

## **Discovering the Preston Candover Area**

### **Seven Scenic Walks**

#### **Walk Number 2 - The Lower Wield Walk**

approximately 7 miles; 3.5 hours

- 1.** From the large lay-by next to the Village Hall, walk in the direction of Alresford for about half a mile and then take the turning on your left. Walk up the hill past Lower Farm for approximately 1500 metres and then just over the brow of the hill and the second footpath sign, turn left onto a track that runs to the right of the boundary hedgerow. Continue along this until at the end it enters the Oxdrove. Turn right on the Oxdrove, then after only a few metres, turn left at a Footpath sign. Cross the field to the right hand side of the facing hedge, follow along the side of this hedge to the end and the Parish boundary. Cross the stile and walking in the same general direction, aim for a waymarked stile that lays to the left of a belt of fir trees in the hedge opposite. Cross this belt to the adjoining field; on the far side (left) there is a bungalow and in the garden fence you will notice a stile. Walk to this, cross through the gateway opposite and enter the Wield/Preston Candover Road.
- 2.** Turn right, walk for about 400 metres until the road turns sharp right (at Caigers Farm). Enter the field in front at the footpath sign and keeping the hedge on your right, cross over the next two fields, then enter the next field by way of a stile on the right. Walk in the same general direction to the left hand side of the facing hedge, follow along the side, entering the wood and then Wield Road at Drove Cottage.
- 3.** Turn left and then at the road junction right and proceed through Lower Wield. After passing Lower Wield Farm at a sharp turn to the right, enter through a field gate onto a farm track on your left. Walk to the end of the first field. Go through the gate on the left by a waymarked stile and continuing in the same general direction, make for the left hand side of the facing wood; walk along the side until a stile is reached, enter the wood and cross to the adjoining gated field entrance. Walk along the side of the wood to the end and then cross straight across the field to reach the opening in the hedgerow opposite, go through to enter Preston Down.
- 4.** Turn right and following the side round past the apex until the stile opposite the entry point is reached, cross and proceeding in the same general direction walk over two fields to make for the left hand side of the facing hedge. Follow along the side over two more fields to reach the Wield Road near to the Preston Candover Village Green. Turn right back to lay-by where the walk began.

