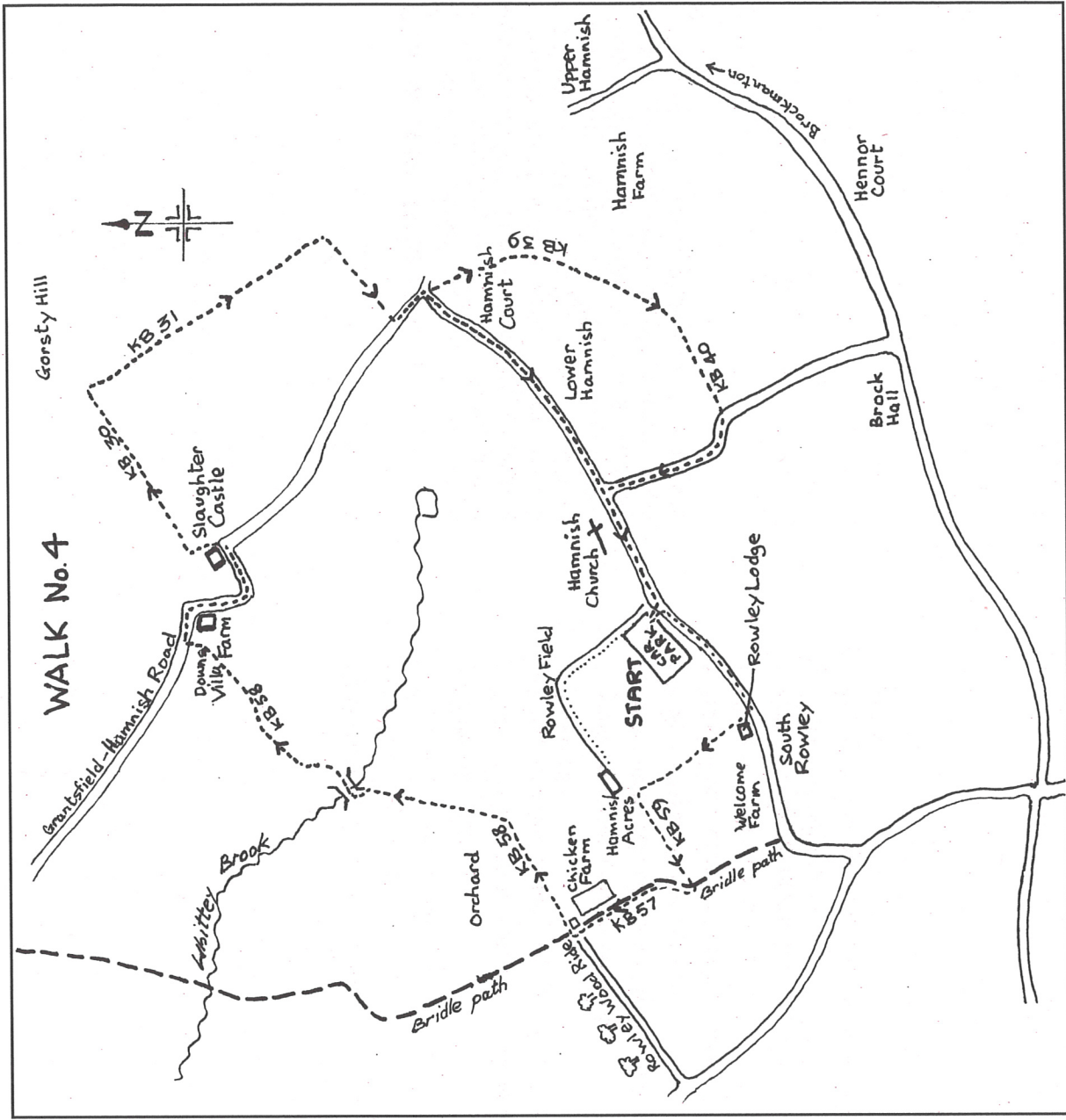


A good meeting point is Hamnish Church Carpark, which is a grassy plot by the Church Hall, about 100 yards west from the church.

The first part of this walk is along the road in a westerly direction for about 200 yards. Just before Rowley Lodge, on the right side of the road, there is a footpath-signpost pointing to the right. This path (KB 59) takes you along the left side of a field until, at the top of the field, the footpath bends left, following the top side of the next field alongside a hedgerow. The fine views from here are straight ahead to the south-west to Hay Bluff and, slightly to the right, to the Radnor Hills. Not long after passing a wind-pump there is a stile which you take before bearing right along what is now a bridle-path alongside a hedgerow on the right-hand side of a field. On the other side of this hedgerow are chicken-houses. Half-left to the front there is a small wood (Rowley Ride Wood). At the end of the hedgerow, turn right and pass along the left side of a modern bungalow. This footpath brings you to a stile which leads into a large orchard. Carry straight on to the far side of the orchard, and, having reached the far side, bear left. Very shortly there is a stile on your right, which leads into a large field sloping down to the left. Take a diagonal line (KB 58) down the slope across the field to a line of trees on the far side. Walk on by the side of the trees for about 20 yards and keep your eyes open down to the right for a small wooden bridge which crosses a stream flowing between the trees. Cross the bridge, which brings you into an L-shaped field. Take the long arm of the L half-left and then straight ahead (still on KB 58). At the top of the field, take the footpath which runs along the left side of a barbed-wire fence alongside a field with horses towards Downs Villa Farm, now clearly visible straight ahead. After 100 yards, the footpath brings you out on the road from Grantsfield to Hamnish. Turn right here and follow the road round to the right and then to the left to a farm called Slaughter Castle. Take the footpath on the right side of Slaughter Castle, and turn sharp right (KB 30), keeping the farm-buildings on your right. Then carry straight on up the hill across the field to the top, where you bear right, at which point the footpath becomes KB 31. On a good day, the views towards the Black Mountains and Radnorshire from here are magnificent, and you keep them all along the top side of this and the next two fields. At the end of these fields, the footpath bends down to the right, and brings you back to the Grantsfield-Hamnish road. When you reach the road turn left. From here, you can either follow this (very attractive) road past Hamnish Court and Lower Hamnish until you reach the church and the carpark from which you started, or, after turning left when you reach the road, you could leave the road at the next bend, where there is a stile on your left. After crossing this stile, you follow along KB 39 behind Hamnish Court and Lower Hamnish with views to the left towards Brockmanton. Carry straight on along what has now become



KB 40 and then bend round to the right, keeping a copse on your right. After about 200 yards you will come to a stile with a sharp drop on the far side down to the road. Turn right on the road, and walk the short distance to Hamnish Church before turning left at the church to bring you to the carpark.

The total distance is about 3 miles, and, since a good deal of walking is around the side of cultivated fields, conditions can be muddy, but it is a very rewarding walk, particularly on a fine, clear day, with dry conditions underfoot!