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A gentle circular walk into the countryside west of Henfield

This 3½ mile walk is along fairly level paths suitable for any walkers. The footpaths outside Henfield can get wet and muddy in places. There are no stiles on the route, making it especially suitable for families with pushchairs and young children. But one farm gate may be locked (see X on map) and then access is through a kissing gate alongside and pushchairs will need folding or lifting over.

Features of interest

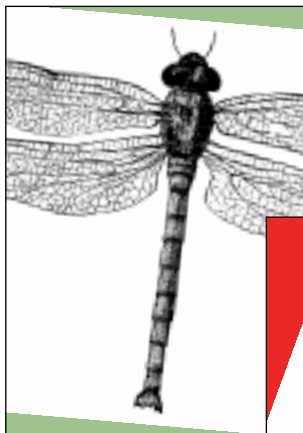
Henfield had a wooden Saxon church in 770, probably built on the same high point as the current parish church. The first stone building was around 1250, and St Peter's Church was enlarged in 14th century using sandstone from excavations in Stonepit Lane.

The Tanyard had two natural ponds when tanning was a major village industry during the 16th and 17th centuries, ending in 1844. Only one remains in the current Tanyard, now an open space for Henfield.



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How many of these can you
find on your walk?



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A Village Walk



Henfield

Easy route — about 3¼ miles

This circular walk has 2 starting points – the Tanyard pond or the car park for the Downs Link by the Old Railway Tavern pub.

1. Start at gate into Tanyard pond off Cagefoot Lane. Follow the footpath along side Tanyard field into Church Lane. Continue on into churchyard of St Peter's Church, go left and follow path around to avoid narrow lane. Rejoin lane at front door of Church then follow pavement out to Church Street, cross carefully. Follow pavement left and turn right immediately after Hacketts Lane. Follow path through play area and continue straight on the grass between tennis courts and road.

2. At start of Leisure Centre car park go left and follow path beside playing field, then at footpath sign go right by fence along edge of playing field. At end go through hedge and at footpath sign go left. View of monastery ahead. Continue along footpath and go through gate onto Downs Link. Go right on Downs Link until next footpath sign. Ahead on Downs Link is River Adur.

3. Take track left, continue left at bend, and go up and over hill. View of South Downs ahead. Track joins Stonepit Lane, go past stonepit, then left and follow lane until it joins West End Lane. Go left.

Car park for Downs Link is about 7 mile along on left. For a shortcut back to Tanyard pond, continue along past Old Railway Tavern on Upper Station Road until you reach Church Lane, and go right. ** To start walk at car park, walk right along West End Lane until Hollands Road on left.

4. Go right into Hollands Road. View of South Downs ahead. At end go left and rejoin Downs Link on right towards Bramber. Continue on past first footpath sign but at next 4-way sign go left and then immediately left into Sandy Lane. Continue up slope towards Henfield, and follow road right at 'Rushmear Nursery'

6. At top, look for 'Old Mill House' on right. At main road 'Mill End', cross carefully then follow pavement right. Turn left into Broomfield Road and walk along to post box. Cross road and follow footpath opposite. Cross road and go ahead on path next to entrance into Red Oaks. This footpath leads back to Cagefoot Lane.

