

# Doorstep Walks

## A Closer Look Guide

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### **The Hail Mary Wood Walk at Treeton**

#### **Doorstep Walk 11 – Just the Words**

Some people may find the small print of the walks leaflets a little tricky to follow, or walk leaders may wish to have a handy, large print version of the walk to insert notes. We thought it would be useful to have a description only version of the walks to enable you to cut and paste, enlarge or remove text as you wish.

- 1** Start at Treeton (why not pick up a few things to eat and drink at the shops there before you start) at the Post Office, turn left and head past the lovely old church in Treeton (see sidebar). Head right down Washfield Lane, just before the cricket club turn left heading into the countryside.
- 2** Head straight following the enclosed path, soon the path begins to head steeply downhill towards the lake and wood. The path crosses a track and then via a raised concrete walkway before entering Hail Mary Wood (see sidebar). The wood is awash with bluebells in the spring and is particularly worth a visit at that time.
- 3** Follow the path through the wood, keeping to the waymarked path, and soon you will head uphill, stay on the waymarked route as it turns first right and then left. After a while you will see steps on your right, follow these to the top of the hill, keep heading straight on as the path opens up. Where the

path curves to the right pause a moment, this commanding spot was once defended by a castle, which stood on the side of the hill.

- 4** Stay on the path as it descends some steps back into the wood, where the path forks at the bottom turn left, following the path as it slowly heads downhill, at the bottom turn right, you are back on the path you arrived on, follow the route back over the raised concrete walkway, cross the track and head uphill on the path which then bears left.
- 5** You are following the route of part of the Trans Pennine Trail, a 350 mile long route which links Southport to Hull, there are many short walks and rides based on the trail, for copies check out our website for free downloads (all our walks and rides are on this site) Soon you will pass the cricket club again; at the road turn right and back up to the main road at the top of the hill, where you should turn left and return to the post office.