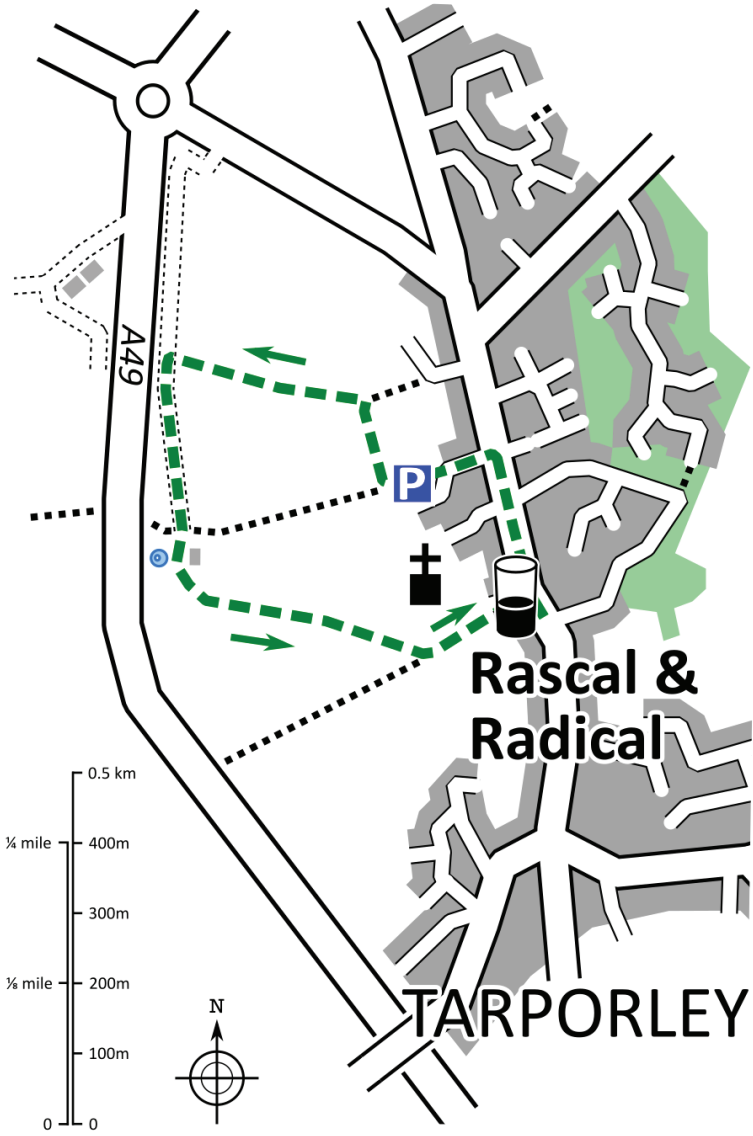
LOCAL WALKS

Around Tarporley



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An easy stroll through the meadows and a brief exploration of Tarporley village.

Allow 45 minutes. Field paths may be muddy.

1 From the front door, turn left and walk along Tarporley High Street past the church, the Swan Hotel and the Market Hall.

2 Beyond the Rising Sun pub, turn left leading to Bell Meadow Court and walk down to the public car park at the rear.

3 In the far right-hand corner of the car park, go through a kissing gate, then take the path that turns right, along the back of the houses, shortly passing a redundant stile.

4 When you reach a wooden kissing gate on your right, turn left, away from the houses, along the field edge to a gated footbridge by a pond.

5 Cross the next field to a similar footbridge, then continue to a kissing leading into a track next to the bypass.

6 Turn left along the track, then follow it as it bends left away from the main road.

7 At the entrance to Moss Cottage ignore a crossing footpath, and walk along the right-hand side of the garden between the cottage (left) and a pond (right) to a kissing gate.

8 Bear left and then follow a fence to the right.

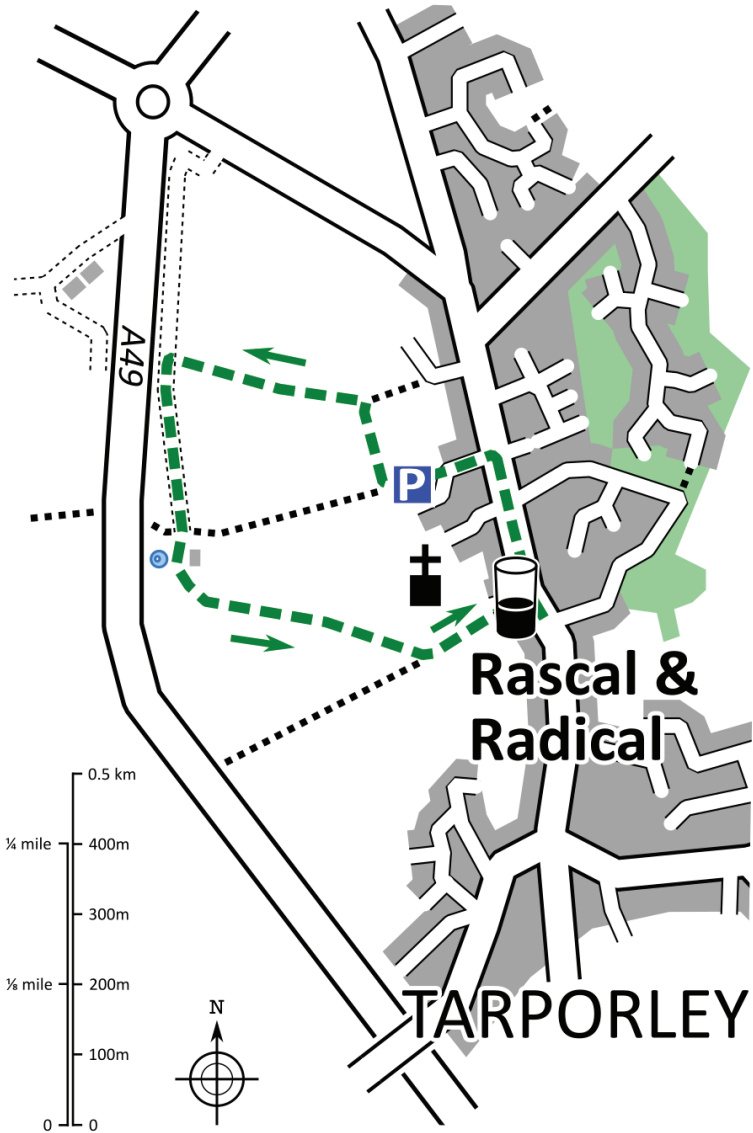
9 At a stile, the formal footpath crosses the fence and bears half right, but an unofficial and better-used path continues ahead along the fence.

10 When you meet another path at the end of the field, turn left and walk up to a gate into the churchyard.

11 Turn left past a bench, then right past the church door.

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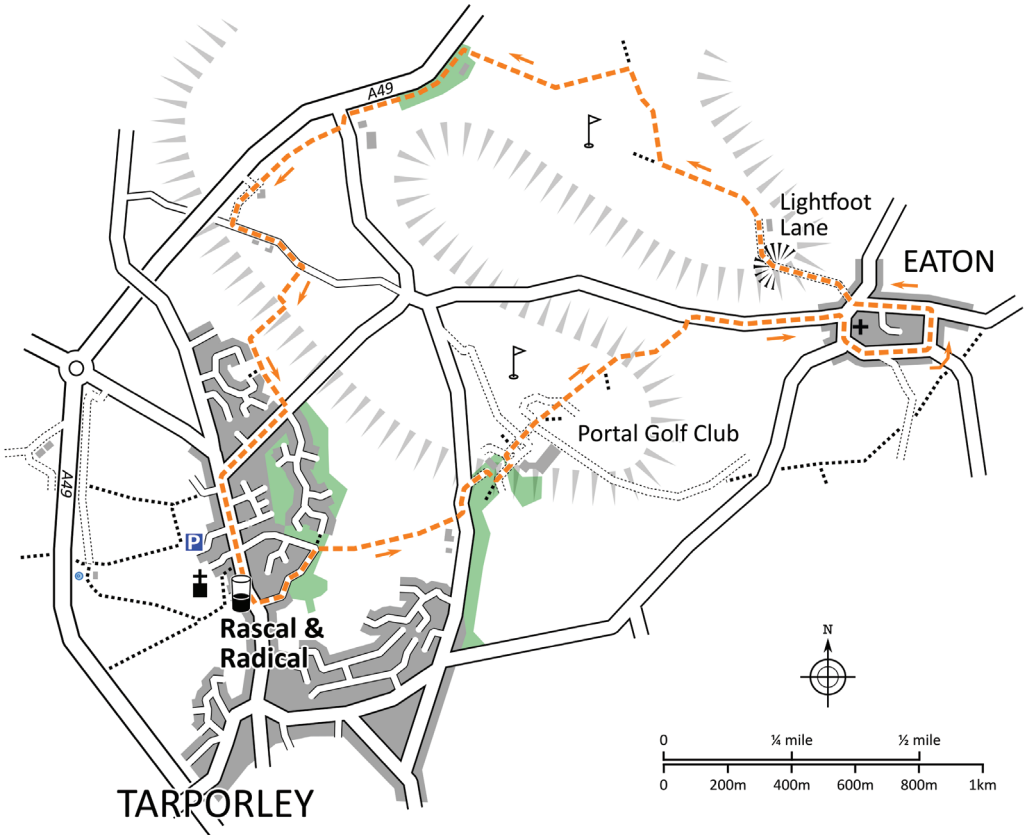


12 Continue to the lychgate and continue out to the High Street.

13 Turn right to return to the Rascal & Radical.

PORTAL AND EATON

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Cross a golf course to the pretty village of Eaton, returning via a sunken quarrymen's path with wide views.

Allow 2–3 hours. Take care while crossing the golf course. One moderate climb.

1 From the front door, turn right past the manor house (right) and former police station (left).

2 Turn left into Park Road and pass the old fire station on the left. Follow the road round to the left by the primary school, and continue past the health centre on the left.

3 At a bend, ignoring the path ahead, turn right onto a footpath that shortly exits the trees.

4 Follow the fence between fields then a narrow path alongside a garden to a road.

5 Turn left round a bend, then turn right into a driveway.

6 Just short of the entrance gate to the house at the end, turn right onto a footpath into the trees.

7 Turn left along a shady track.

8 At a waymark, turn left out to a golf course service road.

9 Turn right past the 3rd tee and walk up to the car park of Portal Golf Course.

10 Continue past the incoming entrance drive on the left to a bend with a wooden footpath sign.

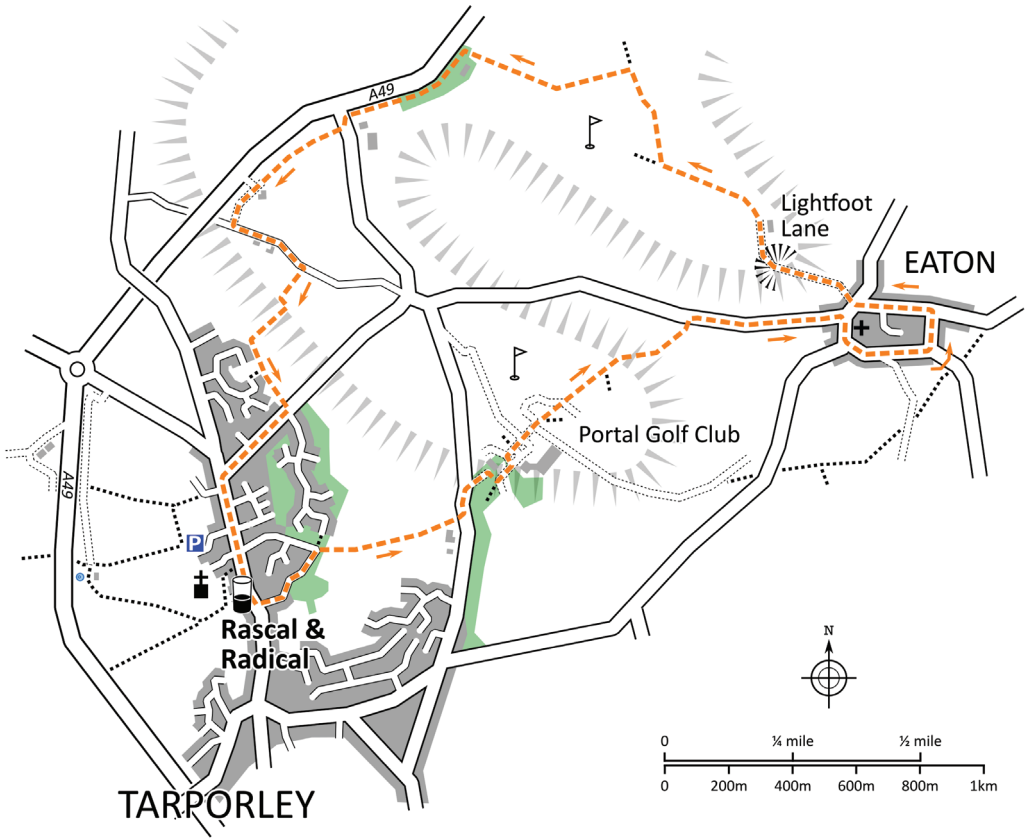
11 A permitted path heads straight on here, signposted to Sapling Lane and aiming just left of the 1st tee (the public footpath, not visible on the ground, takes a less direct route).

12 On meeting a golfer's track, cross the fairway straight ahead, aiming well to the left of the metal gazebo on the hilltop.

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13 Beyond a tree you rejoin the public footpath and continue along the edge of the course past a small quarry on the right.

14 At a fork with a waymark, leave the white-arrowed permitted path and take the public footpath on the left leading into trees.

15 This leads shortly to a hedged path that leads out to Sapling Lane.

16 Turn right and follow the road into Eaton village, passing cottages to left and right.

17 At Eaton cross, you can omit the loop round the village by turning left and jumping to step 21, but otherwise turn right.

18 Turn left into Edgewell Lane and follow the road past half-timbered houses to left and right.

19 Pass a parking area on the left then turn left at the bottom of the school playing field and walk up to Hickhurst Lane.

20 Turn left and walk back to the village cross, passing the entrance of Elm Tree Court on the left and keeping straight on past the village well on your right.

21 Back at Eaton cross, walk up Lightfoot Lane beside the Old School House.

22 Continue along the sunken lane, then, beyond the last entrance on the right, take the track on the left, which leads up through a disused quarry.

24 Beyond the quarry, the slope decreases with occasional views through gaps in the hedge on the right.

25 At a junction turn right, signposted as a restricted byway.

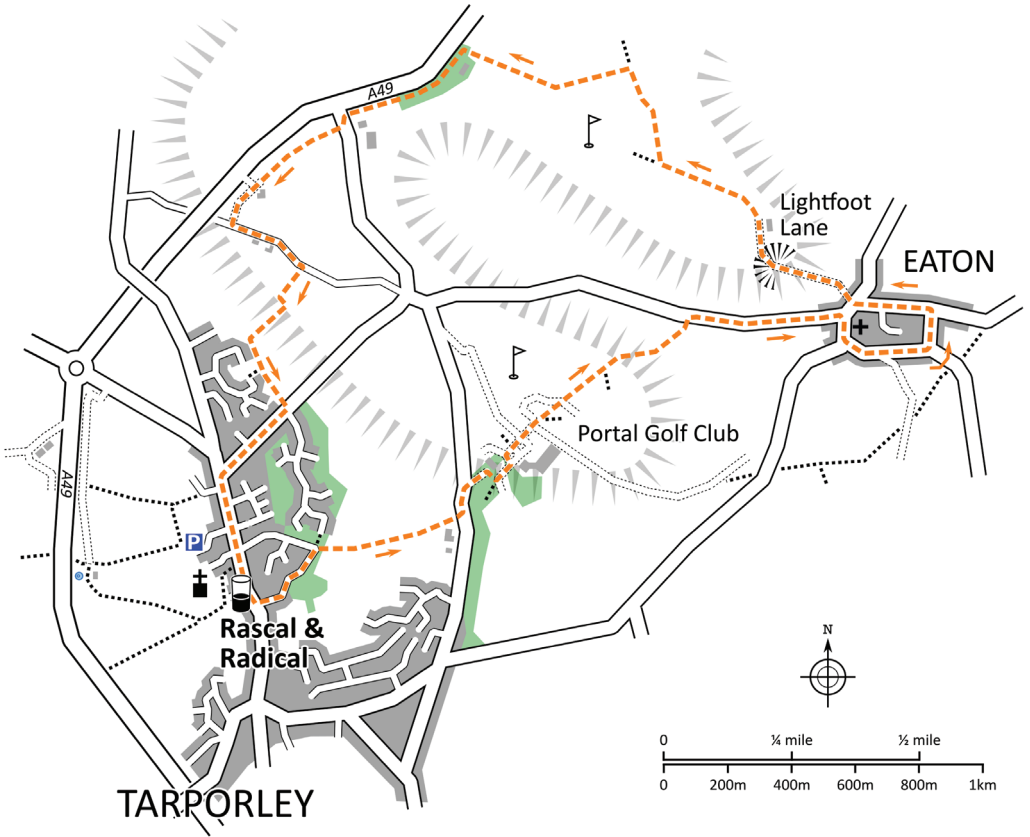
26 At the top end of the course, turn left through a metal kissing gate and follow the hedge along the side of the golf course and down past the 2nd tee to the A49.

27 Turn left and follow a narrow path that runs within the golf course fence parallel to the road.

28 At a gate, join the roadside pavement and continue left past the entrance to Eaton Hill Farm.

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29 At a road junction, cross at the traffic island then turn left and immediately right onto a restricted byway to the left of a field-gate.

30 This path emerges by farm buildings; continue along the track beyond to a road.

31 Turn left past Hill Farm House (on the right).

32 Just beyond the farm, go through a kissing gate, also on the right, and walk down the field edge to a stile and gate.

33 Walk left then right along the edges of the next field and, in the bottom corner, turn left through a metal hand-gate.

34 Take the path ahead, along the garden fences of the adjoining houses.

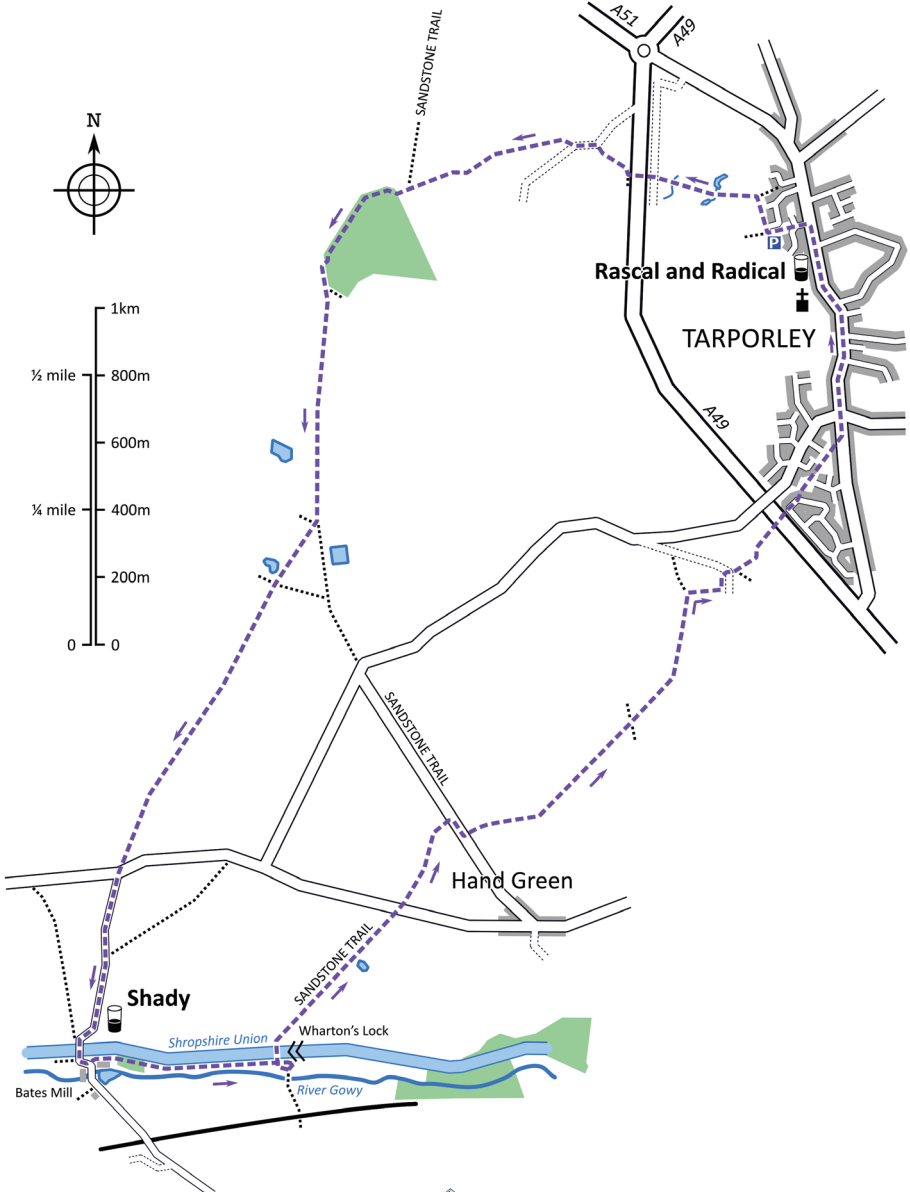
35 Pass the end of a residential road and continue along the path to Forest Road.

36 Turn right and walk down the road to the High Street, where you turn left.

37 Pass the Market Hall, Swan Hotel and the church entrance on your way back to the Rascal & Radical.

SANDSTONE TRAIL AND THE SHADY

5¼ miles: Moderate



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Explore the Sandstone Trail and visit our canalside sister pub.

Allow 3 hours. Field paths may be muddy or, at certain times of year, through crops, and there are several stiles.

Follow steps 1–5 of the Tarporley meadows walk.

6 Cross straight over to a gap into the fence and cross the main road with care.

7 A few steps to the right on the other side, a path leads through trees to another gap in a fence into a hedged path, where you turn right.

8 Follow the path alongside a garden to emerge in a track to the left of a house.

9 Turn left, ignoring a stile on the right and the entrance to Castle View Farm and Stables on the left, and follow the track for 70 metres.

10 Just before a no-entry sign, turn right onto a waymarked footpath between hedges. Follow this path as it curves left and continues as a slightly sunken way between overgrown hedges.

11 After about 500 metres, the Sandstone Trail joins from the right; continue straight ahead beyond the Sandstone Trail waymark (signposted 'Beeston Castle'), with woodland on your left.

12 Shortly after a bench on the right, cross a couple of footbridges and leave the wood.

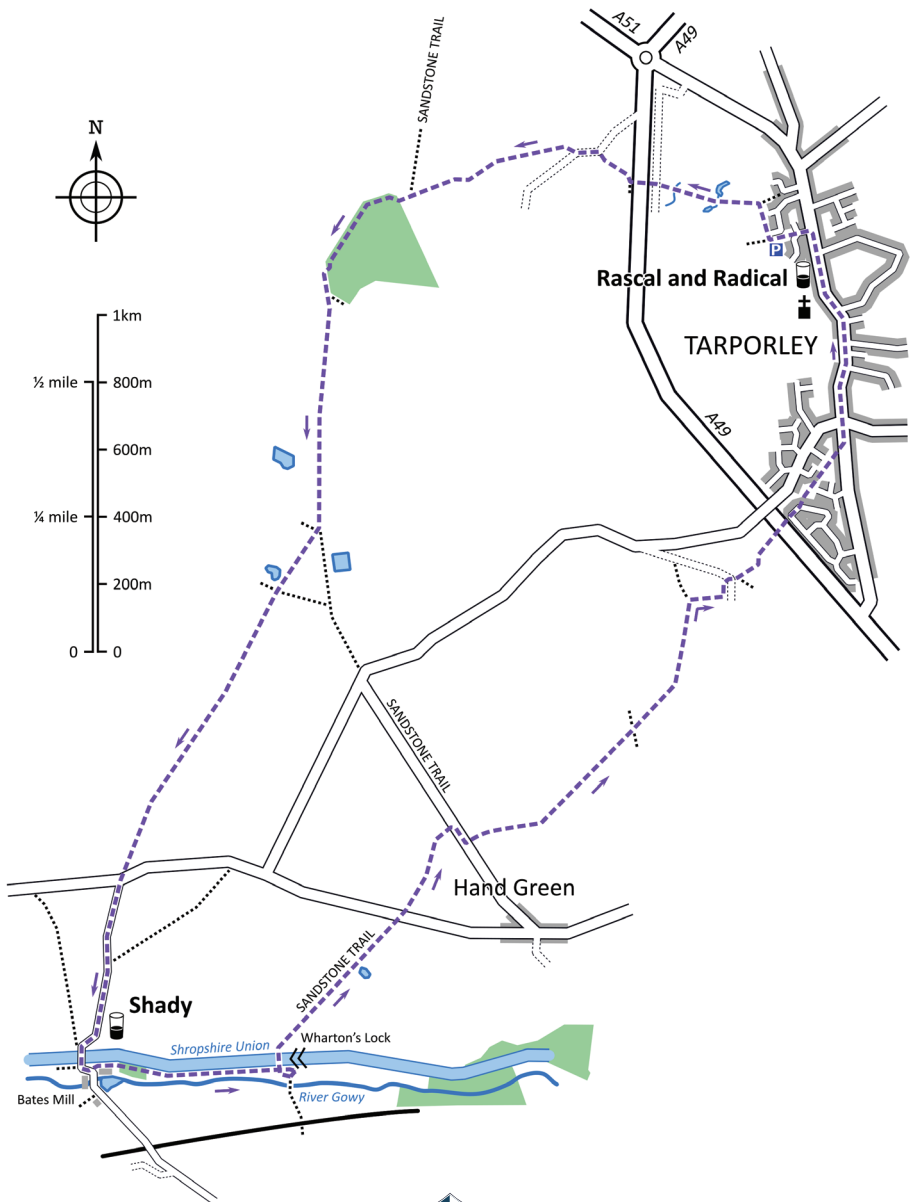
13 Turn left along the woodland edge as far as a footpath sign then, ignoring the crossing path to Tarporley and Clotton, strike out across the field ahead to a gateway on the far side of the field.

14 Cross a further field (with a pond to your right) to a gated footbridge, then continue across the next field, aiming roughly towards the distant Beeston Castle.

15 After a kissing gate and footbridge, the Sandstone Trail follows the left-hand field edge, but our path leaves it to head straight across the field on a less-used path.

SANDSTONE TRAIL AND THE SHADY

5¼ miles: Moderate



16 Pass to the left of a large pond at the far side of the field to a wooden stile in the hedge.

17 In the next field, the path leads slightly right, gradually heading away from the fence on the left, to a footbridge and stile, and then crosses another field in the same direction to a double stile and plank footbridge in the far hedge.

18 Cross the next field in the same direction, again heading gradually away from the left-hand field edge, to another stile.

19 Cross a final field to a kissing gate into a road.

20 Take a few steps to the right, then turn left into Bates Mill Lane (signposted to Beeston and Beeston Castle) before a postbox.

21 Walk down the lane to the Shady pub.

22 Cross the canal bridge, turn left onto the canal towpath and follow it right, away from the bridge and past the pub garden on the opposite bank.

23 After 600 metres, you reach Wharton's Bridge and Lock.

24 Cross the canal via the footbridge by the first set of lock gates and go through a kissing gate into a cultivated field, joining the Sandstone Trail.

25 Follow the Trail across the field, passing to the left of a pond surrounded by trees. At the far side, follow the field edge to a kissing gate into the road.

26 Cross the road and follow the Sandstone Trail through a kissing gate opposite. The Trail skirts round the right-hand edge of a field and through a kissing gate into the next field.

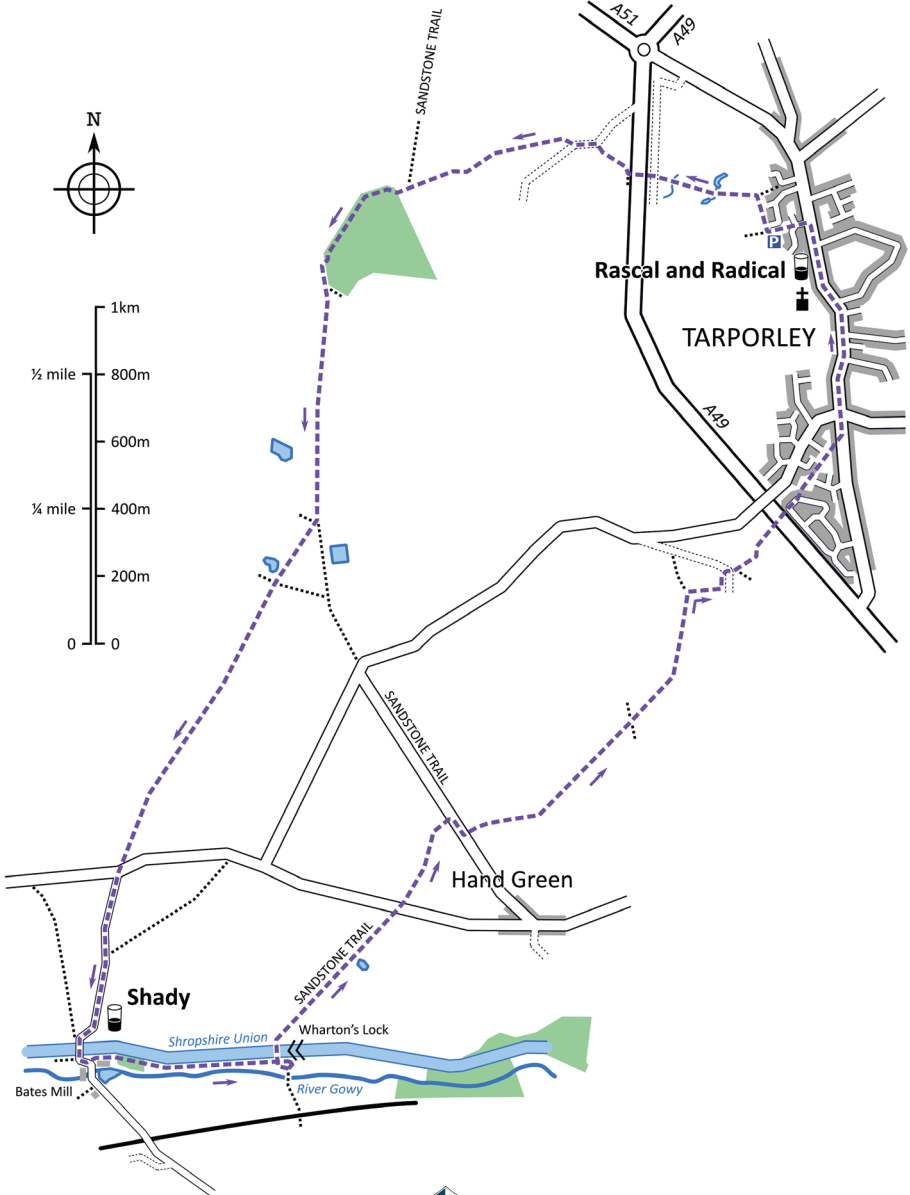
27 Continue to another kissing gate and cross a footbridge, then follow the right-hand field edge past a pond to a final kissing gate into a road.

28 Turn right then, opposite a house, cross a stile on the left onto a footpath.

29 Follow it along the left-hand edge of the field to a double stile, then cross the next field to a further stile and footbridge.

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30 Cross the subsequent field to a projecting corner in the left-hand hedge (where another path crosses) and continue straight ahead to another stile and footbridge.

31 At the far side of the next field, the path joins the hedge on the right and follows it to a gap into the next field.

32 Here, ignore the obvious path heading half-left in front of you, instead turning right along the right-hand edge of the fairly narrow field. Bear left round the head of the field to meet a farm track in the far corner.

33 Cross straight over onto a footpath, then keep left along the hedge.

34 At the end of the hedge the path kinks left then right then crosses a field towards the A49 Tarporley bypass and the houses beyond.

35 Descend the steps after the gate and cross the main road carefully, climbing the similar steps on the other side into a new housing development.

36 Follow the street ahead of you (Hazelhurst Way) then, when it bends right, follow a tarmac path on the left, which leads past a parking area and litter bin into a shady path between garden fences.

37 Follow the path out to Tarporley High Street.

38 Turn left and carry straight on at the junction with Birch Heath Road, passing the Foresters Arms (left) and a Texaco petrol station (right).

39 Continue past the Baptist Chapel (dated 1866, left) and continue towards the centre of Tarporley past the old police station (right) and manor house (left) to return to the Rascal & Radical.