WAYFARER

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Wayfarer

From Lincoln travel north along the A57, over the Fossdyke Navigation at Saxilby to the Dunham Toll bridge. Dutifully pay the twenty-five pence toll to cross the River Trent and continue on the A57 to join the A1 at Markham Moor. At Markham Moor you can see the 1950s hypar structure (a hyperbolic paraboloid) designed by Sam Scorer, now home to a Little Chef restaurant. Follow the A1 north, leaving at Elkesley to rejoin the A57 towards Worksop and Sheffield. Pass the Wilkinson head office and distribution centre, nestled neatly amongst trees, and a new B&Q distribution centre (a huge grey hangar, thankfully behind more trees). Continue along the A57 and, after going over what feels like hundreds of roundabouts, you eventually arrive in Sheffield.

The city of Sheffield is geographically located 53°23' N, 1°28' W. It is surrounded by seven hills and is placed at the confluence of five rivers one of which, the River Sheaf, lends its name to the city. It has a long industrial history, most famously for steel production. Typographically it is important as home of the type foundry Stephenson, Blake & Co. This booklet was printed in Sheffield and it was for Sheffield that this type was originally designed.

Continue forward onto the A57, through Odder, through Saxilby

At Drinsey Nook Junction, branch left, follow sign to Worksop

Continue over the Dunham Toll Bridge

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Continue forward onto the A57,

through Whimpton Moor, through
Darlton

At Markham Moor roundabout take the 4th exit onto the A1 (signposted Doncaster)

Continue forward onto the A1, through Elkesley

At roundabout take the 2nd exit onto the A57 (signposted Worksop)

Continue forward onto the A57, through Worksop

...lots of roundabouts, follow signs to Sheffield . . .

Continue on A57 to Sheffield

based on www.aaroutemap.co.uk

Atelier Works originally commissioned the typeface for use with a new city centre wayfinding system for Sheffield. ¹ It had been thought the existing type Granby Condensed would be suitable. The Granby family of types was developed during the 1930s as Stephenson, Blake's contribution to the general cashing in of other foundries on the popularity of Monotype's Gill Sans and the geometric sans serifs being introduced by the continental type foundries. Many of the detailing features found in Granby link it closely to other types of that period. The most obvious influence is that of the London Underground typeface. ² This is not surprising as Stephenson, Blake were involved in the production of the Johnston wood letter used by London Underground.

Application of the original Granby Condensed type was, however, difficult practically. It was not available in digital form, and felt to be just too condensed, with the proportion of ascender to x-height, too uncomfortable for use on the signing project. So there arose an opportunity to design a new typeface and at the same time tailor it to the specific needs of the Sheffield project. A new type could address the formal requirements of a signing context, while retaining the characteristic diamond dot of the Granby faces.



Stephenson, Blake's Granby



The London Underground type

ENGLISH SOLDIER Remarkable Adventure

CONDENSED DESIGN Retains the character and strength of its predecessor



Left: Granby Condensed Right: Grotesque № 8 It was also an opportunity to widen the typographic references for the new font. I was keen to look at other early sans serif types, especially those from Stephenson, Blake and most notably their Grotesque series. These most idiosyncratic of designs are full of warmth, have an informal rhythm and a vitality to their shapes, all of which help create interesting word patterns. These types fell out of favour as designers looked to the cleaner and more standardised forms of later interpretations of the idea of the grotesque type. The Swiss School in particular did much to launch such 'neo-grotesque' types into the ubiquity of use they still enjoy today, offering a more functional image and an extended range of integrated weights and styles.



The lower case of Wayfarer incorporates a variety of terminal endings, to reflect the informal quality of the Grotesque types

The rhythm of Wayfarer is similar to that of Granby, but it is combined with an approach to character detailing which echoes the informal variety found in the Grotesques.

For this release, the typeface has been expanded and an accompanying italic added. The character set now covers most languages that use the Latin letter and includes many useful extras such as small capitals, arrows, superiors and fractions. As a feature of Wayfarer, superior small capitals have been included. Examples of their use can typically be found in contractions on older street name lettering and in some business names.

Street = S^T Road = R^D Sons = S^{ONS} Brothers = B^{ROS}

Superior small capitals in use

- 1. Information about the design company Atelier Works can be found at www.atelierworks.co.uk
 2. The London Underground typeface was designed in 1916 by Edward Johnston.
 3. A large family of types based on
- on nineteenth-century models.

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Wayfarer Regular

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Wayfarer Italic

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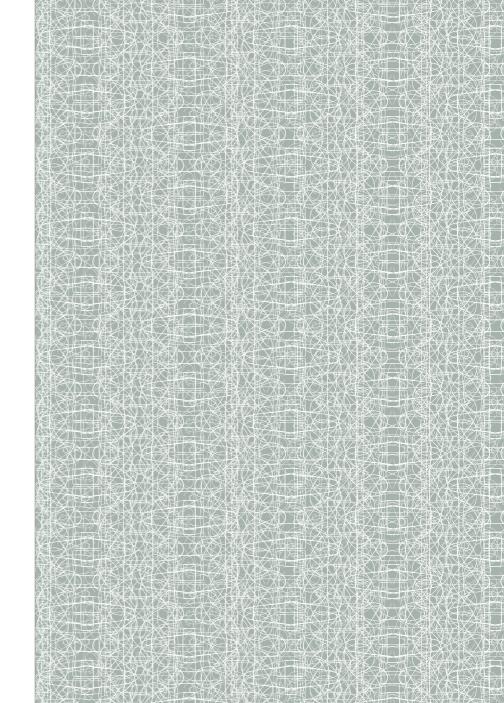
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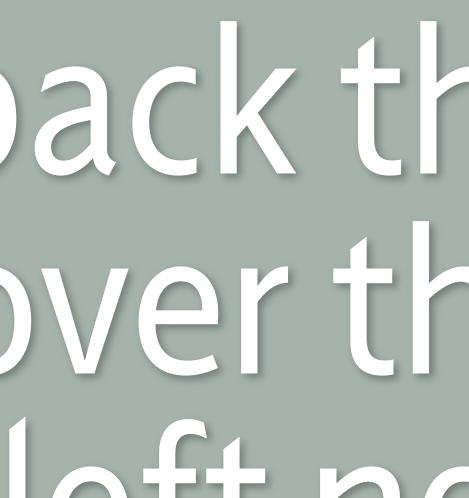
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