



### Walk Information

- ▶ Some steep ascent
- ▶ Can be muddy



### Car Parking for Greencroft Walk

Public car parking is available in Lanchester Village Centre

## Accommodation Information

### Kings Head Hotel

We have 6 en-suite rooms which have been stylishly designed. Double rooms have giant 6 foot beds, twin rooms have 2 single beds. All rooms have tea & coffee making facilities, iron and ironing board and colour TV.

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Email: [kingsheadhotel@btinternet.com](mailto:kingsheadhotel@btinternet.com)

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**Bee Cottage Guest House**, Castleside, Consett, DH8 9HW.

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**Browney Cottage & Browney Close**, Hall Hill Farm, Lanchester, Durham, DH7 0TA.

Tel: 01388 731 333 www:[hallhillfarm.co.uk](http://hallhillfarm.co.uk)

**Hamsteels Hall and Cottages**, Quebec, Durham, DH7 9RS.

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**Pondfield Villa Farm Cottages**, Millershill Lane, Rowley, Castleside, Durham, DH8 9HF.

Tel: 01207 582 703 email: [k.a.steel@btinternet.com](mailto:k.a.steel@btinternet.com) www:[pondfieldvillacottages.co.uk](http://pondfieldvillacottages.co.uk)

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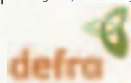
Tel: 01207 529 522 email: [colepikecottages@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colepikecottages@hotmail.co.uk)

**Swallows' Barn**, Biggen House Farm, Esh, County Durham, DH7 9RP.

Tel: 0191 373 7864



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# Greencroft Walk

Discover the beautiful scenery and rich heritage of Lanchester Parish

Distance: 5 Miles



## Lanchester Parish, Co. Durham

**Start at Lanchester Village Green. From war memorial take path to and cross A691, turn left and take next footpath on right. Turn left over stone stile into field.**

The Lodge, standing on the left hand side, is an early 19th Century house and is listed Grade II (no public access). The well in the grounds is also listed.



**The Lodge**

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**Continue up Pace Egg Bank. At top of 2nd field bear left then turn right between thorn bushes and over stile. At top of next field bear left.**

From here panoramic views can be taken of Lanchester village and across parts of Greenwell Ford Estate (south). Greencroft estate woodland is visible to the west, this stretches across the A6076. 'Cold Pig Hill (or Humber Hill) lies to the west.

Pace Egg Bank derives its name from 'Pace-egg' rolling. This continues today on Easter Monday morning. The eggs are hard boiled and dyed with flowers (usually celandines) and onion skin. Cow parsley leaves also provide a stencil to make a feathery pattern. The eggs are then bould competitively down the hill.

**Continue through stone gateway then take right fork aiming for wooden electricity pole and cross stile. Follow the path to Moor Leazes and turn left just before mobile phone mast. Over the stile keep to the left of the holly bushes and walk down to Back Lane.**



**'Pace Eggs'**

The trees and bushes cover a sunken lane. This was a track to a disused sandstone quarry north of Spring Gardens.

**Turn left into Back Lane.**

The path goes past the rear of Ornsby Hill House which was built in 1778 and is reputed to have a coffin chute.



**Greencroft Hall**

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**At sign for Lanchester cross A6076 and follow public footpath sign to stile. Bear right after stile and join the track from Fenhall Lodge, entering Greencroft Park.**



**Fenhall Lodge**

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Greencroft was mentioned in the Boldon Book, a survey of the Bishopric of Durham in 1183. It is believed there was a medieval village on the site of Greencroft Park and the Hall may have been built on the site of the original manor house. Greencroft Hall was initially built by the Clavering family in 1670. A dovecote, dairy, Fenhall Lodge and ice house have survived in the old park. Mackenzie wrote in 1825 "It is a spacious, elegant mansion embosomed by luxurious plantations of lofty forest trees and commanding a fine rural prospect of the winding vale of Lanchester". In May and June some of the colourful old varieties of rhododendron can still be seen among the woodland. Fenhall Lodge is listed Grade II. It is built in the 'Tudor style' the gate piers and walls are also listed Grade II. The lodge stood at the entrance to a carriage drive leading to Greencroft Hall (demolished 1950s), the line of the drive is visible on the path.

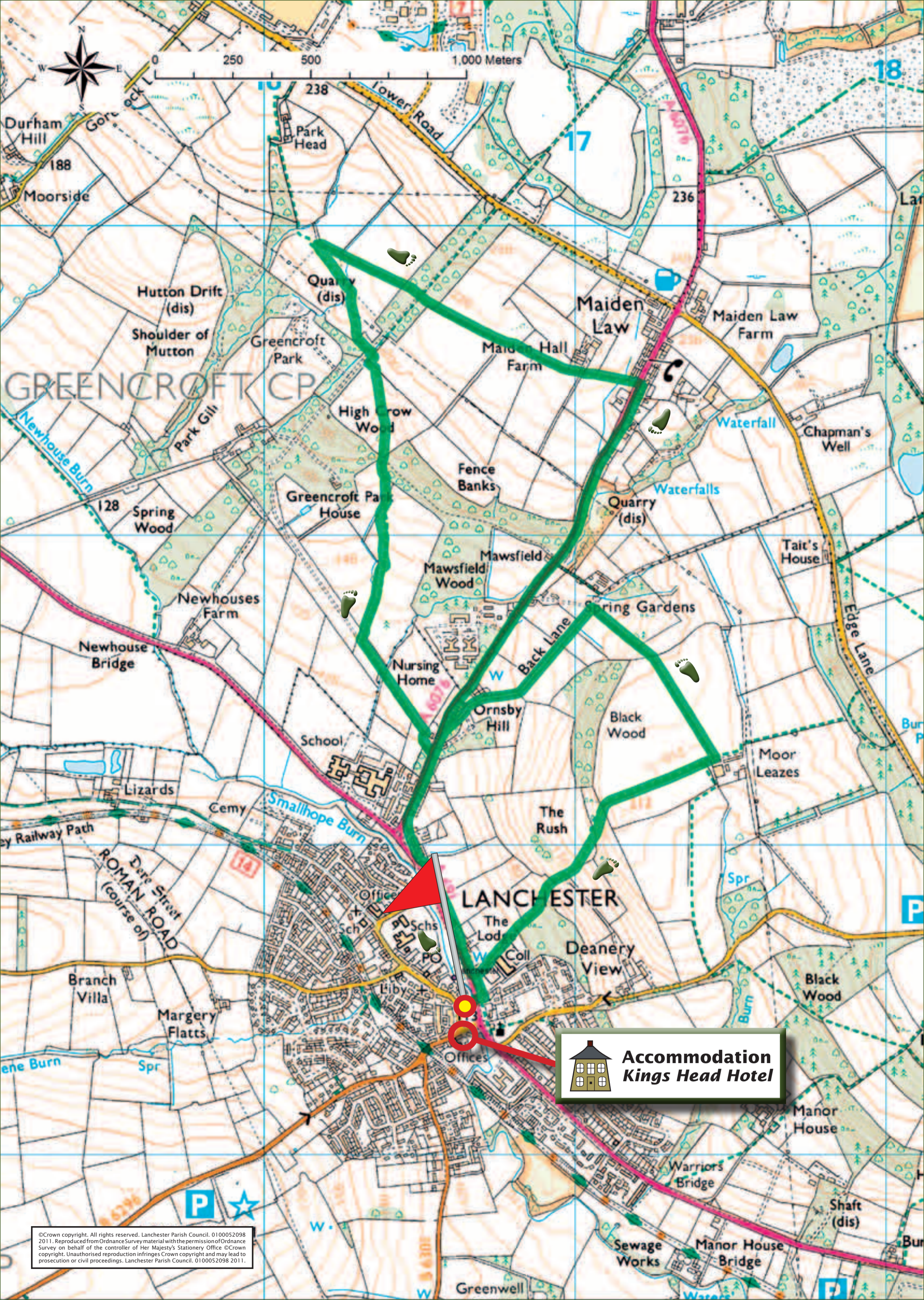
**At single stone gatepost turn right, cross stile and keep fence on left. Cross the next stile and follow waymarks to a wooden stile at the gap between High Crow Wood and Mawsfield Wood. Cross stile and make for waymarked oak tree. Pass the tree and cross the stile at the corner of the field. Cross second stile on left and follow path across drive to a field. Bear right aiming for Parkhead Farm (the building on the hill top), over a small stream to a stone gatepost. Turn right and follow wide grassy lane. Keep this direction through the woods and on to Maiden Hall Farm.**

Colonies of crows were encouraged on Estates as they provided both food and the sport of shooting. Crows were a common source of protein during WWII.

**Turn right onto A6076 then left onto A692 and into the village.**



**Greenwood's map of County Durham 1820 © University of Durham Archives and special collections.**



 **Accommodation**  
*Kings Head Hotel*

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