

Notes on Local History and Habitat

Points of Interest

- ♥ **Mancell's Ferry** – The cottage on the footpath is now a private residence but belonged to a former Ferryman, Mr Mancell. In the 19th and late 18th century this was a much used ferry over to Ballingham.
- ♥ **Capler Camp** – Still reveals the ramparts of an Iron Age Fort, one of many in Herefordshire. It is approximately 600 feet (190 meters) above the Wye and offers superb views..
- ♥ **Brockhampton Church** – This attractive and interesting church of All Saints replaced the earlier Holy Trinity Church, now a ruin south of Brockhampton Church. It was designed by W R Lethaby, one of William Morris's Arts and Crafts friends and built by Alice Madelaine Foster in memory of her parents, in 1902.
- ♥ **Lime Kilns in Paget's Wood** – These depict one of ten places in Fownhope Parish where locally quarried limestone was burnt to make lime from the middle 18th to middle of the 19th century. During that time this industry was basic to the local economy. This particular kiln was built by James Connop, around 1825, and was active for around 15 years.
- ♥ **Pump House (on Common Hill)** – This was erected for the use of local residents and was built to mark the coronation of George V in 1911. Originally it was not housed but when it was, the roof was thatched.

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 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 Five

FOWNHOPE, MANCELL'S FERRY, BRINKLEY HILL, RETURNING VIA CAPLER CAMP, PAGET'S WOOD & COMMON HILL.

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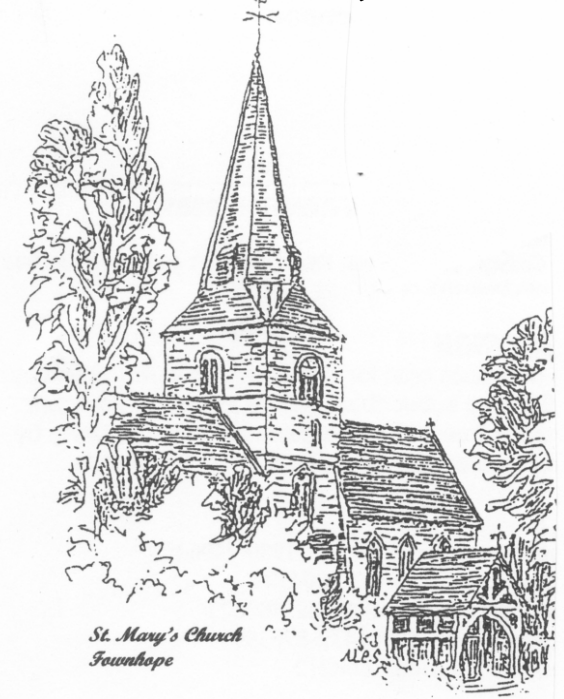


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This is one of a series of walks produced by Fownhope Residents Association with the help of many villagers. Financial support has been given by the Countryside Agency through their "Walking the Way to Health" initiative.

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 5

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Summary: A scenic walk, first following the route of the River Wye to Brinkley Hill picnic site. Continuing to the Iron Age Fort at Capler Camp, descending past Caplor Farm, crossing the B4224 and gaining some high ground, with lovely views over to Hay Bluff before entering Paget's Wood and finally descending back to the village.

Distance: 8 miles.

Time: 4 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:

(A) Starting at the Recreation Field Pavilion, walk along the track towards the river and cross the stile on the left. Follow the field edge on your right, cross a stile and walk 100 yards uphill to a waymark sign on a tree stump. Continue for a few more yards and turn half left to a metal stile at the top of the field. Cross this and take a diagonal permissive path across this field to a gate, pass through this gate and shortly another and continue to a barn, on the left. Head down, slightly to the right, towards a hedge and a waymark on a tree and follow the line of the hedge down to a gate. Go through and follow the line of another hedge on your left and nearing the end of this field, veer slightly to the right to a double stile in the facing hedge. Follow the line of the hedge again until you reach Mancell's Ferry Cottage where you cross a stile into the garden, passing through the garden to cross a stile into the next field where you follow a riverside path over several fields to a stile at the bottom of Capler Wood (B). Cross this and turn left to climb up towards the road and then turn right along a track, through trees, just above the river and then continuing along a broad grassy path. At the point where there is a broad track leaving the river, climb this to reach

Brinkley Hill Picnic Site on the right. (Distance B to C approx 1 mile) Leave the Picnic Site turning left along a road. (C) Where the road bends slightly to the right turn half left along a track, to follow the Wye Valley Walk. (Should you wish to visit Brockhampton Church, follow the road, continue over a cross road and the Church will appear on the left. Return along road to crossroad, turn right along lane to rejoin original route at Capler Lodge.) Follow this, passing a cottage and vegetable garden on the right, to meet the road again by a bench, a view point. Turn left along the road for a few yards and immediately after passing Capler Lodge turn right (SP Wye Valley Walk) along a track in the wood. On reaching a

clearing turn half right along a path through some pines, at the end of this turn right and in a short distance, passing through a gate, you will have reached Capler Camp.

Continue along a grassy path, alongside the Camp, and after passing farm buildings (D), on the right, look out for a yellow waymark sign, about 30 yards, left. Head downwards to a stile, climb this to continue steeply down steps and pass a bungalow on your left, to a stile. Cross this, turn left and within a few yards reach a farm track and turn right along this to reach the B4224 road.

Turn left along the road for about 75 yards and turn right, along a track for a short distance and then turn right to cross a field to a gap in the hedge at the end of the field. Go through this, over a stile, turn right and follow the hedge down to the bottom of the field, turn left and at a yellow waymark go right through a gate. Follow the left hand hedge upwards, ignoring a waymark sign to the left, cross a stile, continue upwards to the left corner and cross another stile into Paget's Wood (E). Here, looking to your left there are fine views with Hay Bluff in the distance.

At the Hereford Nature Trust information board take the right fork and continue along this path, ignoring various permissive paths along the route. Just before you emerge from the woods look out right for the remains of lime workings. Pass through a gate and following the line of a hedge on the right climb up to a lane, cross it and take the left forked path, passing alongside a cottage, Common Hill Farm (F). At the top of this path turn right over a stile and follow a winding path through a wooded area, emerging at a bench where there are views over Fownhope and Capler Wood. Continue downhill to meet a junction of paths and take the second left down to a telephone box and water pump. Bear right along a lane and continue along and down until you reach the B4224 opposite St Mary's Church. Cross into Capler Lane, walk along for about 300 yards and turn right into the Recreation Field.

