

Notes on Local History and Habitat

Points of Interest

- ♥ Cherry Hill-This was an ancient Iron Age Fort whose ramparts and boundaries can still be discerned.
- ♥ Local Woodlands are the habitat of rich drifts of Bluebells in April & May, and provide cover for frequently seen Fallow Deer.
- ♥ The Wye Valley Walk is a long distance footpath. It was developed in the mid-1970's and now extends from Chepstow to Plynlimon
- ♥ The Tom Spring Memorial. This was erected and unveiled in 1954 in memory of Tom Spring (Formerly Tom Winter) who was Bare-knuckle Champion of All England in 1824. He was born nearby in 1795, and became a famous and renowned sporting hero of his time.
- ♥ The site is near a ford once part of a route to Fownhope. The Cider-Mill nature of the Monument, reminds us this area was once characterized by orchards
- ♥ The cottage called The Horn was once a Public House and Green Lane was once a route to Woolhope.

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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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 Green Man Inn Fownhope



Why not come in and enjoy the Food and Drink

Good food is readily available at The Green Man Inn, where you will find a wide variety of meals on offer, from a light bar snack or afternoon tea, to an extensive a La Carte menu.

Meals can be enjoyed in the relaxed bar area or within the traditional restaurant.

Many beers are available including real ales, draught cider and a selection of wines & spirits.

During the summer months you can enjoy meals & drinks in the delightful gardens overlooking the River Wye.



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 Walks

Walk Two

CHERRY HILL AND TOM SPRING MEMORIAL WALK

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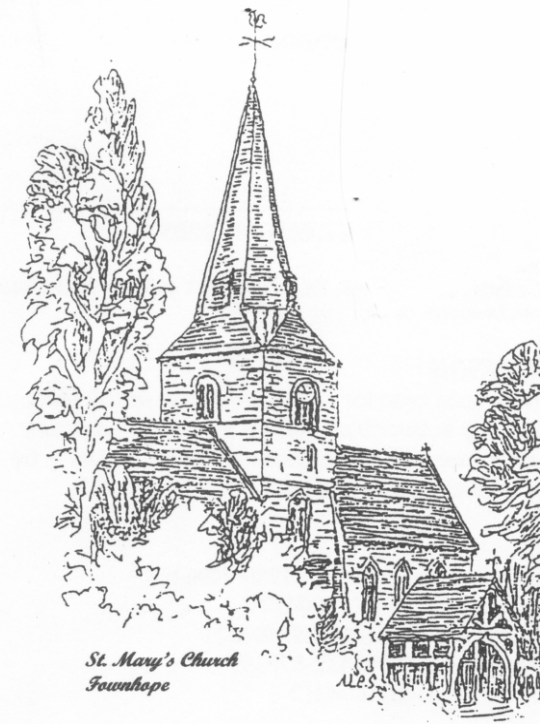


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This is one of a series of walks produced by Fownhope Residents Association with the help of many villagers. Financial support has been given by the Countryside Agency through their "Walking the Way to Health" initiative.

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 2

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Summary. A scenic walk through woodland as the route goes over Cherry Hill, and finds its way via Fownhope Park to the Wye Valley Walk. It moves on via a metalled Track at the side of Haugh Woods to Rudge End, where it joins and follows part of the Woolhope - Fownhope Road offering the chance of visiting the Tom Spring Memorial. It returns over Sheers Hill and Green Lane back to the village.

Distance: 4 ½ miles.

Time. 2 ¼ hours plus time for refreshments.

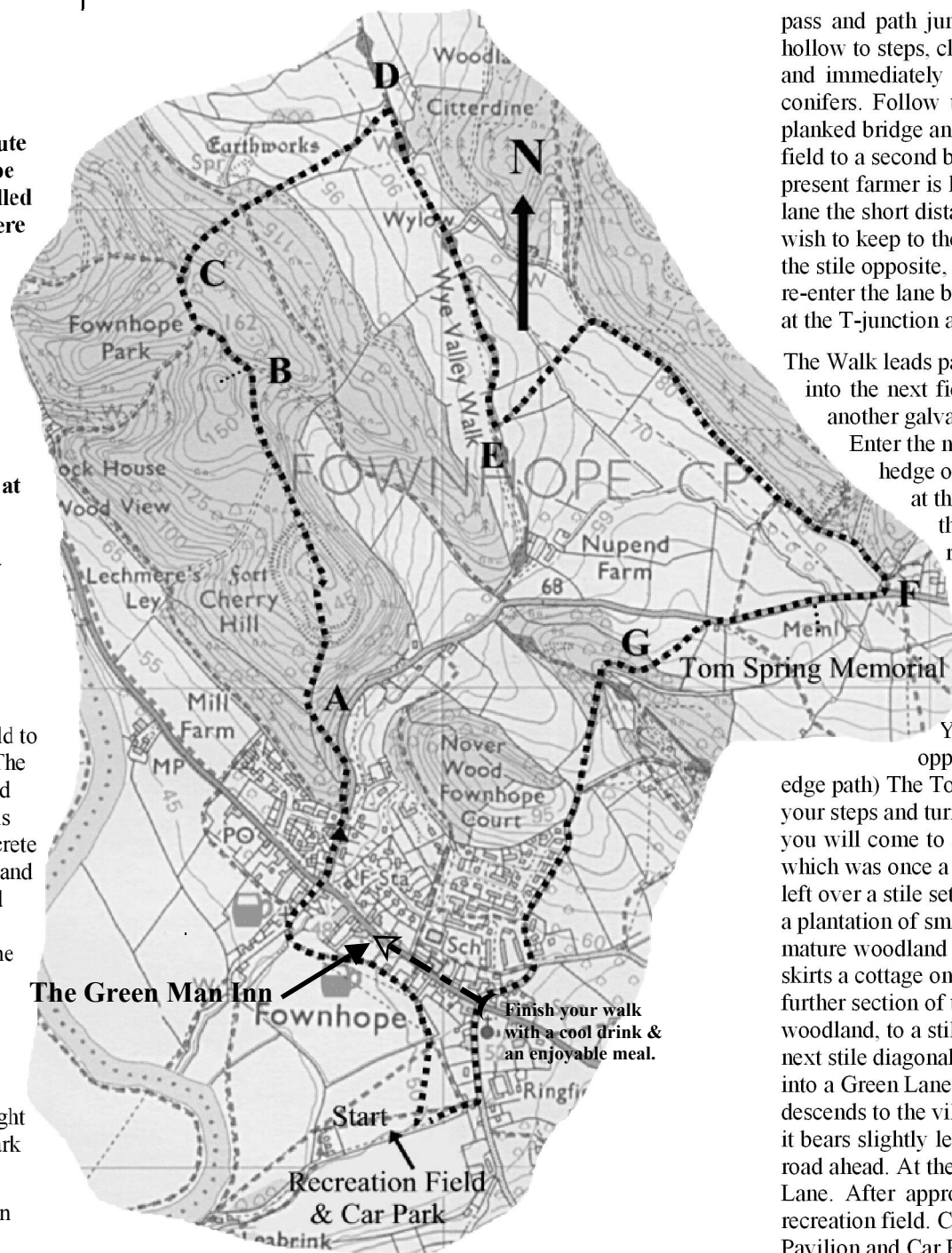
Ordnance Survey Map. Explorer 189 Hereford and Ross on Wye is recommended and may be purchased at the West End Stores in Fownhope.

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Directions:-

Start at Recreation Field Pavilion and walk round the field to the corner that lies in the direction of the Church Spire. The path goes past a small pond. Follow it into the next field where it borders the back of the village. Continue on this path, past the rear of a car park, and follow it over a concrete bridge over a brook that leads you to a lane. Turn Right, and follow lane past The Forge on the left and cream painted house (named Tan House) on your right, so reaching a main road. Carefully cross over this main road to enter the road opposite, proceeding (to face any oncoming traffic) along the right hand side of this road. You will pass several bungalows on your right, then a turning to the right which you should ignore. Now look out for a metal and green pathway sign on your left. Follow the path indicated which leads to steps climb these and bearing right you will see a waymark on a dead tree and then a waymark post and sign ahead.

[A] Follow the direction of these signs, (not the foot worn tracks to left or right). The path climbs quite steeply upwards, leading you eventually under some Yew Trees to the top of Cherry Hill, the site of an Iron Age Camp. After a short descent the path continues upward and at the top take a



right turn down a steep track (care in wet weather). At the bottom, at a track junction, turn left. Continue, ignoring way marked path on left, bearing right climbing slightly to small

pass and path junction. Still keeping right walk down a hollow to steps, climb these and at the top of turn right [C] and immediately left down through the lines of planted conifers. Follow this down, crossing over a track to the planked bridge and stile into the field. Continue across the field to a second bridge and stile which leads into a lane. The present farmer is happy for you to turn left and follow the lane the short distance to the Wye Valley Walk [D]. If you wish to keep to the way marked footpath, cross the track to the stile opposite, turn left to follow the edge of the field to re-enter the lane by a second stile just before [D]. Turn right at the T-junction and onto the Wye Valley Walk.

The Walk leads past a prominent Oak Tree, continue through into the next field through a galvanised gate and onto another galvanised gate between two trees and a stile [E].

Enter the next field and turn left, walk down, with the hedge on your left, to a row of trees and find a stile at the bottom. As you enter the field, identify the stile ahead and walk to it and cross it to reach a metalled road below Haugh Wood. Proceed to your right along this road.

Eventually you will pass a cottage on your right and come out on the Woolhope to Fownhope road, [F]. Turn right and walk along this road watching out for traffic.

You will pass a sign on the left indicating the opportunity of visiting (by a permissive field edge path) The Tom Spring Memorial. After a visit retrace your steps and turn left to continue along the road. Eventually you will come to a cottage on your left called The Horns, which was once a public house. Immediately after this turn left over a stile set into a holly hedge. Take this path through a plantation of small trees, till you reach and cross a stile into mature woodland [G]. Follow the path as it ascends, till it skirts a cottage on your left. Cross the track ahead, which is a further section of the Wye Valley Walk, and descend through woodland, to a stile which cross into small field. Identify the next stile diagonally across the field, and walk to it crossing into a Green Lane. Turn right. After a hundred yards this lane descends to the village, continue beside the road you meet as it bears slightly left, and turn right when it meets a further road ahead. At the main road, cross and walk along Capler Lane. After approximately 150 yards turn right, to the recreation field. Continue straight ahead you will return to the Pavilion and Car Park or you could walk along to the Green Man Inn for a cool drink and an enjoyable meal.