

Notes on Local History and Habitat

Points of Interest

- ♥ St Mary's Parish Church with Norman, early English and perpendicular features and 19th century renovation. Note Tympanum Tower Corbels, also Medieval Stone Coffin, and roadside Stocks
- ♥ Southern side of Common Hill: noted for quarry scars and hollows; where in early 19th Century lime stone was made into lime.
- ♥ Haugh Woods is a large and ancient woodland, bought in 1681 by Sir William Gregory, sometime Speaker of the House of Commons. It is famous for its rich diversity of mosses, butterflies and moths. It is managed today by Forest Enterprise.
- ♥ Poor Acre National Trust car park and picnic site was given to the people of Fownhope, in the 13th Century, to cut and use to keep the area clear of cover and the road clear from ambush.
- ♥ The stream on the eastern side of the fields, running from Haugh Wood to Rudge End marks the Saxon Boundary between Fownhope and Woolhope Parishes.
- ♥ At the bottom of the track joining Common Hill Lane is an old enclosed hand pump, no longer working. This was presented for local use to mark the Coronation of King George V in 1911. Earlier the pump house roof was thatched.
- ♥ Frequently seen wildlife: Fallow deer, squirrels, rabbits and occasional badgers, foxes, buzzards, crows, woodpeckers plus many small birds.

Walking is a form of exercise that is free, fun and a great way for families to get together. Regular walking can have a positive effect on your health and quality of life.

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The Countryside Code

Launched on 12 July 2004, this Code for England has been produced through a partnership between the Countryside Agency and Countryside Council for Wales.

The Countryside Code has been revised and re-launched to reflect the introduction of new open access rights (Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000) and changes in society over the last 20 years.

Countryside Code - advice for the public

- * Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- * Leave gates and property as you find them
- * Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- * Keep dogs under close control
- * Consider other people

Fownhope Village Directory

The Fownhope Gallery	The Bowens Country Hotel
Fownhope Motors	The Tan House B & B
The New Inn	Pippins B & B
Fownhope Unisex Hair Salon	The Green Man Inn
West End Stores	Lucksall Caravan Park
John Pritchard Butchers	

Mordiford Village Directory

The Moon Inn	Mordiford Post Office & Stores
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Fownhope Walks

Walk One

A CIRCULAR WALK FROM FOWNHOPE TO HAUGH WOODS

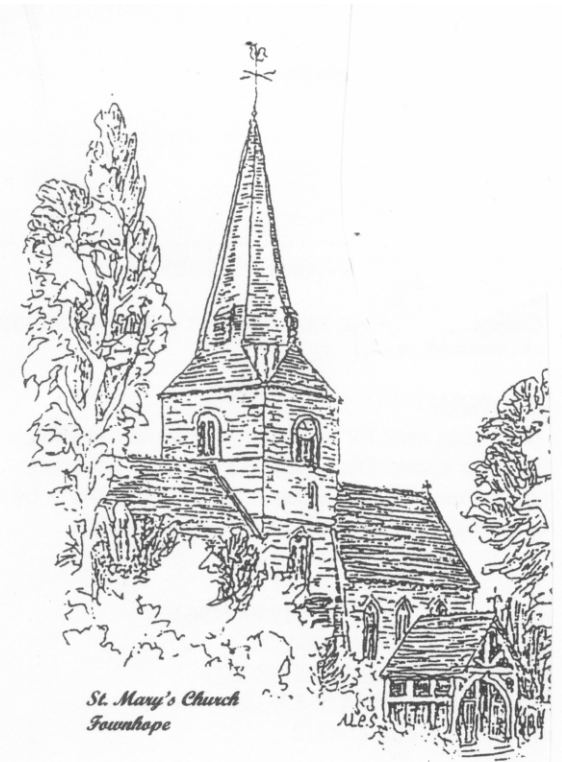


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This is one of a series of walks produced by Fownhope Residents Association with the help of many villagers. Financial support has been given by the Countryside Agency through their "Walking the Way to Health" initiative.

Other organisations/groups also participating and giving assistance are: Fownhope Medical Centre, Herefordshire Nature Trust, the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, local landowners and farmers.

Fownhope Walks - Number 1

Summary: This is a walk through undulating countryside with attractive landscape features.

Distance: 5 ½ miles

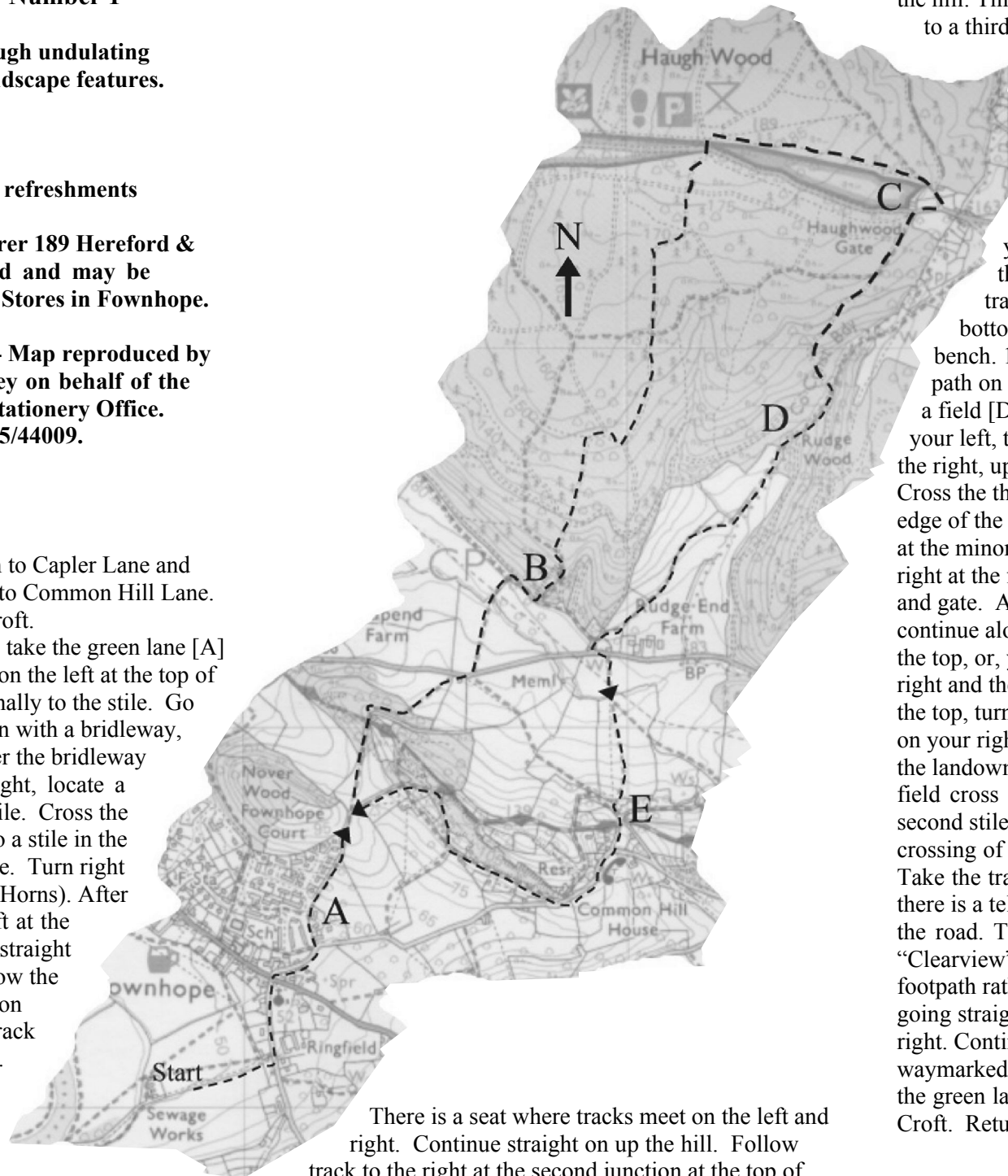
Time: 2 ½ hours plus time for refreshments

Ordnance Survey Map: Explorer 189 Hereford & Ross on Wye is recommended and may be purchased from the West End Stores in Fownhope.

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Directions:-

From the Recreation Field return to Capler Lane and turn left. Cross the main road into Common Hill Lane. Take the first left into Church Croft. At the footpath sign on the right, take the green lane [A] up the hill. Climb over the stile on the left at the top of the hill and cross the field diagonally to the stile. Go through the woods to the junction with a bridleway, the Wye Valley Walk. Cross over the bridleway and, with the cottage on the right, locate a footpath through the trees to a stile. Cross the field of young trees diagonally to a stile in the corner of the field next to a house. Turn right on the road, past the house (The Horns). After 50 yards take the stile on the left at the footpath sign and cross the field straight ahead to a bridge and stile. Follow the edge of the field with the hedge on your right and cross a stile to a track at the edge of Haugh Woods [B]. Turn right on this track. After 50 yards turn left onto Forestry Commission track into Haugh Woods. Follow this track uphill.



There is a seat where tracks meet on the left and right. Continue straight on up the hill. Follow track to the right at the second junction at the top of

the hill. This track turns to the left and gradually climbs to a third junction. Turn left and follow track up the hill to gate at a minor road. Cross road into Haugh Woods car park and picnic site next to Poors Acre. Turn right in car park and follow the path closest to the road. At the cottage at the end of the path turn right, past the barrier and return to the minor road. Turn right. After 50 yards turn left back into Haugh Woods at the Forestry Commission sign [C]. Follow track downhill. Take the right-hand fork at the bottom of the hill, just past a junction opposite a bench. 100 yards from the fork take the waymarked path on the right over a small bridge and a stile into a field [D]. Cross the field, keeping the hedge on your left, to another stile. In the second field bear to the right, up the hill, to a stile near a handsome tree. Cross the third field to a stile and follow the path at the edge of the wood. Turn left on the track and left again at the minor road. After 50 yards take the stile on the right at the footpath sign and cross the field to a bridge and gate. At this point there is a choice of paths. Either continue along the designated footpath, to the stile at the top, or, you may find it more comfortable to turn right and then left, walking adjacent to the hedge. At the top, turn left for a short distance, to reach the stile on your right [E]. This alternative has the approval of the landowner/farmer, Mr R Price. At the top of the field cross the stile, turn immediately right over a second stile and then turn left. The path brings you to a crossing of tracks, one being the Wye Valley Walk. Take the track that descends to a minor road where there is a telephone box and water pump. Turn right on the road. Take the track on the right by a gate to "Clearview". Follow this track straight on, taking the footpath rather than the wider tracks to the cottages and going straight ahead where another path turns to the right. Continue through the woods to a junction with a waymarked path. Turn left and in a short distance join the green lane back down to Fownhope and Church Croft. Return to the Recreation Field and Car Park.