

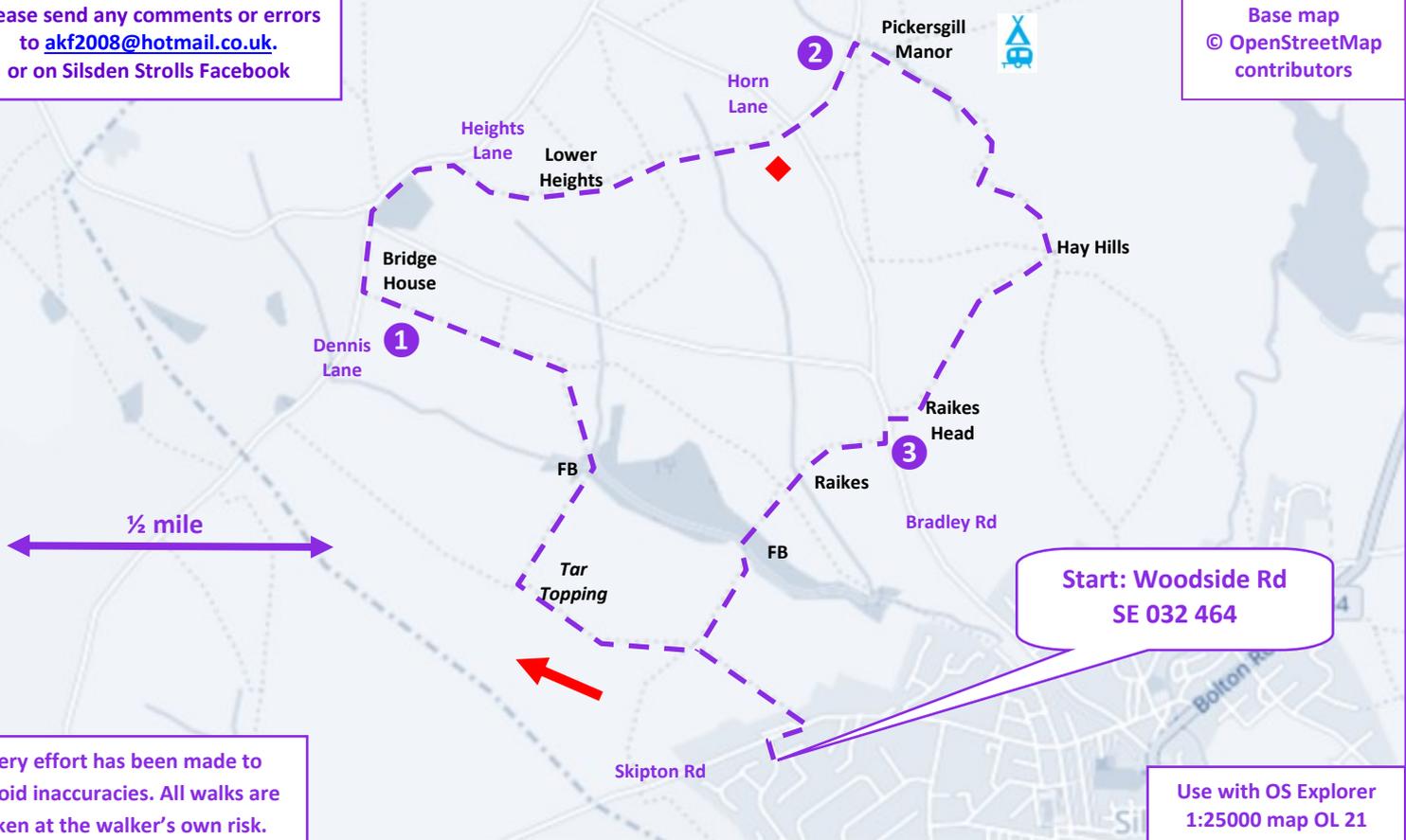
## Silsden Stroll 7

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3¾ miles. Mostly hay meadow and stock grazing land, best in late spring. Little in the way of steep climbs. Good going with some on-road walking. Fine views of the Aire Valley. Very slippery / boggy in places, even in summer; so sturdy footwear is advisable, with sun cream, hat and water in summer. Leave all gates as you find them.

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Park considerably in Woodside Road. Turn right down Skipton Road for 50 yards (CARE!), then cross and climb signed path. At stile take l/h path at 10 o'clock through hedge to corner, then climb parallel with wall to old barn that is Tar Topping. Right, behind barn; follow wall to stile, then down to beck at bottom (very slippery – much care needed - followed by steep steps up!). At stile, follow r/h wall to gap where you make for stile at l/h end of farm wall ahead. Immediately left (not through gate!). Over stile and keep ahead following field edge. Cross three fields to Bridge House Farm. ① Pass in front. Turn right on Dennis Lane.

Ahead into Heights Lane; ahead for 200 yards; take path on right. Cross to obvious sturdy (awkward) 4-step stile; follow l/h wall over two stiles to Lower Heights' blue slurry tank; walk round this (VERY boggy!), then follow building wall to gate. Ahead over field to yellow gate; then climb via two gates to Dixon Green farmhouse. Along drive, over cattle grid / stile and cross Horn Lane to descend Low Lane opposite. (♦ You can reduce the Stroll by 1 mile if you turn right along Horn Lane to r/h path/track at ③). Come to a pair of path signs ② – take the further one. Walk along drive, past Pickersgill Manor Barn, to reach ironwork gate on right. Follow diverted path to its end at stile, and go right, along field edge, to stile / bridge / stile. Keep to left of next field going down to gate, then cross diagonally to stile at r/h side of buildings (Hay Hills Farms).

Cross track, then take squeeze stile by gate opposite, followed immediately by gate on right. Climb, following power lines to stile at top. Following power lines now leads to l/h of two gates. Ahead to farmyard stile. Ahead along Raikes Head farm drive on to Bradley Road. Turn left; after 25 yards take path / track over road ③, which shortly bears left down to Raikes farm. Here turn right, via sturdy metal gates, following concrete track (VERY slippery) down to bridged beck and up other side. Concrete peters out but track along two field edges is clear. Follow it to stile on left; descend the path you climbed earlier. Right on Skipton Rd, and CAREFULLY walk back to the start.