



The grid squares are 1km

A From the station turn right over the level crossing and then right again onto the Riverside Railway Walk, which is part of the Shipwrights Way. Follow this past the old platform, allotments and picnic area until you reach an open area. Cross the bridge over the river Rother on your left.

There is an separate information sheet on the Riverside Railway Walk nature reserve and its military railway history. The Shipwrights Way is a new long-distance route which will eventually link the Alice Holt Forest near Farnham to the sea at Portsmouth.

B Follow the path ignoring all side routes through two tall gates and continue between fields until reaching the cricket ground. Continue straight on between the houses until reaching the road at West Liss.

West Liss is the original Liss ("Lyss") with 13th century St Peter's church (see photo to right) and many fine old houses.

C Cross the road into Church Street follow the lane in front of the church, and along 25 metres of driveway. Continue on the marked footpath by the edge of the field and follow the signs crossing the A3 over a foot bridge. Through the gate and bear slightly left following a track with a good mixed hedge on the right. Continue along the signed footpath over some stiles in a westerly direction, to a small stream.

Buzzards nest in Berrygrove Copse an ancient woodland across the fields on your left. You may see them circling nearby.

D Cross the stream and continue along between the two fences. In the corner turn right and follow a narrow path around a small copse with a small pond. Arrive at Snailing Lane - a "green lane". Turn left then after 200 metres take a path on the right towards Scotland Farm. Just before the farm turn left over a stile and follow the hedge around the farm to the road. Turn left along the road up the hill.

You pass Slip Cottage, on the right, so named because of an historical land slip.

E At the top of the hill turn left into a farm track and continue along a footpath between the hedge and wire fence. Follow this to the road and cross into the lane (village centre) which passes the Hawkley Inn. 100 metres further on the left turn down Cheesecombe Farm Lane. You are now on the Hangers Way. After 200 metres there is a path on the right - follow this. When it diverges turn right and remain on the Hangers Way which is well signposted for the next 2km.

Hawkley has some fine houses and church. It's worth a diversion.

Lovely valley and damp meadows with varied wild life.

F Cross the road and follow the Hangers Way which becomes a path after a stile. There are two fields, the second being very steep. Walk through the woods past badger setts to a lane.

These are magnificent flower meadows in the spring & summer.



G Turn left along the track, leaving the Hangers Way. After about 500 metres there are some steps up on the left, take these to the viewpoint on Wheatham Hill with a trig point. Return to the lane and continue down the lane to the road.



H Turn right along the road, slightly downhill to a road junction and turn left past Wheatham Hill Farm. Continue down a steep hill and just round a bend turn right down a sign-posted by-way. Follow this to the Flexcombe interchange over the A3.

J Cross over the bridge. Take care because there is no pavement until past the railway. Do not take the road on the right but continue walking along the road sign posted Liss. Follow the road (Andlers Ash Road) over the railway crossing then take the pavement and follow this all the way to the village, turning left at the junction towards the village centre.

This has recently been cleared. Until then the original purpose of measuring the height of the hill would have been lost in the trees. In early summer helleborines, a type of orchid, can be seen next to the track.

The Hangers Way

A walk of 33.8 km (21 miles) which extends from Alton Railway Station to the Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Hawkley is half way along.

The word hanger comes from the old English Hangra meaning wooded slope.



There are good views across the valley towards Liss and Hill Brow (see photo on front of leaflet).

On the right is Hilliers tree nursery. This is another area of the nursery fields you saw near the start of the walk.



I. LISS CIRCULAR WALK VIA HAWKLEY & WHEATHAM HILL



About the walk:-

START / Grid Reference: SU 777278. Begin the walk at Liss Railway Station.

DISTANCE: 12 km (7.5 miles) allow 3 ¾ hrs.

TERRAIN: Fairly strenuous walk (ascent 320 metres) with steep climbs, numerous stiles and muddy tracks. To avoid awkward stile between D & E use track and lane round Scotland Farm.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: South West Trains (Portsmouth - Waterloo line with hourly trains).

Stagecoach 38 bus runs between Liss and Petersfield.

Buses run Monday to Saturday, excluding evenings and public holidays. Check timetables before starting.

FACILITIES: The Hawkley Inn in Pocock's Lane, Hawkley.

Liss village centre has a wide range of cafes and a pub to reward yourself at the end of the walk.

PLEASE NOTE: *You are asked to keep dogs under control at all times to avoid disturbance to animals. Leave gates and property as you find them and follow the Countryside Code.*