

# Exploring the footpath – Mawfa Lane



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# Mawfa? Who or what is Mawfa?

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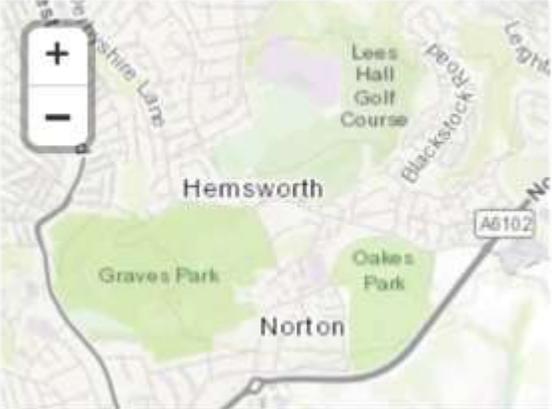
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## Mawfa Lane

*Other OS name in the Parish of Norton*

### Etymology

( 6 " ), cf. *Mawfoe* 1808*Fairbank*, *Moorfall* otherwise *Mowfolow Lane* 1815*EnclA*.



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Of course! Where the moor falls. Nearby is Back Moor, so this is where the moor falls into the Gleadless Valley.

# Footpath – Mawfa Lane

- Mawfa Lane runs northwards from the Bagshawe Arms, through what would originally have been the ancient hamlet of Hemsworth.
- It is now a substantial footpath, with a few street nameplates attached to local properties to indicate its location.
- It crosses underneath Constable Road, and runs along the side of the old Hemsworth school, where a gate was installed for access to the playing field



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- On the right hand side there is the start of a large valley (“the Lumb” on the OS map) that carries one of the Meers Brook’s tributaries to the Gleadless Valley
- The path continues until it reaches the Blackstock Road. Immediately opposite there is a footpath that continues on the same alignment, in front of the Gaunt Close properties.
- This soon aligns with the footpath along Gaunt Road, which follows the eastern edge of the Leeshall Wood.



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- After following the edge of the Leeshall Woods for a while, there are several barrier type pedestrian entrances into the woods (and the Gleadless Valley Nature Reserve)
- I used the third one, as it led to a wider and flatter footpath within the woods.
- This soon led to small brooks, with substantial flat wooden bridges across them.
- Shortly, this led to a large ravine



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- On one side of the ravine was a rectangular cut-out in the ground (approx. 6 x 8 feet), with signs of burning around the edges.
- There were also a few holes in both the floor and the surrounding ground (approx. 1ft dia), and covered in leaves.

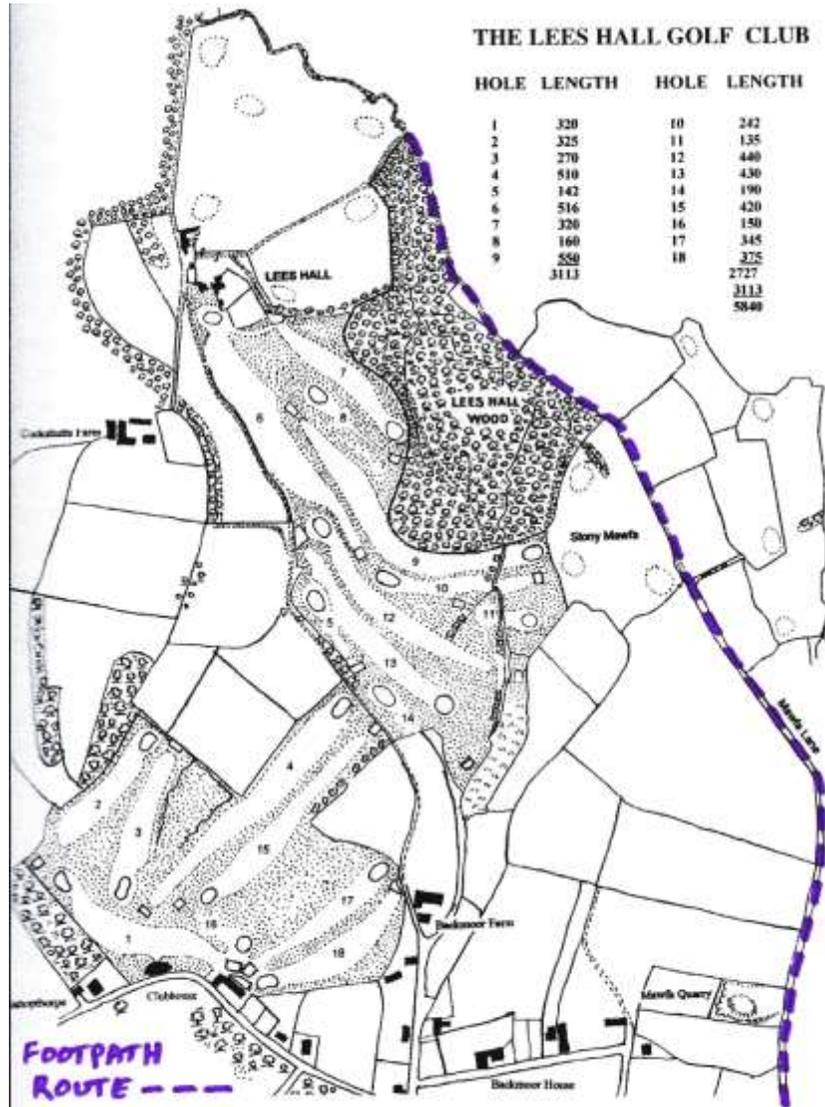


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- Walking back through the woods, there were the remains on the left hand side of a fence running approx. north – south. Potentially a boundary of the golf course, or the Lees Hall
- Further back, the current golf course became visible on the right hand side, with its sturdy modern perimeter fencing.
- It was then time to walk home, for a cup of tea!



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Tom Williamson's design, 1924. The last major change in lay-out.  
Future alterations added length to most holes.

