

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

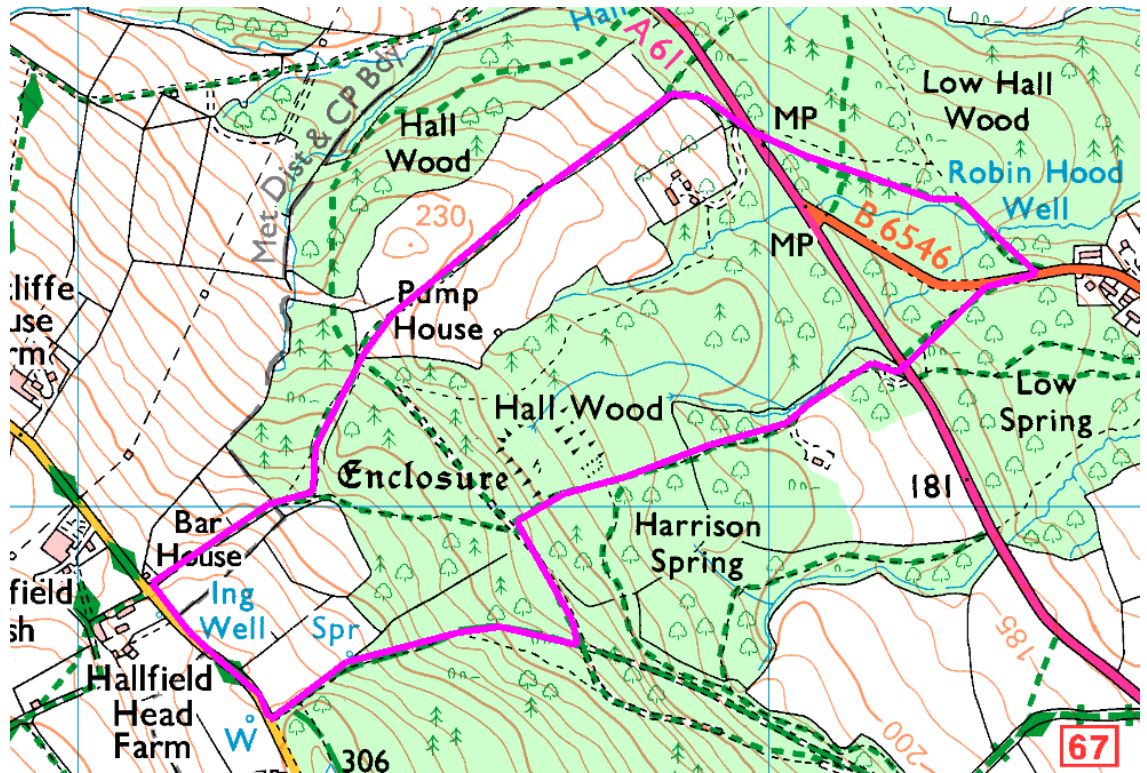


Walk 116 – Hall Wood – 2.2 miles

Last week we were looking across to Greno Woods and commented on how big it is, so this week we are going to walk round the lower part of it – Low Hall Wood and ‘Robin Hood Well’. Unfortunately, we have to start at the top and cross the A61 to get there, but other than crossing this major road, it’s nearly all on paths. Park on Woodhead Road, on the right just at the far end of Greno Wood,

Clockwise:

Start by carrying on along Woodhead Road to Bar House, then turn right down the track dropping down to the top of Hall Wood. Where the path splits, bear left staying on the track. Just follow this track as it leaves the trees, skirting round the hillock and downhill. Through the gate at the bottom, bear right to come out on the end of a private drive.



Cross the A61 with great care and turn right then take the track on the left. After a few yards turn right and then left to follow the clear path downhill, avoiding the tree stumps. At the bottom cross the stepping stones over the stream, which is supposed to flow out of Robin Hood Well although nobody knows which this is of the several springs it comes from. If you have sore feet, dangle them in the ‘healing waters’ before starting the climb up to Hallwood Road.

Turn right then cross the road and take the path on the left through Low Spring Wood up to the A61. Cross with care and climb the stone step stile opposite, following the track towards the caravan park. As the track bends to the right, take the path on the left which goes straight on into Greno Woods. When you come to a wide path crossing yours, turn left then, when it crosses the main ‘loop’ path, turn right and follow uphill and back to the cars.

Risks:

- Crossing the A61 (twice) and Hallwood Road – take care. Short length of road walk at the start.
- Can be a bit rough underfoot (watch out for tree stumps), but generally fine.
- Muddy in wet weather and stepping stones may be dodgy if flooded – no easy alternative