



Left, old and new, before the arrival of the tractor, horses were used to do all the cultivation work on the land.  
Top picture, horses ploughing the fields, below, potato harvesting.



(B) Freasley Church:  
The Church of St Leonard's was built in 1868, and enlarged in 1901.

(A) Holt Farm:  
Holt dates back to the 13th Century when land was given to the monks of Merevale. Holt Farm dates from circa 1580.

(D) Kingsbury Colliery:  
The first pit in Kingsbury Colliery was sunk in 1894. The mine had a chequered history, finally being closed in 1968. The village of Piccadilly, at the start of the walk, was built for the miners and their families.



Partridge, commonly found on arable fields in groups of 6-15, commonly know as coveys. They are slowly making a comeback after being in decline for a number of years. They make a sound like "skeeer-ick" when calling, and have a whirring type of flight, followed by a long glide.

(C) Freasley Hall:  
This tall brick house with Baroque-style chimneys was built in the late 17th Century

## Points Of Interest

### Length Of The Walks

This walk is suitable for all the family. It is clearly indicated with the waymark signs identified below, predominantly across flat countryside, and provides an interesting walk of town, country and industrial scenery.

Total Walk 5 Miles (approx. 2.5 hours)



### Starting Point

The walk starts in the Sportsman's Arms Public House car park, Perryman Drive, off Trinity Road, Piccadilly. Please park carefully, as you will away for some time.

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information on other circular walks in North Warwickshire, Countryside Events & Activities, and Cycleways, please contact North Warwickshire Borough Council, Community Development Division, The Council House, South Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BG, telephone (01827) 719207. More information about activities and events in Northern Warwickshire can be obtained by visiting the Northern Warwickshire Information Centre, Kingsbury Water Park, Bodymoore Heath Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Telephone (01827) 872660.

If you find any problems on public footpaths, please contact Warwickshire County Council's Countryside Access Team on (01926) 410410.

For **HAPPY** walking follow the country code

*Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work*

*Keep all dogs under control*

*Keep to public paths across farmland*

*Fasten all gates*

*Guard against the risk of fire*

*Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls*

*Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone*

*Help to keep all water clean*

*Take your litter home*

*Protect wildlife, plants and trees*

*Make no unnecessary noise*

*Take special care on country roads*

*Follow the waymarkers which indicate the route of the walk*

*Wear strong water-proof footwear*



# Piccadilly Walk



An attractive and contrasting circular walk on the northern edge of Warwickshire, which links the villages of Piccadilly, Whateley, Freasley and Wood End.



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## Main Route ▲

The walk starts at the Sportsman's Arms Public House car park, in Piccadilly. From here, walk down Perryman Drive to Trinity Road. Turn right and follow the pavement, and then verge, until you reach the traffic lights at the second railway bridge. Take extreme care going under the bridge, as there is no pavement and oncoming traffic is unsighted. Walk along the grass verge for 100 metres before crossing the road, going through a pedestrian gate to the right of a cattle grid, and crossing the bridge over the M42 motorway. Continue along the drive, and, just before the road bends to the left to Holt Farm (A), go through a small gate on the right passing a bungalow on your left, before reaching a field.

Follow the edge of the field with the hedge on your left until you reach a waymarker just before a field gate in the hedge. Go diagonally across the field to a stile in the hedge, cross this stile and then proceed across another field towards the white house ahead of you.

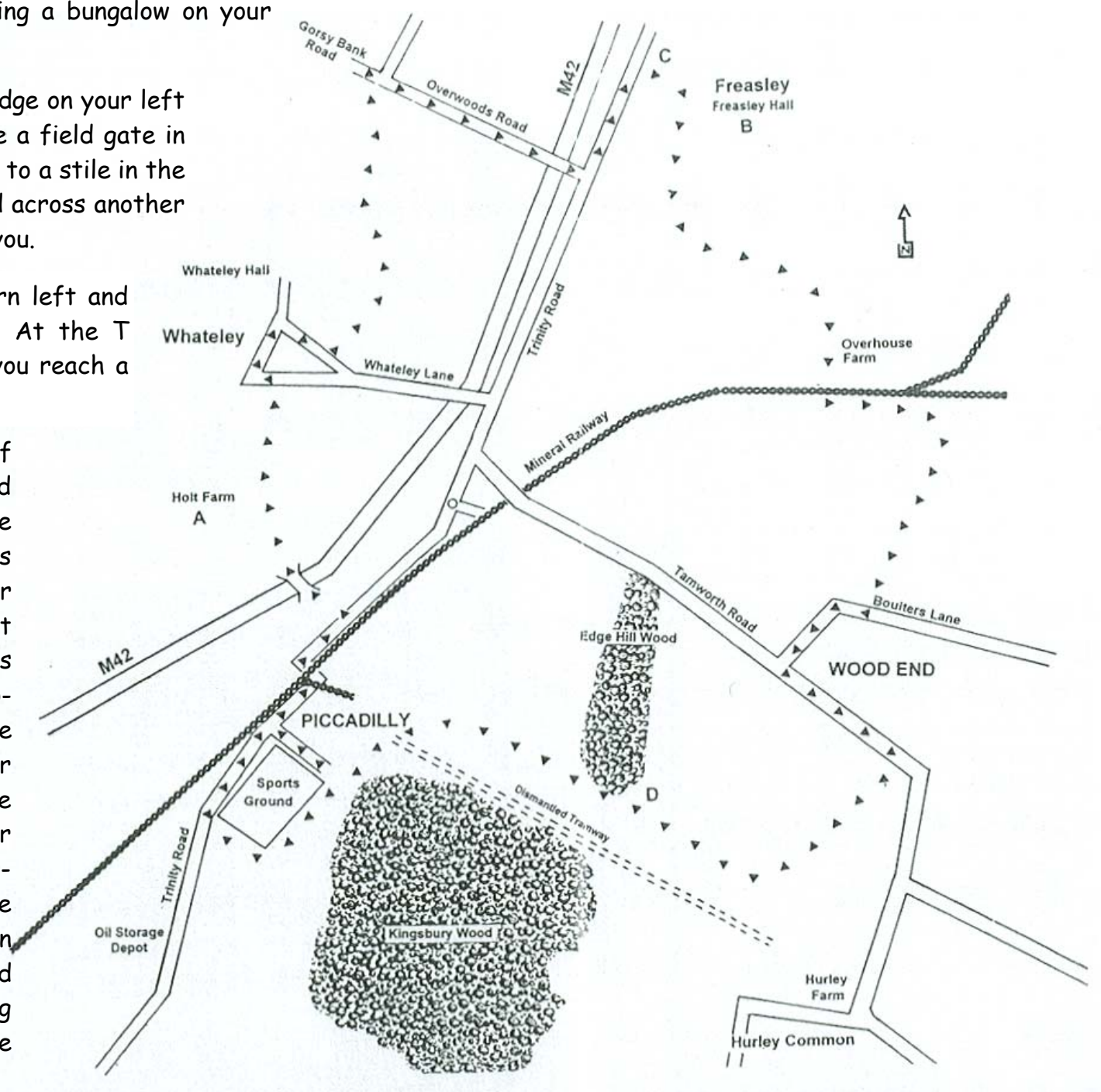
Cross over the stile, onto the road, turn left and head towards the village of Whateley. At the T junction, turn right and continue until you reach a post box on your left.

Turn left and walk along the edge of Rosemary Cottage garden, over a stile and into a field. Walk along the edge of the field with the hedge on your left. Cross over the stile in the top left hand corner into a further field. Continue for about 100 metres to a stile on your left; cross this stile and walk diagonally right towards the second telegraph pole to the left of the electricity pylon. Cross over the stile and continue to walk alongside the hedge, which this time is to your right. Cross over this stile onto Overwoods Road. Cross to the pavement on the other side of the road near the junction with Gorsy Bank Road; turn right, and continue along the pavement crossing back over Overwoods Road where the pavement changes sides.

Follow the road over the M42 and to the T junction with Trinity Road. Cross this busy road and turn left. Continue along the footpath for 200 metres to where the path is waymarked down a grassy bank on the right. Cross over the stile and walk along the left-hand edge of the field. In the top corner of the field, cross the stile and follow the tall conifer hedge firstly on your right, and, after crossing a gate entrance then on your left. This will bring you out into Freasley Village Green, near the telephone box (B) (C). Turn right and walk along the road out of the village. When you get to the fork in the road, turn left towards Overhouse Farm and walk along the farmyard drive.

At the farm, bear right along the track, keeping the farm buildings on your left. On leaving the farmyard, cross the bridge over the mineral railway line, turning immediately left to follow a track through two fields.

At the far end of the second field, turn right and walk uphill along the left-hand side of two fields until you reach a stile on your left. Cross the stile and walk diagonally across the field to a gap in the hedge and a stile which you cross onto Boulters Lane. Turn right and proceed into Wood End. At the T junction, turn left and walk along Tamworth Road. Opposite number 145, take the path between the hedge and a post & wire fence to a stile.



Cross the stile and follow the hedge on your left for 10 metres; cross diagonally over a farm track, and continue along the hedge, which is now on your right. Cross over the next stile and walk straight ahead across the middle of the field. In the field corner, go down two steps to a stile, which you cross, and follow the hedge on your right, crossing over another stile. At the footpath crossroads, take the stile straight ahead of you, and walk along several fields divided by ditches along a well-defined footpath to woods beyond. At the wood's edge (D) take the descending path keeping the woods on your right. Follow the path as it bears left and proceed with the post and wire fence on your right, passing a high wire mesh on your left. Continue along the path as it goes downhill, and then bears left. Follow the path as it runs behind the back gardens of the terraced houses on your right. On reaching a concrete panel fence along the boundary with the recreation ground, cross the grassed area back to the car park.