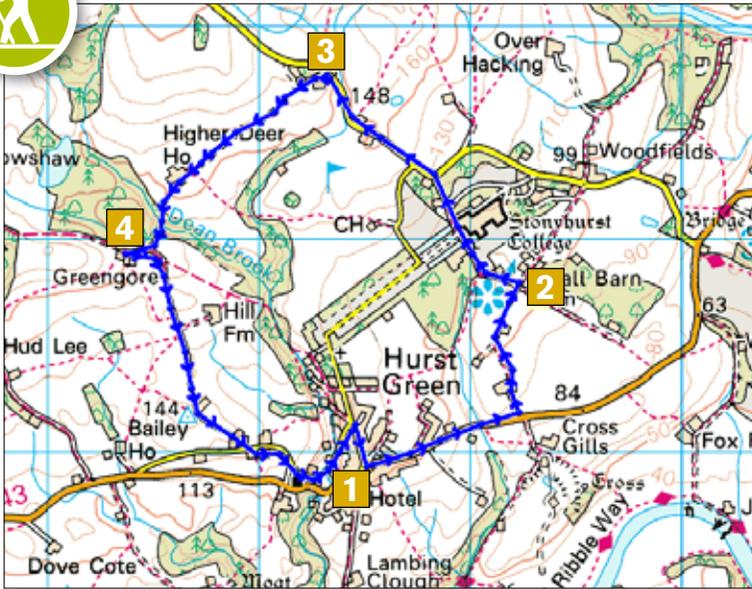


Hurst Green and Stonyhurst - The Three Fishes

Hurst Green is just a short drive from The Three Fishes. Turn left out of the pub car park and then left again onto the B6243 which quickly leads you to Hurst Green. Take a moment to visit the striking obelisk dedicated to Ikutaro Sugi - a young Japanese translator who died whilst in the area on a visit. His last resting place is one of the loveliest corners of England.



START: Roadside parking opposite the war memorial on Hurst Green, Avenue Road, off B6243 between Longridge and Clitheroe BB7 9QB. From the Three Fishes turn left and then turn left again on the junction onto the B6243. Hurst Green is a short drive from this point.

DISTANCE: 4 miles (6.4km) **TIME:** 2 - 3 hours

SUMMARY: Very easy in general, with a short climb away from Dean Brook.

MAP: OS Explorer 287 West Pennine Moors.

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START:

1 Walk along the road towards Clitheroe for some 700 yards. Then turn left along the drive leading up to Fair Field.

It was here, in late October 1905, Ikaturu Sugi - the young Japanese translator and Stonyhurst teacher - died after a long illness.

Follow the track to the right of the house and then through a gate into the grounds of Stonyhurst College. Across the cricket field there is a handsome pavilion. The track leads around to a junction by farm buildings - here turn left.

2 This track will bring you quickly to Stonyhurst College itself. Stonyhurst College is considered to be one of the country's leading Catholic public schools. It is where JRR Tolkien sent his son.

Presumably whenever he came to visit, he took the opportunity to explore the nearby countryside. Little wonder then that the setting of *The Shire* in 'The Hobbit' and 'Lord of the Rings' - home of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins - is based on this enchanting part of Lancashire.

The right of way passes the chapel and then crosses the main entrance with the drive and ornamental ponds on the left. Keep ahead, passing college houses on the left, to arrive at a lane. Turn left. Keep on the lane for a little under 700 yards.

3 After passing Stockbridge Cottages on the left you reach the drive of Higher Deer House, also on the left. (The public footpath sign gets concealed by foliage in the summer).

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Walk down the farm track for 800 yards and through the farm (aided by yellow waymark arrows) taking a footpath across a field to Deer House Wood.

Drop down to Dean Brook, cross the footbridge, and climb the steep side valley to reach a fence which is crossed by ladder stile.

The path edges around the wood, and after another ladder stile reaches a stile in a wall. Cross this onto a broad farm track. From this point you may wish to take a short detour to admire the former royal hunting lodge of Greengore a little way to the right.

4 The route now turns left and follows the track as it bends to the right. Keep on this as it reaches Tarmac on its descent towards the village.

After 900 yards/15mins turn left at the lane.

After 250 yards this brings you round to a lane leading to the rear of the church. Sugi's memorial is not far from this entrance. After paying your respects return to the lane to follow it down a pretty dell and then up into the village.

Turn right to return to the the starting point of the walk.

