

# Galleywood Walk Five

## Little & Great Sir Hughes

### Distance and time taken

4km/2 ½— Approx 2 hours

### Refreshments

Shops and pubs in Galleywood Village  
Galleywood Heritage Centre

### Public Transport

Traveline 0870 608 2608  
Traffic Information 0845 600 0110

### Parking

Max 2 cars—Layby  
Or top end Brook Lane  
(TL0732028) - avoiding  
blocking the farm gate.

### Ordnance Survey Maps

Explorer 183  
Landranger 167

### Toilets

Galleywood Shops. Galleywood Heritage Centre

### Hazards

Not suitable for wheel chairs or pushchairs.

### Directions

**Start** from the entrance to Little & Great Sir Hughes Lane  
(**OS Ref: TL34028**) off West Hanningfield Road at the south  
end of the bridge over the A12.

**Begin** walking along Little & Great Sir Hughes Lane turning  
left after 250 metres onto **FP39** which follows the farm track  
for 600 metres to Little Sir Hughes. Turns on this track are  
marked by yellow arrows on the telegraph posts.

**Where** the track turns east-north-east, 120 metres before  
reaching Little Sir Hughes. Here you may find the location of a  
well used to supply the farm before mains water was laid on  
after the Second World War. The farm had a 1,000 gallon  
storage tank for water from this well.

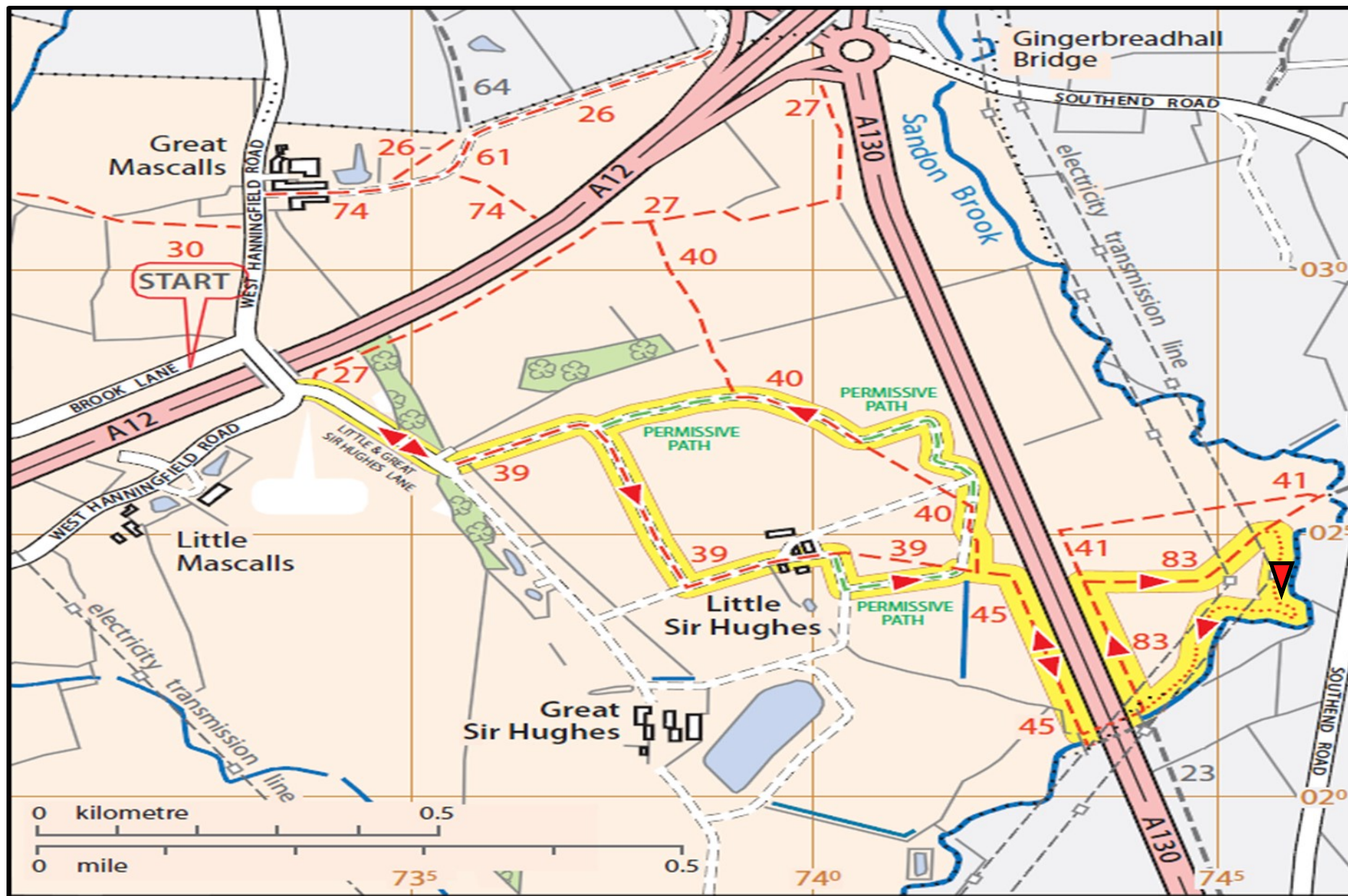
**At** Little Sir Hughes the footpath proceeds straight ahead  
through the old farmyard and its two five-barred gates. On  
the east side of Little Sir Hughes the footpath turns right and  
follow the farm track down to the junction with **FP40** and  
**FP45**.

**Proceed** straight ahead here and follow **FP45** to the  
Underbridge which takes the footpath and Sandon Brook under  
the A130. Turn left as you come out of the underbridge and  
take **FP83** alongside the A130 turning right after 250 metres  
at the field hedge. At the corner of the hedge turn right and  
walk with the hedge to your left to the end and then pass the  
two electricity pylons to meet Sandon Brook. Turn right and  
follow the brook back to the A130 underbridge. Pass through  
the underbridge return along **FP45** to the farm track where  
you meet **FP39** and **FP40** passing a World War II pill box in  
the hedgerow

**Turn** right onto **FP40** and follow the farm track (rather than  
attempting to find the cross-field path) to the field entrance  
where **FP40** turns right off the farm track. Keep to the farm  
track going west-south-west on the permissive path and meet  
up with **FP39** after 200 metres.  
Return to the start of your walk along Little & Great Sir Hughes  
Lane.

*The information provided in this leaflet is accurate at the time of going to press.  
Neither the author nor the Parish Council accepts responsibility for your personal  
safety. It is your responsibility to ensure you are able to do this walk and are  
equipped appropriately. Follow the Countryside Code at all times (see  
[www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk) for further details)."*

**The Walk can be started at any point and taken in either direction. Appropriate footwear should be worn. Dogs should be on leads**



## Historical Notes—Walk Five Little & Great Sir Hughes

### A History of Great Sir Hughes

The name "Sir Hughes" derives from Sir Hughes de Badewe who lived at Great Sir Hughes in King Edward III reign. However, the earliest recorded owner was Robert Marscall in 1211. The 16th century barn at Great Sir Hughes is Grade II listed.



When Great Sir Hughes Farm (340 acres) was put up for sale on 16th July 1926 the auctioneers G.B. Hilliard & Son drew attention to the 4200 foot frontage onto the main Chelmsford to Southend road "affording a unique opportunity to spectators and others in acquiring a property with good possibilities for cutting up into building plots."

This site is currently used as a successful Wedding Venue.

### Little Sir Hughes

Little Sir Hughes is an 18th century farmhouse which originally farmed some 103 acres. The building is Grade II listed. The following details are from the certificate of annuity dated August 1822.

Sir John Tyrell of Boreham House in Boreham, Bart., to Charles Tyssen Tyrell of Oriel College, Oxford, esq., (his son); £150 from 2 farms called LITTLE SIR HUGHES and Wiscards and Leppards (containing 113 a. and 36 p. respectively) in Great Baddow, both in occupation of James HUGHES. In, 1636, Ellen Sydner left a yearly rent charge of £5.4s. out of farm called Great Sir Hughes, for a weekly distribution of bread among the poor parishioners.



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