

Galleywood parish was formed in 1874 from parts of four others – Moulsham, Great Baddow, West Hanningfield and Orsett (detached). The eastern and northern boundary from Stock Road (500m south of The Ship Inn) to Galleywood Road (at Stomps Garage) are marked by ten stones which bear the letters G.C.St.M.C.C. (Galleywood Common St. Michael Consolidated Chapelry). Each stone is numbered and No.4 near Gay Bowers (previously known as Hill Farm) is a 1955 cast concrete replacement of the original stone.

Wintertime at St. Michael & All Angels Church, 2004.



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Galleywood Brook Walk

8 km – 2½ hours, moderate. Not suitable for wheelchairs.
Mapping: Galleywood Parish Footpaths Map, OS Explorer™ 183, OS Landranger™ 167.



Starting from the car park, off the Margaretting Road on Galleywood Common, follow **Bridleway 79** to The Common lower car park. Cross Stock Road to the south of the lower car park opposite the Glebe Farm cottages approach road. Continue on **FP50**, which follows the hedgerow

northeast towards Lower Green then turns sharply right and southeast down to Galleywood Brook.

Galleywood Brook is a tributary of Sandon Brook, which flows into the River Chelmer at Boreham. It has been known locally as simply "The Brook" and it was only in 2004 when the first Galleywood footpath map was being drafted that the name "Galleywood Brook" was suggested to clarify the footpath descriptions.

Cross Galleywood Brook at the junction with **FP54**. Proceed south on **FP50** crossing the A12 on the footbridge and join Bakers Lane, turning left and passing Paddy's Cottage, which dates back to the 17th century. Join **FP53** at the end of Bakers Lane and at the junction with **FP59** turn left over

the stile onto **FP57** turning right and walking northeast along the hedge which forms the parish boundary. Look out for the parish boundary stone No.4 at map reference TL717017.

From the junction with West Hanningfield **FP3**, continue northeast along the parish boundary using the permissive

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Junction of FP50 and FP54 at Galleywood Brook, 2004.

footpath to West Hanningfield Road. Good distant views of the village from this side of the valley, although the A12 can be noisy it is well hidden in a deep cutting.

Turn left at West Hanningfield Road and proceed north for 250m to join **FP54** at Baddow Park Lodge. Go through the lodge gates and follow

the road passing over the A12 then turn west across the field heading for the white topped marker post in the hedge. Follow the hedge passing Baddow Park turning right onto **FP37** as you enter the copse at Baddow Park, passing on the west side of Baddow Park House and continuing through a business car park turning right to join Baddow Park farmhouse approach track. Continue on **FP37** north until you meet **FP35** at Galleywood Brook, turn left along **FP35** until it meets **FP82**, which is used by the Centenary Circle walk, to proceed southwest along Galleywood Brook.



FP82 crosses to the south side of Galleywood Brook where it meets **FP54** and continues signposted as the Centenary Circle. Pass the junction with **FP58** at a small copse and the junction with **FP56** at Parklands Farm and continue to the junction with **FP52** where you turn right and follow this northwest to Lower Green. Return to The Common car park along Ponds Road, crossing Stock Road to complete the walk along **FP47**.

The Centenary Circle walk around Chelmsford is 36 km long and takes approximately 9 hours to walk. The Galleywood sections runs from Bekeswell Lane on The Common to Great Mascalls Farm along West Hanningfield Road. Full walk details on www.chelmsfordbc.gov.uk/walks/centenary.htm

