

All in your stride... Stepping Hill area

3 At the traffic lights, cross Buxton Road to Dialstone Lane (straight ahead).

Hazel Grove begins at Dialstone Lane. From 1560 to 1836 Hazel Grove was called Bullock Smithy after a blacksmith's forge built by Richard Bullock. As the road through the village became a major coach route to London, inns opened to serve the passengers and their horses. The inns gave rise to such bad behaviour that John Wesley described the village as "famous ... for all manner of wickedness". To combat this notoriety, in 1836 the village changed its name to Hazel Grove.

2 Walk along Poplar Grove to Buxton Road (the A6).

The small red-brick building beside the bus stop on Poplar Grove was the porter's lodge of the original 1905 infirmary.

1 START outside the main entrance of Stepping Hill Hospital.

Stepping Hill Hospital was opened in 1905 by Stockport Poor Law Union because of overcrowding at the Workhouse in the town centre. The Workhouse later became St Thomas' Hospital. Inside the main entrance at Stepping Hill there is a commemorative plaque opposite the reception desk.

6 Turn right onto London Road (Buxton Road) and walk to Dialstone Lane.

Across London Road at the corner of New Moor Lane is the George and Dragon pub. There has been an inn on this spot since at least the 1830s and possibly as early as 1780. Close by was the toll-gate where road-users had to pay in order to pass through the village on the London road.

Cross London (Buxton) Road to Poplar Grove and return to Stepping Hill Hospital.

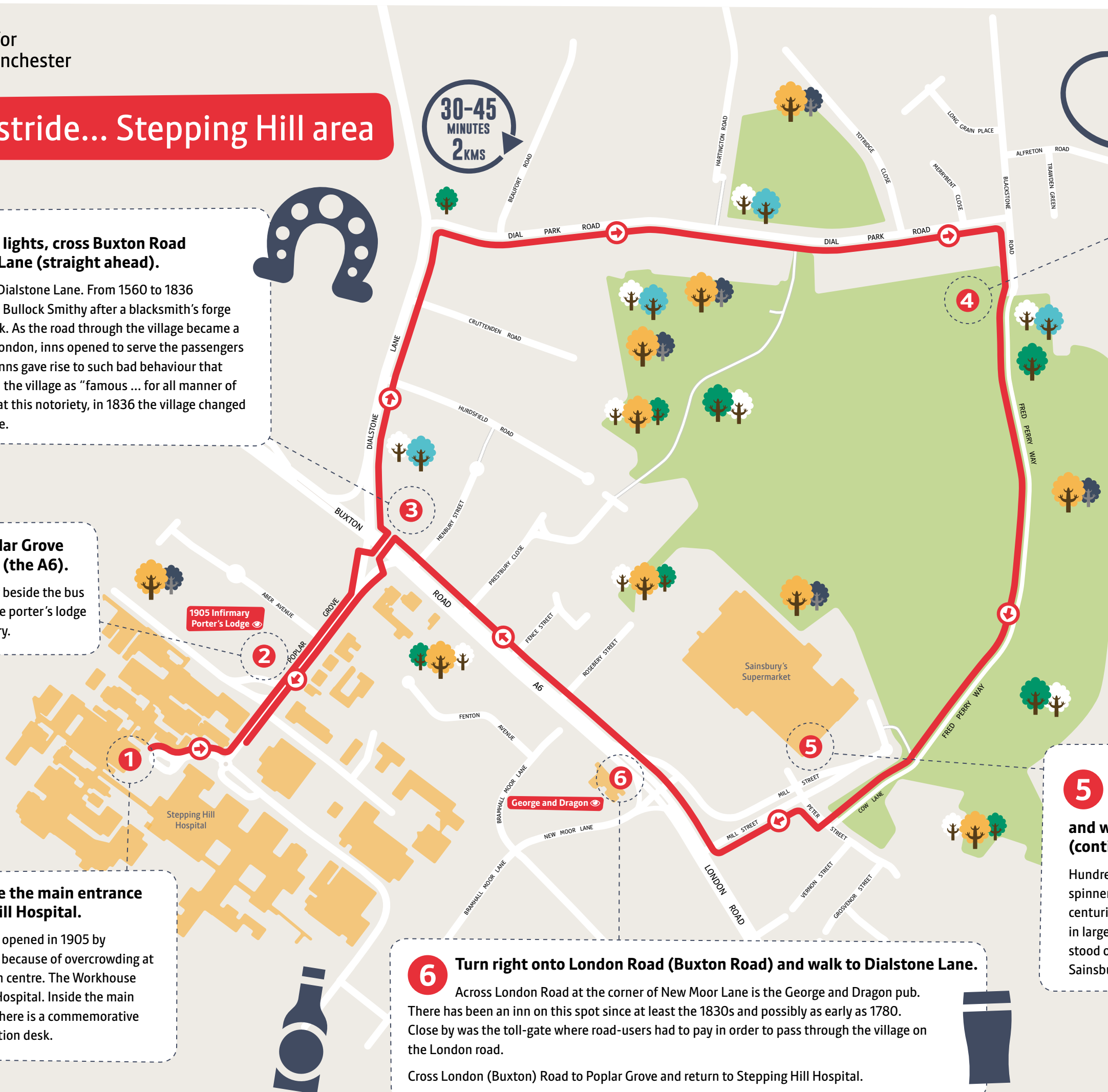
4 Walk along Dialstone Lane to Dial Park Road. Turn right and walk to Blackstone Road. Turn right and walk to Fred Perry Way. Walk along Fred Perry Way to Cow Lane.

Fred Perry Way here is a small section of the full 14-mile walking route across Stockport Borough that is named after tennis player Fred Perry. He was born in Stockport in 1909 and was the last Briton to become Wimbledon Men's Singles Champion (1934, 1935 and 1936) until Andy Murray in 2013.

5 Walk along Cow Lane to Peter Street. Turn right and walk to Mill Street. Turn left and walk to London Road (continuation of the A6).

Hundreds of villagers worked as silk and cotton spinners and weavers during the 18th and 19th centuries, first as a cottage industry and later in large mills. One of these, Hazel Grove Mills, stood on Mill Street on the site now occupied by Sainsbury's supermarket.

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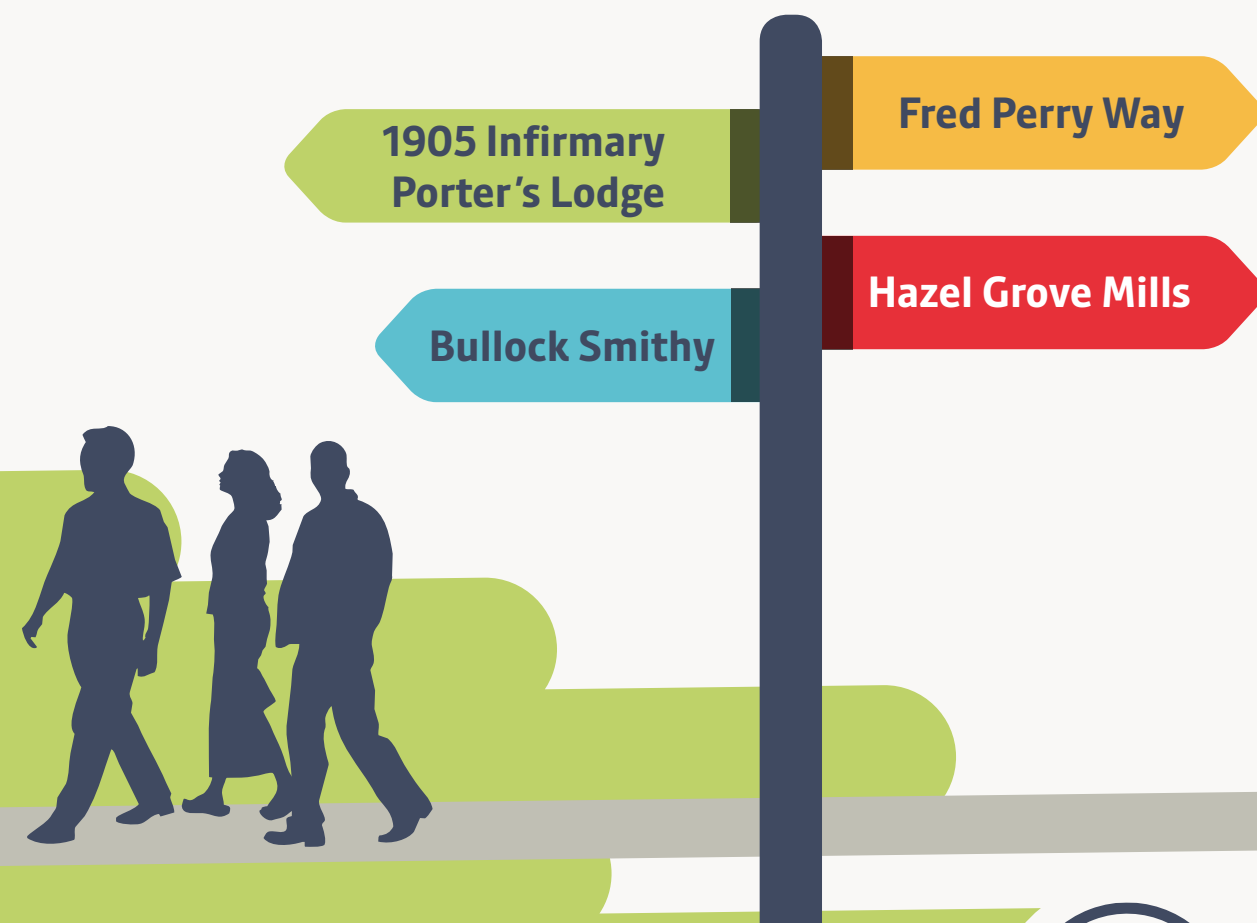
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