

situation was most favourable in regard to the important advantages of having wood, water, shelter and roads. There was a park attached to the Abbey of perhaps 81 ha including Hutcliffe Wood, and the fish ponds, which are still there, supplied the table with fish. There is documentary evidence that the tower, as long ago as 1727, was much higher than what now remains, and it contained bells which are said to have been removed to the church at Darfield. At first the Abbey had not more than 5 or 6 canons and an abbot. In 1478 there is evidence that the Abbey consisted of 13 members in addition to the Abbot. In 1490 Christopher Haslam, the Chaplain to the Bishop of Exeter, made arrangements with the Abbey to instruct boys or novices in singing and grammar for a stipend of 28/6d per annum, with diet and a decent chamber in the monastery; thus at the time the Abbey had also its schoolmaster.

There were several vicarages attached to the Abbey, including the vicarage of Norton. One canon of the Abbey had to go every day to the Chapel at Ecclesall, which was erected in the 13th century by Sir Ralph de Ecclesall. There is evidence to show that generally the Abbey itself was in considerable use and the services consisted of Nocturn at day break, Prime, a later morning service at 6 o'clock, Tierce at 9 o'clock, Sexto at noon, Nones at 3 o'clock, Vespers at 5 or 6 o'clock, and Compline at bed-time. In February 1536, King Henry's commissioner closed down the Abbey and the White Canons under their abbot, John Sheffield, had to surrender the Abbey and all its properties into the hands of King Henry. Beauchief Abbey then fell into the hands of Sir Nicholas Strelley, of Strelley,

Nottinghamshire, and continued in his family until 1648 when it passed by marriage into the family of the Pegges. Beauchief Hall was built in 1671 (not far from the site of the present house of that name) and was intended to be a residence for Mr. Pegge's son and heir, Jervase, who was to have been married to the only daughter and heiress of great fortune of Mr. Adrian Mundy; the materials used were stones from the old Abbey. However, the son died and the marriage did not take place. In 1662, after a period of approximately 130 years, divine service was again restored in what remained of the Abbey. Church of England services are still held in the Abbey each Sunday.

The walk now reaches **(18) Parkbank Wood**—area 8.5 ha, acquired by the Corporation in 1931. Go through Parkbank Wood, cross Bocking Lane into **(19) Chancet Wood**—7.3 ha, acquired by the Corporation in 1931 and 1947. This woodland overlooks Abbey Lane Cemetery and provides an unusual view of the Garden of Remembrance, bordered by Hutcliffe Wood.

Continue through Chancet Wood, arriving at the Meadowhead entrance to **(20) Graves Park**—83.4 ha—Sheffield's largest park, acquired by the Corporation in 1925, 1932 and 1935, and formerly the estate to Norton Hall. Recreation facilities—2 bowling greens, 7 cricket pitches, 1 practice wicket, 2 hockey pitches, 1 netball court, 1 rugby and 11 soccer pitches, 9 tennis courts, 1 miniature golf course, a children's playground, 3 lakes used for boating, fishing and a water fowl collection. An excellent sports pavilion was

presented by the J. G. Graves Charitable Trust on the 10th August, 1961. Refreshments may be obtained from the park cafe. The route through Graves Park continues along the wooded walks (which forms part of a nature trail) and open parkland past the entrance to the Animal Park and the Recreation Department's collection of Rare Breeds and on to Bunting Nook where transport to the city centre is available.

Appendix I

Areas of land on the route of The Round Walk which were donated by Alderman J. G. Graves, J.P., and the J. G. Graves Charitable Trust.

Whiteley Woods	3.8 ha	1932
Forge Dam	1.2 ha	1938
Porter Clough	7.3 ha	1937
Limb Valley	19.0 ha	1937
Whirlow Brook Park	15.8 ha	1946

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Whirlow Playing Fields	12.5 ha	1946
Ryecroft Glen	15.0 ha	1937
Ecclesall Woods	123.5 ha	1927

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Beauchief Garden, Dam and Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet	2.4 ha	1935
Chancet Wood	2.8 ha	1947
Graves Park	83.4 ha	1925 1932 1935