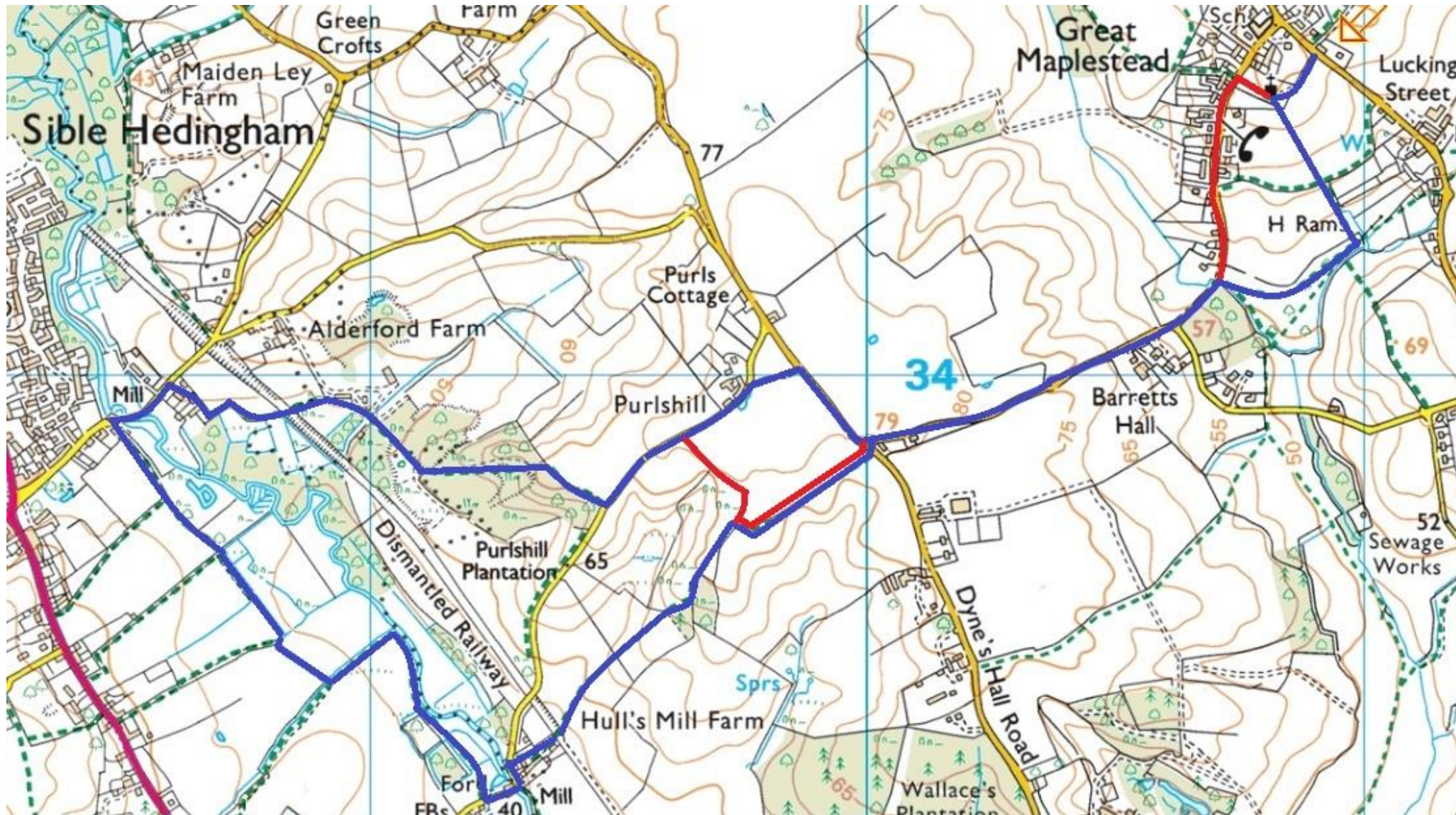


## Circular Walk (Alderford Mill – Hulls Mill)



**Key:**      **Suggested Route:**      —————      **4.3 miles – 1.8hrs (ish)**  
**Alternative Option:**      —————      **4.2 miles – 1.7hrs (ish)**

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- From the Village Hall, cross Lucking Street, take the steps up onto Church Path and follow it to the church porch.
  - **Blue Route:** turn sharp left and follow the path down Church Field, down the steps and into the water meadows. Follow it round to the right, ignoring the two paths on the left across footbridges and cross through the bat willow plantation to Church Street at Long Fen. Turn left.
  - **Red Route:** continue to the gates, turn left and go down Church Street to Long Fen.
- Walk up past Barretts Hall to the Purls Hill triangle.
  - **Blue Route:** turn right, go past 4 telephone poles on the right and then turn left onto the path by the hedge and at the end carry on down the lane. (If the path is too overgrown, carry on to the junction with Hulls Mill Lane and turn left)
  - **Red Route:** cross over Dynes Hall Road into the field and follow the right-hand hedge to a gap. Turn right through the gap, ignore the left-hand path, and follow the wire fence along the field boundary to the lane. Turn left down the lane.
- Carry on down the lane to a wood on the right (full of bluebells at the right time of year) and turn right along the footpath.
- Follow the path along the top of the wood and then down through the wood and the ruins of the old brick works to the Alderford Farm boundary, where the path goes left between some metal railings to a gate at the disused railway line.
- Through the gate, cross the line and follow the left-hand field boundary to its junction with New England; turn right along the lane to the road, turn left and walk down to Alderford Mill.
- Just across the mill stream bridge take the footpath to the left and, after dog-legging right and left over a wooden bridge, go along an enclosed section to some fields. Follow the track across 3 fields to a T-junction over a small brook.
- Turn left to a kissing gate then either walk straight down to the river, turn right and follow the river bank to a gate or turn half-right and follow a well-trodden diagonal path across to the gate.
- Through the gate head straight across two fields to another gate opposite a white house; through this gate turn left, go across the footbridge over the ford then follow the road around Hulls Mill to the farm entrance.
- Turn right and follow the waymarked path through the farm, across the disused railway again and up the hill through a plantation to a field, across which is a rickety stile with a dog gate.
- Over the stile, follow the path up the hill and through a wooded area to the junction with a path on the left and a hedge gap.
- Go into the field through the gap and turn left towards the field entrance on Dynes Hall Road.
- Cross the road onto Purls Hill, walk down past Barretts Hall then up to the Church, along Church Path and back to the Village Hall