

Woodgreen Calendar 2019

Featuring twelve short walks around
our beautiful corner of the New Forest

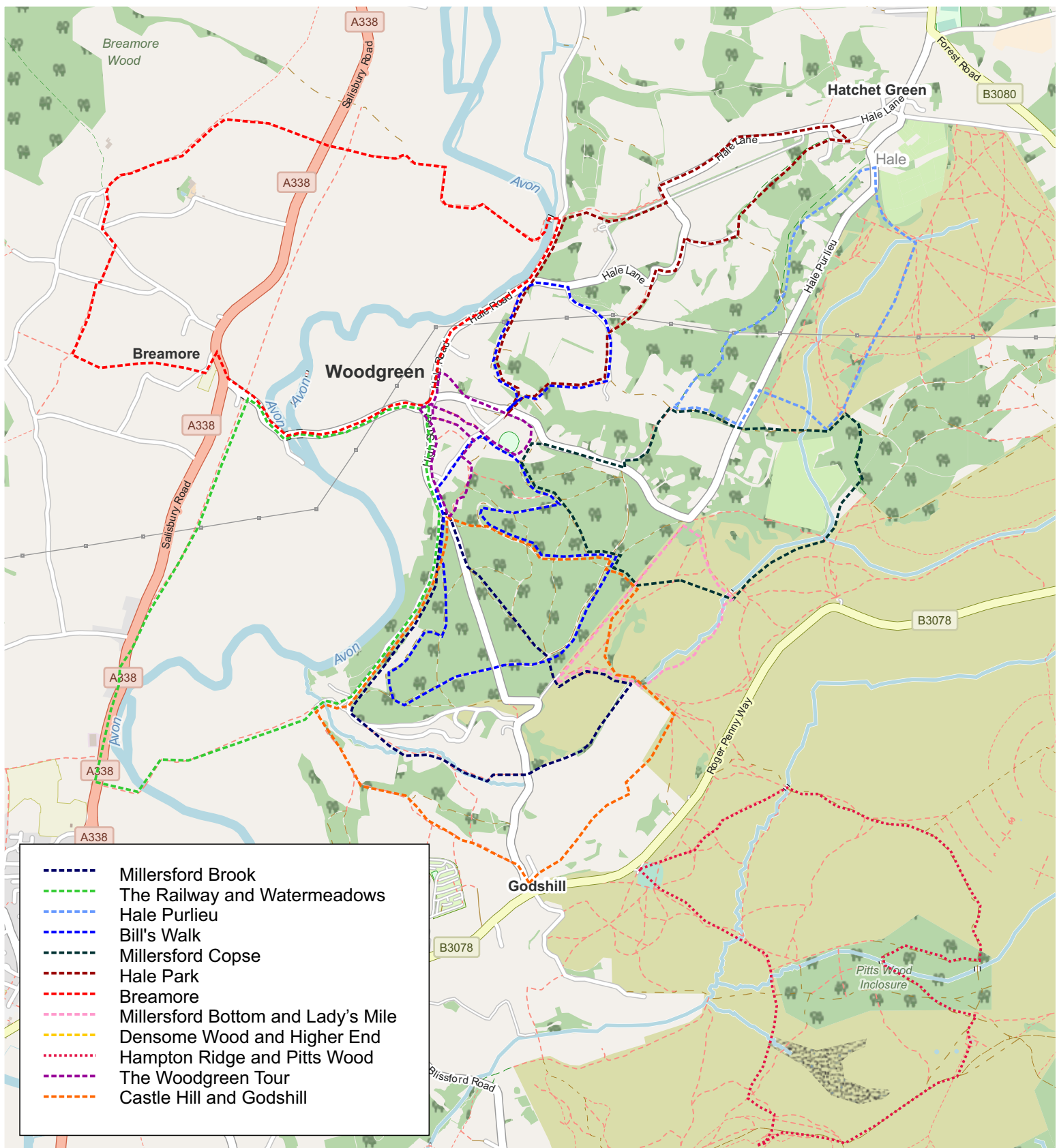


Woodgreen Walks

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful corner of the New Forest with innumerable options for exploring our backyard. In all, the National Park contains about 146 miles of public footpaths, 35 miles of public bridleways and over a hundred square miles of Crown land with open access. We all have our favourite routes and are not, perhaps, as adventurous as we could be. However, the best way to safeguard our footpaths is by using them. Our aim this year is to get everybody out there, not only on the beaten, but also the not-so-beaten, path.

Each month features a walk of between 1.5 and 6 miles. Most start in Woodgreen. All the routes can be combined or mixed and matched to make longer walks. In addition to the calendar, there is also an accompanying website: **walks.woodgreenshop.org**. This provides more information about each of the routes including links to Google Maps versions allowing you to navigate with your phone!

We hope you try them. Let us know how you get on via the website. And if you take any photos, please send them along.



January

Tue 1	New Year's Day
Wed 2	
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Fri 18	
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Sun 20	
Mon 21	○
Tue 22	
Wed 23	
Thu 24	
Fri 25	Burns Night
Sat 26	
Sun 27	◐
Mon 28	
Tue 29	
Wed 30	
Thu 31	



The Woodgreen Tour

Woodgreen grew into an 'unofficial' village on the edge of the New Forest through encroachment. Resourceful incomers set up their dwellings, often overnight, and fenced off some land to scrape a living. Woodgreen's network of footpaths or droves preserves the imprint of these smallholder strips: The Alley, Love Lane, Grace Lane, Trim's Drove, and Steels Drove all connect the Avon valley with the elevated common to the south east and the forest beyond.

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February

Fri	1	
Sat	2	
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Mon	4	●
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Wed	6	
Thu	7	
Fri	8	
Sat	9	
Sun	10	
Mon	11	
Tue	12	◐
Wed	13	
Thu	14	Valentine's Day
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Sat	23	
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Millersford Brook
Godshill Wood is a small, dispersed hamlet stretched out along the fertile soils on the north side of Millersford Brook. It takes its name from a wood that was present before the development of Godshill Inclosure. Overlooking the valley are Frankenbury and Castle Hill: two Iron Age hillforts, demonstrating that people have lived and farmed in the area for at least 2000 years. The area is criss-crossed by footpaths, a remnant of its more recent agricultural past.

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March

Fri	1	St David's Day
Sat	2	
Sun	3	
Mon	4	
Tue	5	Shrove Tuesday
Wed	6	Ash Wednesday
Thu	7	
Fri	8	
Sat	9	
Sun	10	
Mon	11	
Tue	12	
Wed	13	
Thu	14	
Fri	15	
Sat	16	
Sun	17	St Patrick's Day
Mon	18	
Tue	19	
Wed	20	Spring Equinox
Thu	21	
Fri	22	
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Thu	28	
Fri	29	
Sat	30	
Sun	31	Mother's Day British Summer Time begins



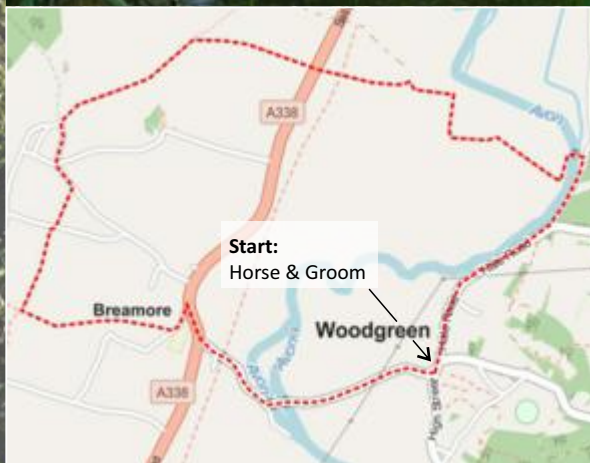
Hale Park

Hale House was built in 1715 by Thomas Archer, and he is most likely to have been responsible for laying out the surrounding formal gardens. From the entrance lodge, erected in 1923, a double avenue of four staggered rows of limes known as 'The Straight', runs to the front of the house. On the edge of the estate, on the right-hand side of Hale Lane going down towards Woodgreen there is a tall brick cone that caps 'Picket Well'. It sits alongside and slightly below a pond in the Park itself from where water was taken to the stables.

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April

Mon 1	April Fools' Day
Tue 2	
Wed 3	
Thu 4	
Fri 5	●
Sat 6	
Sun 7	
Mon 8	
Tue 9	
Wed 10	
Thu 11	
Fri 12	◐
Sat 13	
Sun 14	Palm Sunday
Mon 15	
Tue 16	
Wed 17	
Thu 18	Maundy Thursday
Fri 19	○ Good Friday
Sat 20	
Sun 21	Easter Sunday
Mon 22	Easter Monday
Tue 23	St George's Day
Wed 24	
Thu 25	
Fri 26	◐
Sat 27	
Sun 28	
Mon 29	
Tue 30	



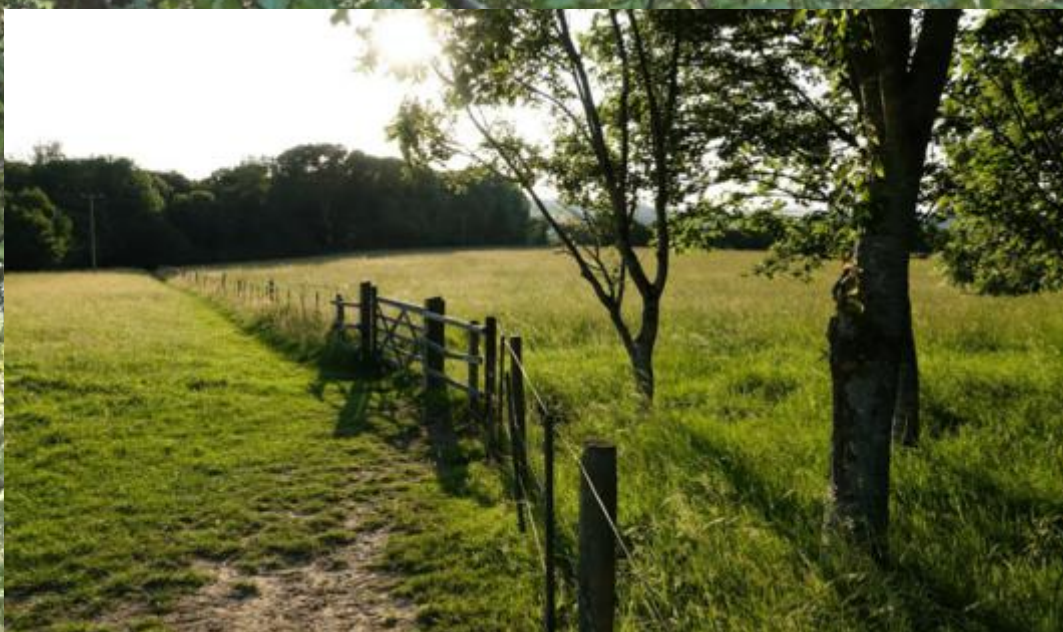
Breamore

Footpaths lead from Cow Bridge across water meadows to South Charford and then on to Breamore House. The irrigation channels were originally cut in the 1690s. It had been learned that a steady flow of water protected grass from frost during the Spring, promoted a valuable early crop of hay, and extra yields through the year. The Avon Valley from Salisbury to Christchurch was extensively developed at this time and was perhaps even canalised to bring sea trade directly into Harnham.

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May

Wed 1	
Thu 2	
Fri 3	
Sat 4	●
Sun 5	
Mon 6	Early May Bank Holiday
Tue 7	
Wed 8	
Thu 9	
Fri 10	
Sat 11	
Sun 12	◐
Mon 13	
Tue 14	
Wed 15	
Thu 16	
Fri 17	
Sat 18	○
Sun 19	
Mon 20	
Tue 21	
Wed 22	
Thu 23	
Fri 24	
Sat 25	Spring Bank Holiday
Sun 26	◐
Mon 27	
Tue 28	
Wed 29	
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Fri 31	



Densome Wood and Higher End

Densome Wood puts on a fine display of Bluebells in May and there is a Tulip Tree at Higher End Farm. Tulip trees are known for the large yellow-green flowers that emerge in June. The trees are deciduous and have distinctive, large, four-lobed leaves which turn yellow in autumn. Tulip trees only produce flowers when they are at least 10 years old and it is only mature trees that flower heavily. The road to Higher End crosses an old, and much repaired, bridge.

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June

Sat	1	
Sun	2	
Mon	3	●
Tue	4	
Wed	5	
Thu	6	
Fri	7	
Sat	8	
Sun	9	
Mon	10	◐
Tue	11	
Wed	12	
Thu	13	
Fri	14	
Sat	15	
Sun	16	Father's Day
Mon	17	○
Tue	18	
Wed	19	
Thu	20	
Fri	21	Summer Solstice
Sat	22	
Sun	23	
Mon	24	
Tue	25	◐
Wed	26	
Thu	27	
Fri	28	
Sat	29	
Sun	30	



Start:
Woodgreen
triangle

The Railway and Avon Valley

A 2-mile section of the old Salisbury - West Moors railway line was opened as a public footpath in 2012. The path runs from South Charford to Burgate Cross, passing the old station in Breamore, and connecting with other footpaths and bridges to provide circular routes back across the Avon Valley watermeadows to Woodgreen. To the south, for example, a path through Lower Burgate Farm crosses the Avon via a steel suspension bridge erected in 1949-50 (and made from reused parts of a Bailey bridge) allowing a return via Folds Farm and Castle Hill.

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July

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Tue 16

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Sat 20

Sun 21

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Sun 28

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Tue 30

Wed 31



Millersford Bottom

Millersford Bottom is one of the many deeply cut valleys that run through the New Forest plateau. Here, streams have washed away the upper gravel layers and exposed the older geological sands. The valley was one of seven areas in the New Forest set aside by the Forestry Commission in 1927 for gypsies to set up camp. It was affectionately known as 'Tin Tin Bottom'. A review in 1947 concluded that the gypsies were living in appalling conditions, "*hardly reaching the standards of the Stone Age*". The last gypsy family was forcibly moved off the Forest in 1963.

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August

Thu 1	●
Fri 2	
Sat 3	
Sun 4	
Mon 5	Summer Bank Holiday (Scotland only)
Tue 6	
Wed 7	◐
Thu 8	
Fri 9	
Sat 10	
Sun 11	
Mon 12	
Tue 13	
Wed 14	
Thu 15	○
Fri 16	
Sat 17	
Sun 18	
Mon 19	
Tue 20	
Wed 21	
Thu 22	
Fri 23	◐
Sat 24	
Sun 25	
Mon 26	Summer Bank Holiday (not Scotland)
Tue 27	
Wed 28	
Thu 29	
Fri 30	●
Sat 31	



Hale Purlieu

Hale Purlieu is a National Trust common. It is a site of special interest for mammals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates which inhabit both the heathland and the wet bog areas. Important breeding populations of butterflies, moths, beetles and dragonflies can be found here. For centuries this area was 'disafforested' (the meaning of 'purlieu') and not subject to Forest law. It was brought within the boundary of the New Forest in 1964.

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September

Sun 1	New Year's Day
Mon 2	
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Sat 7	
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Fri 20	
Sat 21	☾
Sun 22	
Mon 23	
Tue 24	
Wed 25	
Thu 26	Autumn Equinox
Fri 27	
Sat 28	●
Sun 29	
Mon 30	



Start:
Woodgreen
Common



Millersford Copse
Millersford Plantation, to the south east of Hale Purlieu, is comprised of Scots Pine and Spruce. It is now being cleared of conifers and reclaimed as heathland. Millersford Copse in the south west of the Plantation is a small pocket of deciduous woodland. Miller's Ford itself was an important crossing point across the marshy valley providing access between Woodgreen and as the name suggests, Breamore Mill, and all points south and east.

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October

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Wed 23	British Summer Time ends
Thu 24	
Fri 25	
Sat 26	●
Sun 27	
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Thu 31	



Bill's Walk - Godshill Inclosure

Godshill Inclosure was first enclosed in 1810. It was originally planted with Oak and Beech and some of these trees still exist around the fringes and on each side of the dividing road. In the 1900s it was underplanted with other broadleaves, predominantly Sweet Chestnut and Beech, with Scots Pine and Larch being introduced along the eastern fringes. More extensive areas were cleared and planted with conifers in the 1950s and 1960s on the higher ground in the core of the wood.

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November

Fri	1	
Sat	2	
Sun	3	
Mon	4	
Tue	5	Guy Fawkes Night
Wed	6	
Thu	7	
Fri	8	
Sat	9	
Sun	10	Remembrance Sunday
Mon	11	Armistice Day
Tue	12	
Wed	13	
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Sat	30	St Andrew's Day

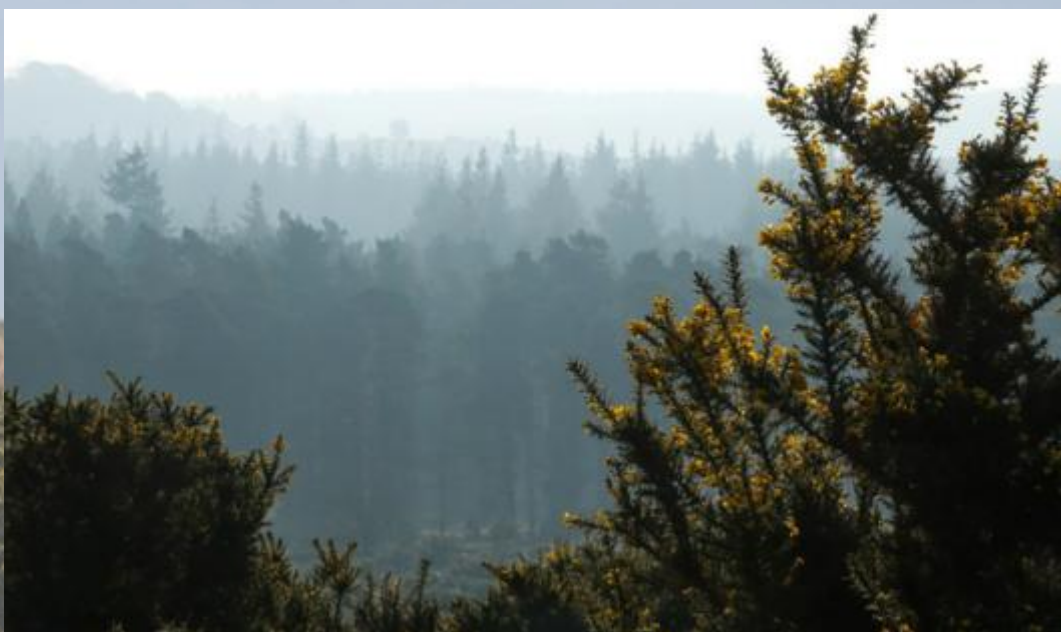


Castle Hill and Godshill
Castle Hill has always been seen as a strategic, and picturesque, viewpoint. The fine views over the Avon Valley and the easy access to the Forest has led to Castle Hill being a tourist attraction for the last 200 years. Folds Farm preserves the name and location of the manor of Fold, with a history dating back to at least 1392. It also marks the western boundary of Godshill parish. The village of Godshill is a small dispersed settlement of only 200 households and the large parish mostly comprises of open forest.

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December

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Wed 18	
Thu 19	☾
Fri 20	
Sat 21	
Sun 22	Winter Solstice
Mon 23	
Tue 24	
Wed 25	Christmas Day
Thu 26	☉ Boxing Day
Fri 27	
Sat 28	
Sun 29	
Mon 30	
Tue 31	New Year's Eve



Hampton Ridge and Pitts Wood

It's hard to believe now, but Ashley Walk was a bombing range in the 1940s. In fact, the largest bomb ever dropped on the British Isles fell close to Pitts Wood! Now it's an area of remote heath where rare birds nest and ponies graze undisturbed. This walk starts at Godshill Cricket Ground car park and is 5 miles long. It takes in two detours, one to see a bombing target indicator on Hampton Ridge and a second meander through Pitts Wood.

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Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019 from Julie, Sue, Nikki and all the staff and volunteers at Woodgreen Community Shop and Post Office.

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September						
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