

Walk 2a

Alice

Discover where the real Alice in Wonderland, Alice Hargreaves (née Liddell), lived. (about 50 minutes extra).

Picking up from **Walk 2**, continue along Pinkney Lane.

20

On the left is the Foxlease estate, mentioned in the 1086 Domesday Book. Given to the Girl Guides in 1922, with 65 acres, swimming pool, canoeing lake, adventure course, house and camping sites.



Continue past the white gates, entrance to Wilverley.

The land on the right belonged to Cuffnells, Alice's home and 'Wonderland come true' for 40 years. It had a fine arboretum, wilderness, lake, ballroom, gold bedroom (where George III slept), and a cricket pitch. It was demolished in the 1950s.



Pass Wilverley Farm on the left, over the cattle grid, round the corner and down the hill.

21

The Thatched Cottage on the right was a tied cottage for Cuffnells staff, without electricity, gas or tap water in the 1940s.



Continue along the lane until you come to ...

22

The Oak Inn was, in 1787, a cottage and shop with good orchard. In 1841 cider and meat were sold. Beer and cider were brewed and sold here from 1852 by the Broomfields. It was men only until the 1970s.

Continue round to the right until just before the cattle grid.

23

Author Virginia Woolf stayed at Lane End with her aunt Sarah Duckworth.

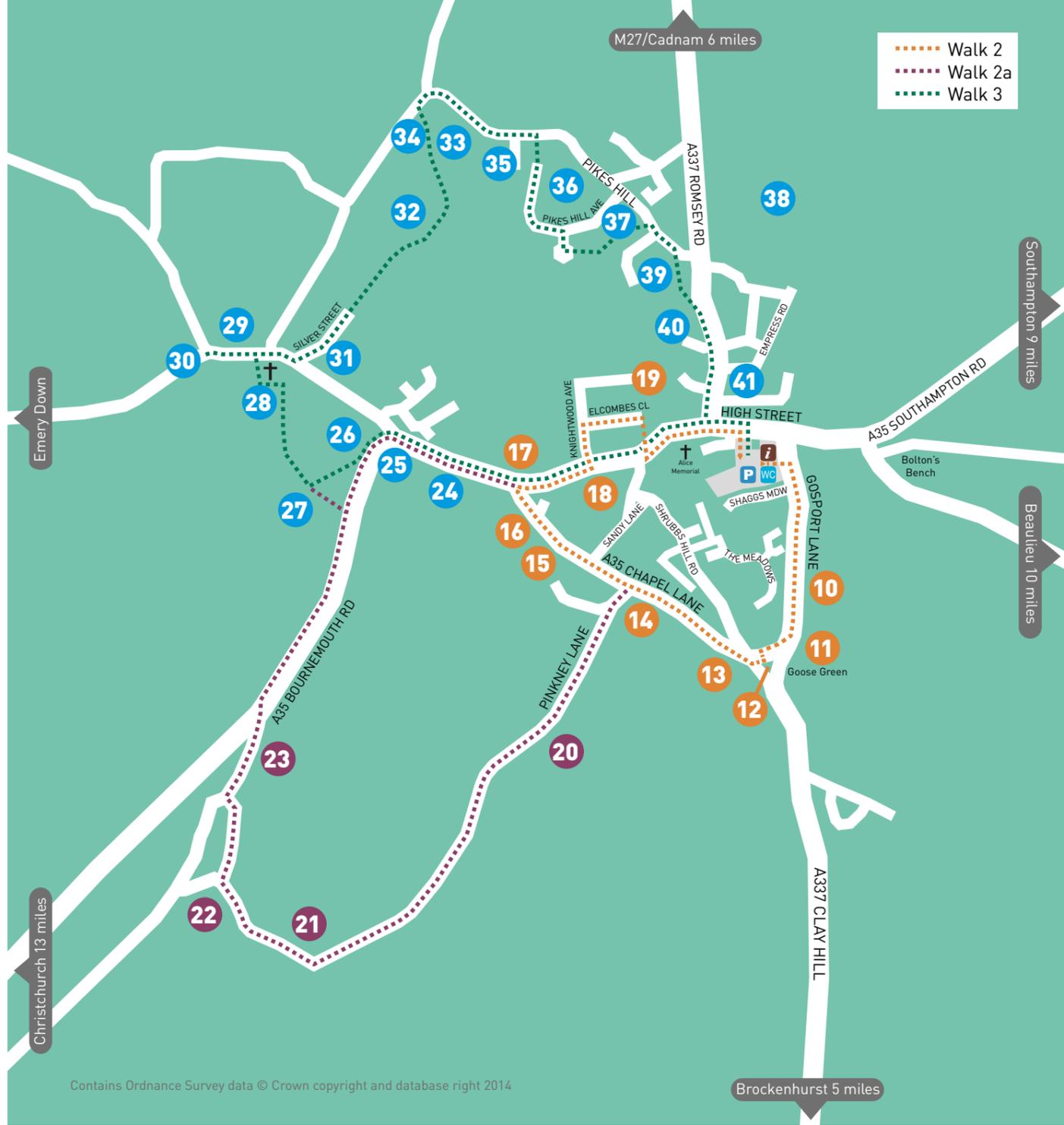
Cross the cattle grid and continue right.

 The redbrick West Lodge was built for Reginald Hargreaves by the Paynes of Emery Down. His initials RGH are above the door. It has now been renamed 'Cuffnells'.

Cross main road to footpath and follow road back to Lyndhurst.

To extend the walk further, pick up Walk 3 from the wooden gate at the top of the hill onto the forest track to Emery Down, near point 27, and go straight on at crossing of tracks (150m) (about 70 mins to Car Park).

Otherwise continue along the main road to re-join **Walk 2** at point 17.



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Walk 3

Off the beaten track

Explore Swan Green, Emery Down and Pikes Hill. Strong shoes are advised, especially if wet (about 1.5 hours).

Leave car park to the High Street, turn left, continue and cross the road at crossing by the church. Continue, passing Knightwood Avenue and Chapel Lane, until you see an entrance on the left.

24

Cuffnells East Lodge and the West Lodge at Bank are all that remains of Cuffnells, the large Georgian mansion where Alice Hargreaves, Lewis Carroll's real Alice, lived with husband Reginald, three sons, Alan, Leopold and Caryl, and many servants. The New Forest Show was held here and at Northerwood in the past.

Continue to ...

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The Swan is an old coaching inn c.1676. Landlord James Pidgeon was also a postmaster while George Hull ran a carpentry, timber and steam saw business. Opposite were a coal yard, blacksmiths, tea rooms and sweet shop.



26

The coachman blew his horn when passing Swan Green until 1912 to warn those at the Fox and Hounds to be ready to change the horses. The Pony Sale now held at Beaulieu Road began here in the 1840s. Mrs Bartlett's steam fair with swings and roundabouts was here too. Lord Londesborough (Northerwood) created a cricket ground on the green for his family and friends. Cricket was played here until 2014.

 Cross the Emery Down Road and climb the stile onto the green. Keep the fence on your left, bear right and take the clear forest track. At crossing of tracks (150m) turn right.

27

Follow the forest track to Emery Down. This was a short cut from Bank to the school, church and shop.



Reaching Emery Down, enter churchyard by the side gate.

28

Christ Church. Admiral Boulton was so shocked that local people did not go to church that he paid for one, designed by William Butterfield.



Exit by the lych gate and turn left.

Pass the former Victorian School and School House.

29

Black and white Almshouses opposite, with central well, were also endowed by Admiral Boulton.

Continue down the road.

30

The New Forest Inn began as a caravan on wheels selling beer. The central part is said to be built round the caravan. What do you think?

 Retrace steps, past the church, and take second left into Silver Street.

31

Brusher Mills, the snake catcher, was born here. The red Telephone Box was bought for villagers for £1. It is used as an Information Centre, with its own website and a visitors' book. Spot former hay lofts and Charcoal Cottage, with charcoal makers' signs. Find the Rat Trap brick pattern. Houses here were built on the Lyndhurst - Minstead boundary on land encroached from the forest.

Continue past barrier onto a gravel track.

32

A concrete post engraved HCC marks the boundary of Henry C. Compton's Minstead estate.

Pass the former gardener's thatched cottage on the left with ruins opposite before coming to the large redbrick...

33

Blackwater House on the right, built for the Comptons in 1890.

34

The coachman, later the chauffeur, lived at what is now Stable End (left).

Turn right at the end of the gravel track and continue along the road to Pikes Hill until you reach the entrance to Fenwick2.

35

The former Fenwick Hospital, built by George Fenwick in 1908 for 'the suffering poor.' It relied on donations until the NHS began in 1948. It closed in 2005 re-opening later as Fenwick2 providing private health services.



Turn right through pedestrian gate next to the hospital entrance and continue down Pikes Hill Avenue.

36

Pikes Hill was known as Pig's Hill. Foresters often kept pigs in their backyards and grazed them in the forest on acorns in the pannage season. Too many acorns can kill ponies. Pikes Hill Avenue is built on land once part of the Northerwood estate, pre-WW2.

Just round the left hand bend take the right turn into a small cul de sac, go down the footpath on the left and follow the track until you reach the thatched ...

37

Waterloo Arms, named after Wellington's victory, probably began as a cottage where beer was brewed in the 1800s. A Mr Taylor brewed beer here in 1859 and ran a general shop and grocery.



Continue right taking the path in front of Forest Lodge Hotel, following the tracks of those reluctant to pay money at the Tollgate across the Romsey Road.

38

Look across the main Romsey Road to Lyndhurst Golf Course, once the Race Course. Ponies, horses, bullocks and George Rose's racing ox competed in 1804. Pony Sales and athletics took place here too and, in 1885, a race with dogs, cats, snakes, pigs and guinea fowl. It all ended when the prize cup was stolen.

39

Forest Lodge Hotel is the old Dower House to Northerwood. Pass thatched Jervis Cottage which was a Dame School 50 years ago, with classes in the kitchen and playtime on Gales Green. Admiral Sir John Jervis served with Captain Cook and Lord Nelson.

Continue to Forest Gardens and cross to the thatched cottage opposite.

40

The thatched cottage was by a later toll gate, aimed at catching all the Pikes Hill travellers.



Continue, crossing Kings Close.

41

The old cottage at the corner of Wellands Road opposite was the first Fire Station, paid for by funds raised locally.

Continue until the traffic lights. Cross to the Imperial Chinese Restaurant, turn left and return to car park and New Forest Centre.

Walk 1 The High Street

Discover stories from Lyndhurst's historic past (about 50 minutes).



1
Go up to the top of the Car Park, to Church Lane...
The Non-descript Club was built for the Victorian entertainer, songwriter and author Ellen Dickson and called The Birds Nest.
Walk up Church Lane and into the churchyard, to the porch...



2
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Go back over the pedestrian crossing and down the High Street to.

3
Facing you is...
Continue down the church drive, cross the road (pedestrian crossing) and turn left.
The ancient Verderers' Court, still guardian of the rights of Commons. The Queen's House was the Royal Manor, now Forestry Commission offices. Look for the dates and royal initials.

4
Red Lodge: here were the village's stocks and Blind House, or lock-up, to punish petty crimes and drunkenness.
Walk up a little way to see, opposite,

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Opposite is the historic Crown Hotel, a coaching inn (rebuilt 1896) with mounting block by the door. Left of the Crown is the school (1849) on the site of the old stables for the Queen's House. (they were later known as the Duke of Gloucester's Stables). Troops were stationed here in the Napoleonic Wars.

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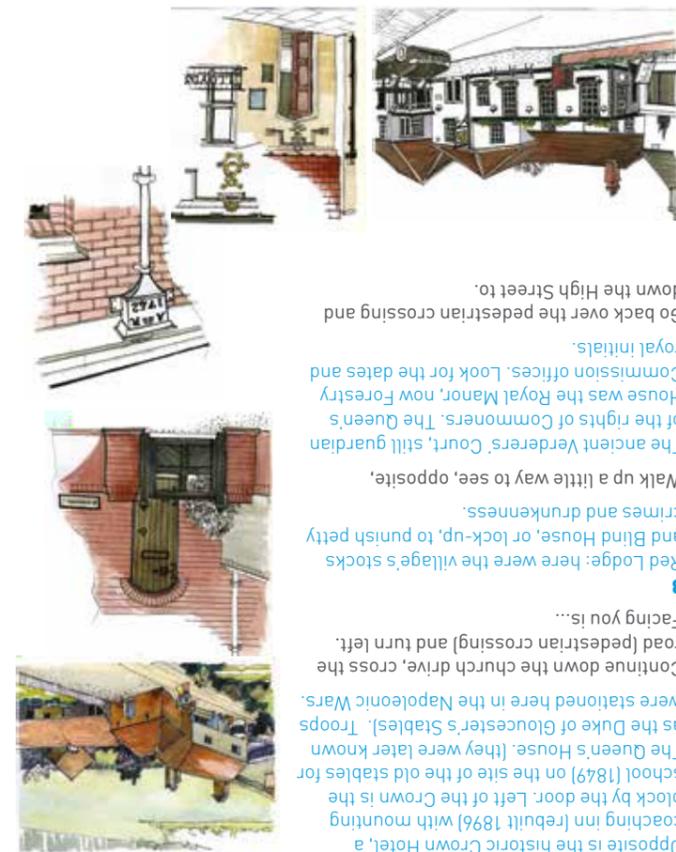
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9
Go through the gate, turn left and cross the road to the track past the car park...
Ponies, donkeys and cows graze here on the forest lawns. Please do not feed - they are wild!

10
Bolton's Bench is the tree covered knoll. A Duke of Bolton was MP and Lord Warden of the Forest. Hunts met here. Contemporary.

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Return to main car park.



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Pass the car park entrance.

16
Budgets replaced The New Forest Hall, later the Plaza Cinema. The Workmen's Club (1890) and Reading Room were provided by village gentry.
Cross by the pedestrian crossing and continue, passing.

17
The jeweller, which was a dairy with yard behind. The Greenwood Tree tearoom was the Imperial Garage and Fire Station in WW2. It was bombed but suffered no casualties.

18
The Stag Inn and Mailman's Arms were once Beer houses. The Stag, rebuilt in 1907, was known for fine wines and dining (see wall board).
A village pound for straying animals was here. The large brick doorway at Meriden Modena was designed for a railway planned to link Lyndhurst with Ashurst but never built.

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Discover our links with Australia and Arthur Phillip, (1735 - 1814) who led the First Fleet to New South Wales in 1788. He was their First Governor. A bench to Phillip is opposite the New Forest Centre (about 40 minutes).

37
Turn left towards the coach park and round the end of New Forest Centre to leave the Car Park by the entrance roadway. Turn right at Gosport Lane...

38
Across the road on the left 30 acres were farmed by Arthur Phillip. Guided by his servant Henry Edward Dodd, who went with him, he learned the farming skills essential to set up the new agricultural colony in New South Wales.

39
The old Vernalls Farm and Arthur and Charlotte Phillip's Vernalls House with 'well stocked fishpond', coach and brew houses have long gone. The sign to a new Vernalls Farm is on the left. In the 1700s coaches to Southampton ran by three times weekly on the turnpike road.

40
Stay on the right hand path round the corner into...

41
Goose Green (Phillip knew it as 'Lyndhurst Green') was once the place for village geese, bonfires and childhood games. 'Gosport' is an old name for Goose gate.

42
Pass entrance to 'Ganders' and cross road onto Goose Green. Walk to the right and cross road to white wall. Follow the wall round into Chapel Lane.

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The Baptist Church, with gravestones dating to the early 1700s. The present building dates from 1848. The Baptists once had their own school.



16
Pass INEOS offices, built on the site of Hawkslease, an old house, still remembered as a Church of England Children's Home. Cuffnells, home of George Rose (1744-1818), and later Alice, was in the fields behind. Phillip named Rose Hill in Sydney after Rose, the Lymington and Christchurch MP and Treasury Secretary, and Sydney after Lord Sydney.

17
As soon as you can, cross Chapel Lane and continue to the junction. Then take care crossing the main road.

18
The rising fields were part of the Notherwood Estate. Notherwood House dates from the 17c. George III once visited. Lord Londesborough used it in the 19c. during the hunting and shooting seasons.



Continue towards Lyndhurst.

19
Hartwood (formerly Hill) House was a hospital in 1915-1918. Alice Hargreaves was vice president of the local Red Cross.

Opposite Hartwood House turn left into Knightwood Avenue, then right into Elcombes Close.

20
Walk to the end of the road. The houses you pass were built on the old gardens and tennis court of Elcombes, the last house on the right. This land was once part of Notherwood. The Elcombe family were wealthy merchants. Captain William Locker, Nelson's Naval Purveyor, lived here. Nelson told his first wife, Fanny Nisbet, to go to Phillip if she was in trouble.



Go through the arched gateway on the right into the High Street, turn left, cross in front of the church and return to the Car Park.

All walks are undertaken at your own risk.

Take extra care crossing here

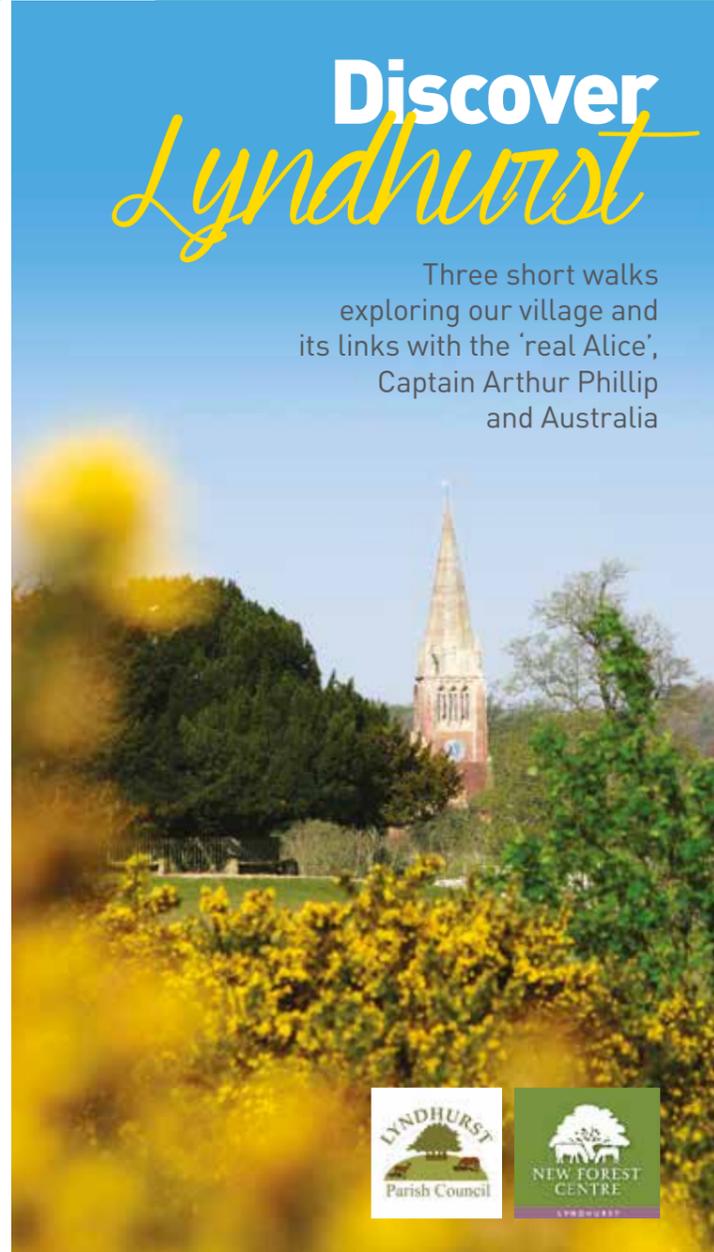
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