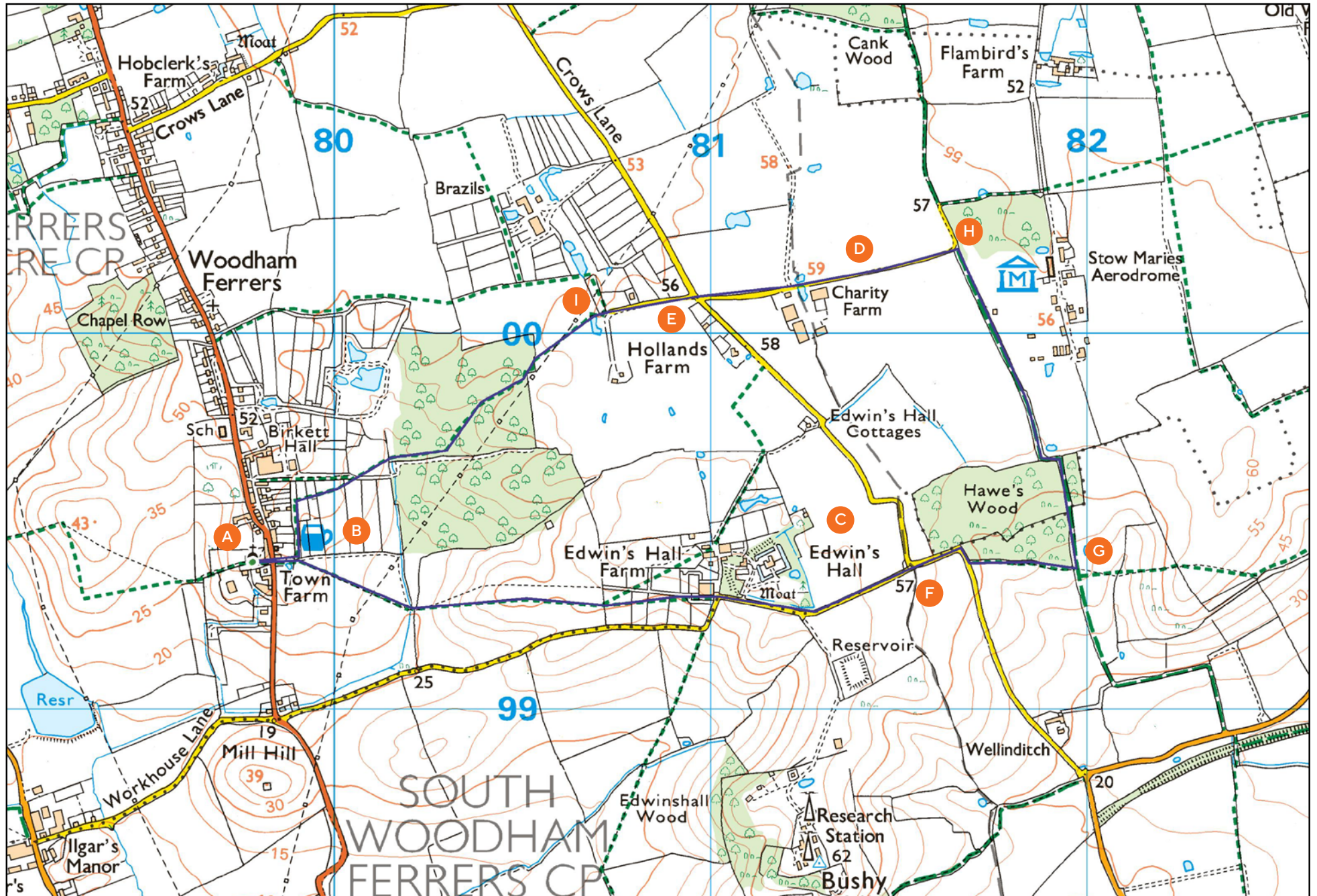


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ROUTE GUIDANCE

This walk is approximately 3 miles and is mostly covered by OS Explorer 175 apart from the area near Hollands Farm which is OS Explorer 183 . In winter time it can be very muddy and in the summer months some of the footpath signs are hidden by foliage.

1. Go past the side entrance of the Bell Pub and go through the gap in the pergola straight ahead of you. Turn left on the path and follow the foot path sign. As you emerge at the next signpost, bear right and go diagonally across the field towards the gap in the hedge. (See map 5 for more details on the start of this route.)
2. Follow the footpath sign up the hill and on to the post in the next hedge.
3. Go through the gate and head towards the road following the footpath signs when you reach the buildings.
4. After the stile, turn left and follow the road past Edwins Hall.
5. At the junction with Crows Lane continue on the main road.
6. After a sharp bend the to the right pick up the footpath on the left which goes alongside Hawes Wood.
7. At the end of the wood turn left and follow the bridleway which goes beside and then into the wood.
8. Follow the bridleway as it turns left and shortly afterwards turns to the right.
9. At the end of the bridleway turn left onto the road and continue past Charity Farm.
10. At the crossroads keep straight on following signs to Hollands Farm and at the bend follow the footpath which goes straight on and after 50m proceed across the field diagonally towards the stile.
11. Climb the stile and join the track, turning to the left. When you reach the next footpath sign bear to the right and continue around the edge of the plantation.
12. Eventually at the bottom you will reach a footpath, turn left and proceed for about 50 m passing an abandoned horsebox and beehives. Turn right up the hill towards the houses keeping close to the fence beside the horse fields.
13. Turn left at the end of the field and follow the path behind the houses.
14. Go through the gap in the hedge where you will see the footpath sign and turn right towards the Bell Pub.

MAP REFERENCES

St. Mary’s Church **A**

Built on the site of a Saxon church in the 13th century, extended in the 14th and 15th centuries. The tower that once adorned the West end of the church fell in 1703, was rebuilt only to fall again in 1774 and was replaced by a wooden belfry to house one of the former five bells.

The Bell **B**

The present public house was built in 1885, on a site that has had brewing connections at least as far back as 1623

Edwins Hall **C**

Rebuilt by Edwin Sandys, Archbishop of York, from whom it takes its name. The house today is but a small portion of the double moated Manor House which was built between 1576 and 1580.

Charity Farm **D**

In 1716 Edmund Butler vested in trust an estate of 193 acres to provide for the education and clothing of the poor children of the parishes of Boreham and Little Baddow.

Hollands Farm **E**

Possibly a corruption of an old farm name of Howlands, which dates back to 1538

Footpath 19 used today is the same path that was used by the staff at the hall the shortest route to the village and church.



F Junction with Crows Lane and Edwins Hall



G View north along the bridleway



H Left turn to Charity Farm



I View towards the stile