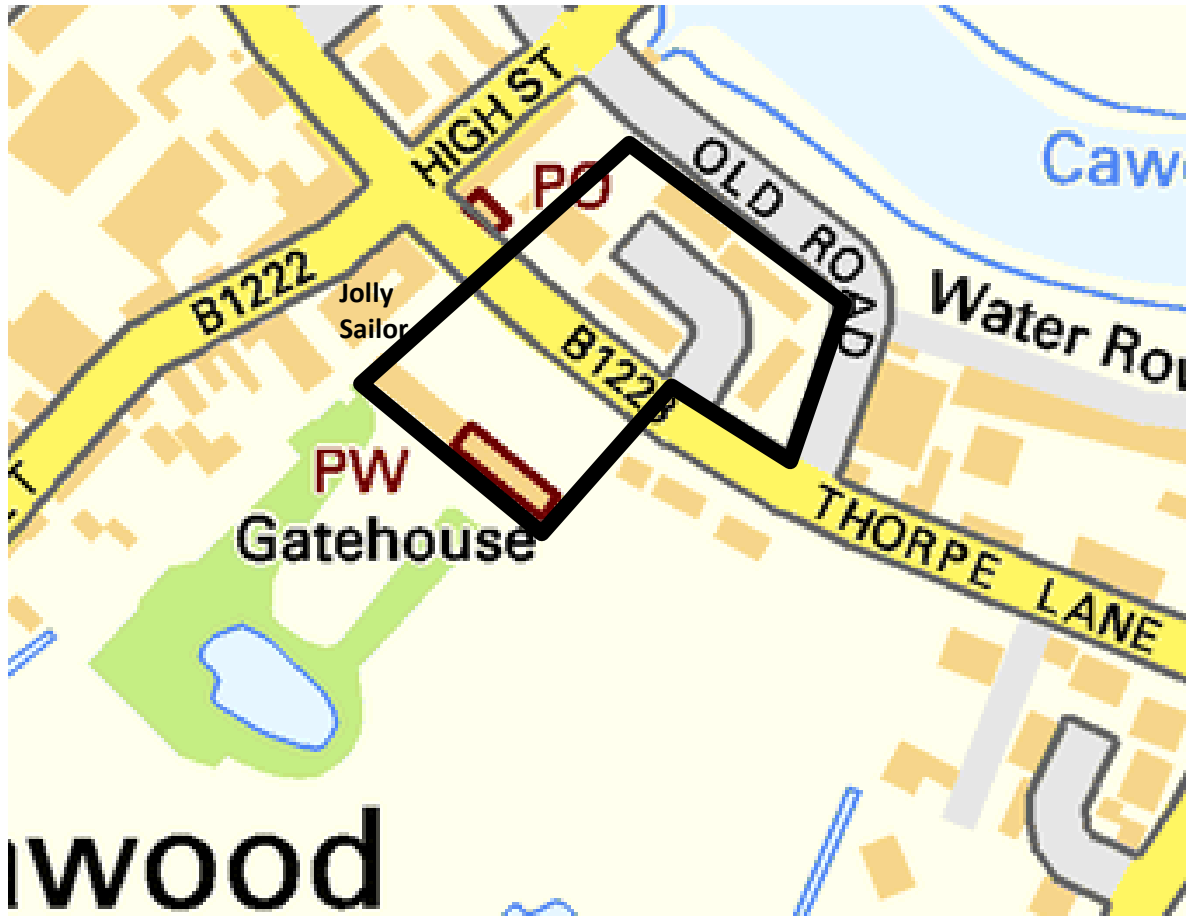


# Cawood Castle Walk

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## Background

The purpose of this short walk is to follow the outline of Cawood Castle and Garden (Garth) as it was at the time of the English Civil War. It is striking just how large the Castle was for such a small village. Many of the walls of the castle as indicated in black are still visible today. The lower part of the wall to the rear of the Jolly Sailor beer garden is original castle wall, as are the walls bounding the village side of Old Road.

## Walk

If possible start the walk in the beer garden to the rear of the Jolly Sailor pub. Observe the stone at the base of the wall to the rear of the beer garden, this is the remains of the original Castle wall. This wall stretches all the way down to the river.

Walk to the front of the pub and walk towards the traffic lights. At the lights cross the road to the post office. Pause to appreciate that the road you have just crossed did not exist until 1887 when castle remains were demolished to make way for the road.

Continue to the river bridge. Go on to the bridge and look down the river in the direction of the church. If the tide is low you will see the remains of a landing stage on the right hand side. This was probably used to supply the castle before the Civil War and much more recently used for transporting agricultural produce. Retrace your steps and turn left down Old Road. As soon as you turn onto Old Road you will see a small access lane on your right leading behind houses. You will see that the left hand side of the access lane is bounded by the old Castle Wall, many of the original buttresses being clearly visible. Continue to walk along Old Road and notice that the Stone Wall on your right is original Castle Wall. Follow Old Road round until you come to Thorpe Lane, turn right. Now cross the road and turn left just before the Castle Gatehouse.

Go through the gate onto the Castle Garth you should see an information board on your right. Follow the path across the Garth until the far end of the garth is reached, just before the school. Turn right with a hedge on your left hand side and follow the metalled path until it crosses Bishop Dyke and leads you onto the B1222. Pause to appreciate that the Bishop Dyke was constructed to carry the stone from quarries at Sherburn to build the Castle. Turn right and follow the B1222 back to the Jolly Sailor Inn.