

WALK THREE - FARNSFIELD / HEXGREAVE ESTATE

ALLOW 80 MINUTES (approx 5 miles)

Map not to scale - For further detail refer to OS Explorer Map 270 (Sherwood Forest).

Key: (S) Start, (E) East, (L) Left, (R) Right, (LH) Left Hand

From Southwell Trail Farnsfield car park, head E.

Farnsfield Station was built in 1871 and it was closed in 1929. The building next to the car park, now named "The Old Goods Yard" (private house) was the old engine shed. To the right of this, a spur of the Trail passes the Station House on the left and the old platform on the right, now covered with heavy vegetation.

Cross over Broomfield Lane, continue on Trail past pumping station (on R) to the junction with the Brickyard Lane track, emerging from R.

The brick built pumping station was opened on 5th August 1898. It was originally steam driven to supply water to Newark. It is still in use today having been operated by electricity since 1973.

At the bench turn L crossing field straight towards a single central tree (if field cropped, follow LH field edge) reaching a tarmac track outside Lower Hexgreave Farm. Go left along road to the T junction. On the corner go through gap in hedge opposite (stile). Cross a field, through a spinney and cross another field (with stiles) and enter the deer park through boundary kissing gate. Follow fence line and exit deer park via second



Hexgreave Hall



boundary kissing gate emerging on road running through the Hexgreave Estate.

The earliest written record of Hexgreave Estate was in 1240. Hexgreave was gifted to the Archbishop of York as a deer park in 1255. Today a herd of Red Deer is again kept on the estate. There is a cafe next to the Hall, the entrance is through the car park.

Turn L and continue straight ahead along this road to a stile on R. Follow diagonal footpath through field. (OR continue on road to T junction, turn R) then L into Broomfield Lane. Pass South Lodge gatehouse and rejoin Trail on R when houses begin. Follow Trail back to start.

