

Hannington Around the Village



HAMPSHIRE
COUNTRYSIDE
SERVICE

Distance: ¾ mile – No Stiles

Start: Village Green

The Village

Hannington is recorded as a settlement in 899AD, and is listed in the Domesday Survey. It is a vibrant village community of 140 households. The Church, Village Hall, Michael's playing field, The Vine pub, Hannington Country Fair, the Hannington Silver Band (founded in 1924) and wonderful countryside contribute to this unique place.

All Saints Church

People have worshipped here for over 1000 years. The sundial on the south wall used to help parishioners arrive on time to enter through the 12th Century doors. Inside are two fine window engravings by Laurence Whistler. The millennium tapestry shows how Hannington residents lived in 2000AD. The Squint allows the priest to see those in the south aisle.

Countryside

Situated high in the North Wessex Downs an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Hannington is surrounded by a network of public rights of way affording walkers and riders superb opportunities to explore and enjoy this beautiful landscape.

Spectacular views extend south and west from For Down, and north and south from Michael's Field with its children's play area and parking. Skylarks, yellowhammers and many other wild birds can be seen and heard during most seasons. Fieldfares and redwings are regular visitors in winter. Wild flowers abound in the hedgerows and field margins. The bluebell woods are a delight in spring.

There is evidence of a bronze-age barrow, a large Romano-British farmstead and a royal house used by Henry II at Tidgrove Warren Farm, west of the village.

Directions

Take the path to the right of the Church. At the picket gate beyond the barn, turn right along the field edge. At the road turn right and at the small green triangle turn right again.

After about 100 yards, turn left to follow the footpath through the 3 kissing gates to the far side of the 2 fields. Turn right and join the track* alongside Michael's Field.

At the far end of the track turn right along the road to return to the Green.

*Optional detour for more views; turn left and walk two hundred yards (202m Track) along the level path, then return.

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