

LOCOMOTION

EARLY INCLINES AND HORSE COACHES

DISTANCE: 4½ MILES (7.5KM)

Start: Car park – Timothy Hackworth's former home (DL4 1PQ)

Finish: Returning to car park

Road-drive and short walk on paths and grass. Some slopes. Approximately one hour by car and on foot. Alternatively, one hour walk for part of the trail.

For an alternative walk from Locomotion to Adamson's coach house, please see over the page.

OTHER FREE TRAILS AVAILABLE

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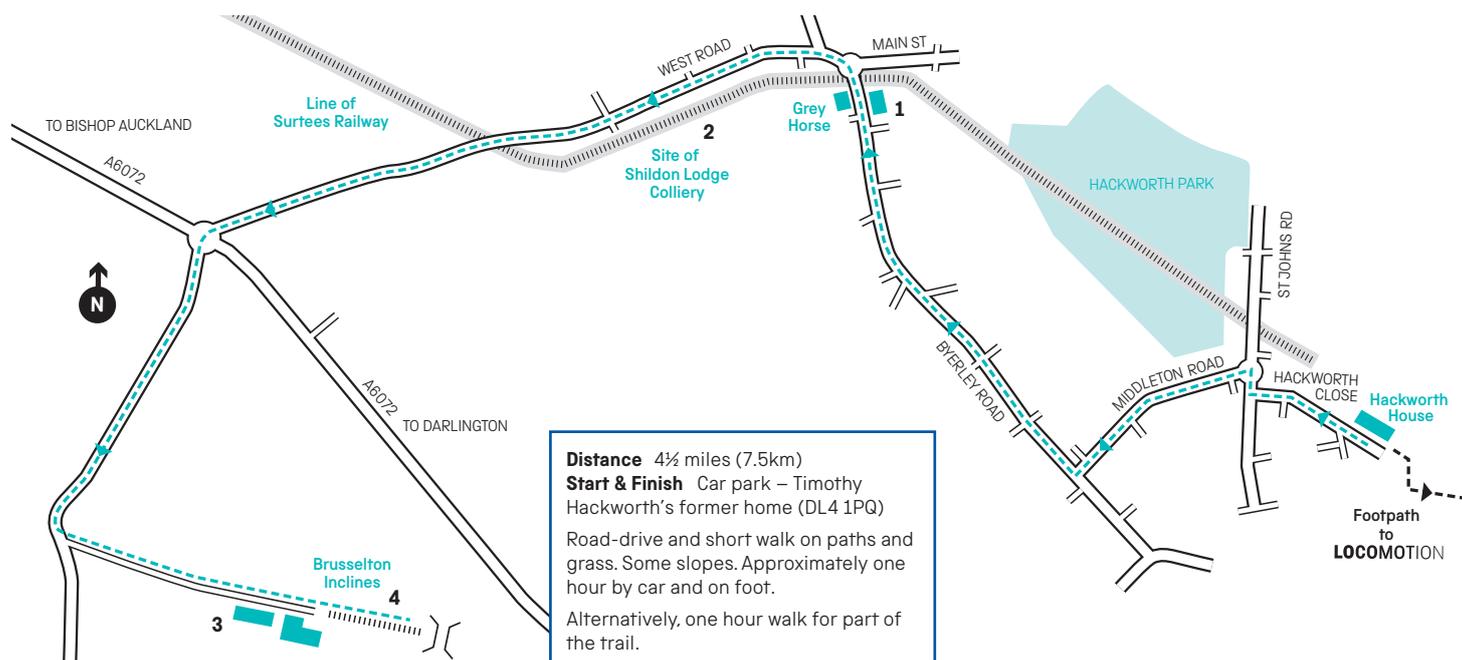
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SHILDON RAIL TRAIL 3

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This trail takes you from Locomotion to see the remains of two early railway features – the top of the Brusselton Incline and Daniel Adamson’s coach house.

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DIRECTIONS

This route goes through residential areas and narrow country roads - please drive carefully.

At the stopping points, please park considerately.

From the car park at Timothy Hackworth’s house, turn left along Hackworth Close. Follow the close to its junction with Alma Road, turn right onto the mini roundabout and turn left along Middleton Road.

Turn right onto Byerley Road and go up the hill, past the Bethel Tabernacle. The Grey Horse public house is on your left, just before the roundabout with the Main Street.

Park on the road near the Grey Horse public house. Opposite is Daniel Adamson’s coach house and station (1).

Adamson ran a horse-drawn rail service to Darlington, via the private Surtees Railway line down to where Hackworth Close is today, and then on via the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

Adamson was the landlord of the Grey Horse Inn.

Cross the road to the coach house, which is best viewed from the Main Street side. Passengers for Darlington boarded here.

The Surtees line also carried coal from collieries to the north west.

Return to your car. From the Grey Horse, take the first left at the roundabout onto West Road, in the direction of West Auckland.

The derelict buildings on your left (2) are the remains of Shildon Lodge Colliery, which operated from 1830.

Continue along West Road, passing allotments and Shildon Cemetery on your right, and go down the hill to the roundabout with the main Darlington/Bishop Auckland road (A6072).

At the roundabout, continue straight over and onto the minor road in the direction of Brusselton.

After one third of a mile, immediately after a sharp bend, is the narrow road on the left to the Brusselton Incline.

Go up the road and park at the cottages. Here (3) are the Brusselton engineman’s house and part of the engine house for the steam winding engine that worked the incline. There is also a small reservoir for supplying water for its boilers.

The cottages here were built for S&DR employees.

Walk round behind the Engineman’s house to view the reservoir and re-join the mown grassed path past the cottages. You are now walking on the Brusselton East incline.

Continue for about 140 metres to the remains of a stone bridge (4), which was built for farm traffic to cross the incline.

Return to Locomotion via the same route.

ALTERNATIVE WALK:

Pavements and paved footpaths. Some long slopes.

The first part of this walk follows the Old Shildon Trail.

From the Sunday School Building go via Hackworth Close and St John’s Road to Hackworth Park entrance (opposite Hackworth Street).

In the park, take the right-hand path past Hackworth’s monument (A) and the drinking fountain (B), and go out of the park.

Turn left along Central Parade and then left down Main Street. You can walk down to the Grey Horse junction (1) from here, passing the Old Shildon Workmen’s Club (C) on your left.

Please see the drive information for the history of the coach house opposite the Grey Horse.

Go back to the top of Main Street and either return to Locomotion the way you came, or via the Shildon Rail Trail 2 which will take you back to Locomotion via the route of the Black Boy branch line (1¼ hours).

