Responsible Walking
This walk uses just a few of our many rights of way to access and enjoy the countryside. A right of way is not owned by the council, it is a right to pass over private land. When you go out please remember that almost all the land you cross is in private ownership, and someone’s livelihood will depend on the crops and livestock there. Our countryside is not just a beautiful place, but a working environment, please play your part by keeping it tidy for the people who walk and work there tomorrow. Take a responsible attitude into the countryside, leave only footprints and take only photographs. Follow the Country Code, happy walking!

The Farmland Trail at Ulley

How do I get there?
Ulley Village has good bus links to other areas in the Borough, for up to date information call the Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for timetables. The walk starts at the Main Post Office Stop in Ulley.

Something to think about
The majority of paths in this trail have only recently been made available to the public. Through the Countryside Stewardship scheme local farmer Michael Longford and landowner Lord Halifax have opened up a little known area of the beautiful countryside around Ulley. We would like to thank them, and farmhand Richard Finley who carried out much of the work free of charge. We all love the countryside around us and must make sure its beauty remains for others who follow us.

Any enquiries please ring 01709 822168
Remember to keep a track of where you are in the description, occasionally waymarks get vandalised and we may not have had time to replace them.

Key
Walk No: 7
The Farmland Trail at Ulley Village.

All paths around Ulley are shown clearly on the OS Explorer Maps 278 - Rotherham and 279 - Doncaster. Why not pick up copies at your local bookshop and devise your own walks.

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This easy walk will take
about 2 hours, and takes
you around the farmland
surrounding Ulley.

This walk is an ideal
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short section.

You do not need
to read a map.

You do not need
fancy equipment.

Take a walk in the rolling
farmland around Ulley
and explore some of the
newly dedicated permissive
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For more details, downloads of alternative route descriptions and themed guides check out our web-page on www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow

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Countryside Stewardship

Countryside Stewardship is an incentive scheme run by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’ Rural Development Service under the England Rural Development Programme aimed at encouraging environmentally friendly farming. The scheme aims to sustain the beauty and diversity of the landscapes, improve and sustain wildlife habitats, conserve historic features and provide new opportunities for countryside enjoyment.

Michael Longford has entered into a Countryside Stewardship agreement and measures are being taken to encourage wildlife and farmland bird species in particular. Permanent grass field margins have been created, seed baring ‘bird food’ crops have been sown and cereal stubble is being taken to encourage wildlife and farmland bird species. New hedges are also being planted and existing ones repaired.

Stewardship measures focuses on habitats for farmland birds such as Lapwings. New hedges are also being planted and existing ones repaired.

The Longford Family

Michael Longford is the third generation of his family to farm at Ulley. Michael Longford, Michael’s Grandfather brought his family to Ulley in 1935 from nearby Bolsterstone where he was a steelworks manager and had a smallholding. The land was taken by the King’s marriage in 1918 to the now Duke of Westminster, the current owner of Ulley. Michael, like many farmers in Rotherham is a tenant farmer, renting the land off a landlord, and relying on a good crop for his income. There are currently three other farmhouses in the village, the Lovely’s, Mosley’s and Walker’s. A century ago there were three times that many.

The picture shows all three generations of the family at the farm in 1957. Michael is the baby in the front. Grace died in 1967 and his son Edward took over the business, branching out from livestock and onto corn crop, which it remains today. Edward died in 1994.

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