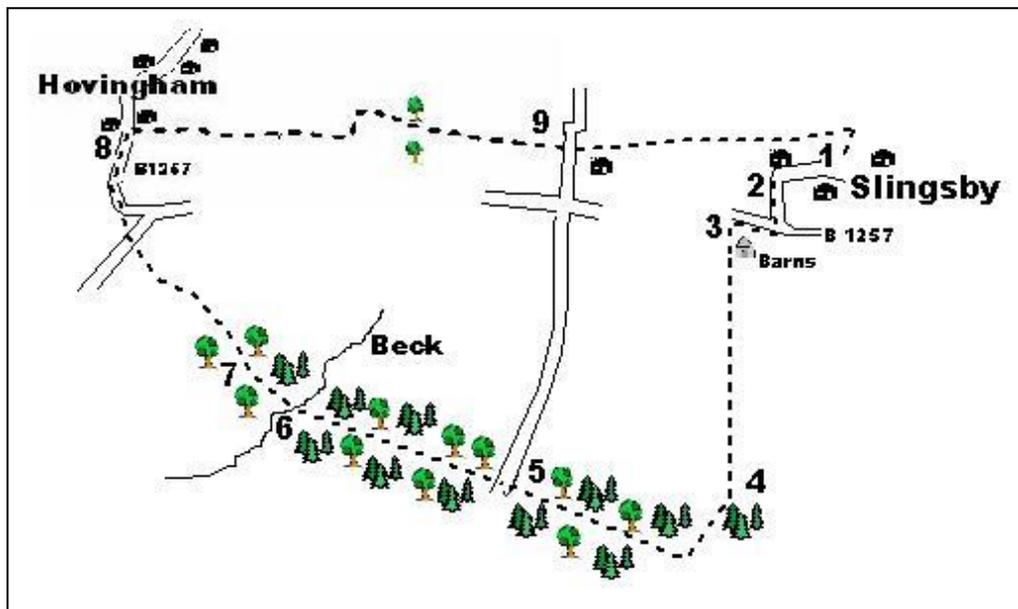


Walk for May 2017

To Hovingham past the bluebells and back a different way

A lovely circular walk that takes you up into the dense woodland of the Centenary Way and Ebor Way which is great walking any time of year but especially so during bluebell season. There a couple of steady climbs on the route but nothing too strenuous. You have a choice of eating and watering places in Hovingham before the level walk back to Slingsby, much of it along the line of the former railway.

Start – The Village Green	
Distance – 5½ miles	Duration - 2 – 2½ hours



1. From the Maypole in the centre of the Green, head southwest past the seat beside the bus stop to Malton.
2. At the corner (100 metres) bear left, and walk to the T-junction at the top of High Street. Carefully cross the main B1257 road, turn right and walk on the grass verge for some 300 yards.
3. Turn left on to the waymarked bridleway track that heads uphill towards the right of some farm buildings. The track bends slightly after the buildings then continues its climb.
4. As you reach the forest go through the gateway and walk right for 30 yards then the path bears left into the forest. Follow that path and turn right when it emerges at a track. The next section of the walk is part of the Centenary Way and known locally as the bluebell wood and is a massed carpet of flowers at this time of year.

5. When the track reaches a tarmaced road pass straight across after taking in the views of Fryton below. (There is a seat some 30 yards down the road if you want to rest a while.) Stay on the track as it passes through more woodland then after a very muddy stretch descends quite sharply to emerge through a gate into a meadow at the bottom. Go across the meadow, over the bridge and through the gate.
6. Go straight ahead and stay on the same grassy track (ignoring other tracks off to left and right – this is the one place where you might get lost on this walk!) as it bends steadily left uphill until it emerges on to a stoned track by a small waymark. This track is part of the Ebor Way.
7. Turn right on to the track and follow the waymarks as the track eventually emerges from the woods then descends through fields towards Hovingham. It meets the Sheriff Hutton road just above the village. Cross the road on to the tarmaced footpath and walk into the centre of Hovingham. There is a choice of venues here for refreshment but your next key point on your route is the Malt Shovel pub.
8. Go into the car park down a drive to the right of the pub. Pass through the car park and join the well marked path that will quite soon join the line of the former railway and eventually bring you to the tarmaced road at Fryton Grange.
9. Pass straight across and stay on the same track until you reach Slingsby. Cross the bridge over the beck and turn right up Railway Street to return to The Green.