



The grid squares are 1km

**A** From Liss station turn left and then fork right at the mini roundabout. Follow Hill Brow Road uphill for 200 metres then turn right into Andlers Ash Road. Keep to the road and after 800 metres pass over the railway crossing.

**B** At the road junction which is the Flexcombe roundabout do not take the first turning on the left, but carefully take the road on the flyover above the A3.

**C** Once the flyover is crossed take the road on the left. Follow this for 600 metres where there is a byway on the right. Take this and follow it gradually uphill to a road.

*This is an old trackway between old hedgerows.*



**D** Turn left and walk along the road which becomes steep. Follow the road as far as a junction and turn right towards Oakshott. After 150 metres take the track on the left leading to the Ashford Hangers National Nature Reserve.

*You pass through a deep sunken lane. These have formed over hundreds of years and are a feature of this area. There are excellent views on the left towards Liss and Hillbrow.*

**E** At the entry gate take the small path immediately on the right which re-joins the track. Continue uphill 50 metres until there is a small path on the left with a stile (see photo below). Note this is easy to miss. Follow this path which contours around the hillside crossing a stile, to a more open area.

*There is an old quarry on the right. On the left where the path joins the track you may see helleborines. The path which contours the hillside needs care because of the slope. Ashford Hangers is a National Nature Reserve. The word hanger comes from the old English Hangra meaning wooded slope. Sit and admire the view.*





**F** Continue on the path to a track which is crossed and go over a stile. The path continues through the Hangers woodland along the hillside until an open grassland area is reached which is known as the “Shoulder of Mutton”. The route is down the edge of this steep grassy slope then alongside a hedgerow to the road.



**G** Cross over the road, slightly to the right, following a signposted path - the Hangers Way. Keep to this all the way to Petersfield. After a short distance there are ponds on the right. Continue, ignoring the path with steps on the right. After a short distance turn right at the road and follow it to a road junction where opposite the signed Hangers Way path is on the left.

**H** Take the path around the end of the field and then enter the woodland. The path here can be muddy. Follow the path uphill across a playing field to the road opposite the church. Take the path by the right hand side of the church and follow it to the bridge over the A3.

**J** Cross over and follow the path to a road which is followed towards the right. After 200 metres take the signed Hangers Way path on the right, cross over a track and at the fork take the left hand route. Follow this by the side of the allotments and a garage to the main road. Turn left towards the station.

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*This area has been cleared in recent years and is a very rich habitat for plants and insects. Before you go down the slope go up for a few metres to see a memorial of the poet Edward Thomas.*



*The ponds are fed by springs coming out of the hangers where the chalk meets the greensand.*



*On the right you see the buildings and playing fields of Bedales, the well-known private school.*



## 6. LISS TO PETERSFIELD STATION VIA WHEATHAM HILL & STEEP



### About the walk:-

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

**DISTANCE:** 9 km (5.6 miles) allow 2 ½ hrs.

**TERRAIN:** Strenuous walk (ascent 310 metres) with some steep climbs, a number of stiles and paths which may be muddy in winter.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** South West Trains (Portsmouth - Waterloo line with trains every hour).

**# Stagecoach Bus 38** runs between Petersfield and Liss.

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

**FACILITIES:** Liss village centre has a number of cafes and a pub for refreshments prior to undertaking the walk. Petersfield town centre has a wide range of cafés, restaurants and pubs where you can 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.*