

## Greenhead

Greenhead was the home of father and son, Christopher and Robert Nutter, the earliest reported victims of the Pendle Witches. They died insisting that they had been bewitched by a widow nicknamed Chattox and her daughter Anne Redfearn, who lived on their land. Eighteen years later in 1612 this evidence was used in the trial of nine Pendle people at Lancaster Castle. Chattox and Anne; the Device family headed by Old Demdike and some of their neighbours including a gentlewoman, Alice Nutter, were found guilty and hanged in Lancaster. Their trial is one of the best-documented witchcraft trials thanks to being published by the clerk of the court, Thomas Pott, as a warning against witchcraft. A Pendle Witches Trail guide is available from Tourist Information Centres.

## River Calder

The river is a tributary of the River Ribble. It rises in the Cliviger Gorge, flows through Burnley and is joined by Pendle Water near here.

## Pendle Hall

Pendle Hall is a Victorian house, built in the style of the 17th century. The home of Pendle Witches Chattox and Ann Redfearn is thought to have been near here, close to the river Calder.

## The Forest of Pendle

The southern slopes of Pendle Hill are still known as The Forest of Pendle - the name given to the ancient hunting ground established by the Norman conquerors in the 11th century. Once the home of wolves, wild boar and deer, the rich hunting was guarded for the aristocracy by strict laws. During Henry VII's reign, tenants were encouraged to enclose the wild forest for agriculture and the landscape returned to the farming of sheep and cattle, which is still its main use today.

## Higham

The village of Higham was home to several of Chattox's supposed victims. It was here that she was reputed to have turned the ale sour and bewitched the landlord's son to death using a clay image. At the centre of the village is a pub called the Four Alls Inn. The inn sign explains this unusual name. It's worth a detour to find out who pays for all!

## Bull Hole

Demdike was accused of killing a sick cow at Bull Hole. The owner had asked her to cure it, an example of the ambivalent feelings held towards witches, and also the questionable nature of their so-called crimes.

## Moss End

This was the home of mother and son Jane and John Bulcock, who were accused of driving a woman out of her mind. They were two of the nine people tried and hanged for witchcraft in 1612.

## Newchurch

St Mary's Church gave the village its name, although the parish is still called Goldshaw Booth as it was 600 years ago. On the church tower is a stone known as the "Eye of God", which is said to observe those going to worship. The so-called witch's grave is of the wrong date, but the Devices admitted taking teeth from skulls in the churchyard. The body of the church dates from the 18th century, but it was first consecrated in 1544.



'Witches Galore', Newchurch

## Birds to Look for

**Hedgerow** - Goldfinch, Chiff Chaff, Blackcap  
**Meadow** - Snipe, Whinchat, Partridge  
**Waterside** - Reed Bunting, Mallard, Moorhen  
**Canal** - Mallard, Mute Swan, Yellow Wagtail

## Plants to Look for

**Hedgerow** - Foxglove, Ramson, Bluebell  
**Meadow** - Field Woodrush, Harebell, Bush Vetch  
**Waterside** - Water Mint, Lesser Spearwort, Bulrush

Gifborn



The Pendle Way covers a variety of terrain and you are likely to encounter some muddy stretches. Weather conditions can change suddenly so be prepared for all eventualities.

- Wear stout, waterproof boots
- Take waterproof clothing
- Carry a compass and map
- Inform someone of your route
  - Allow plenty of time
- Keep dogs on a lead across farmland and under close control at all other times

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Reedley - Higham - Newchurch

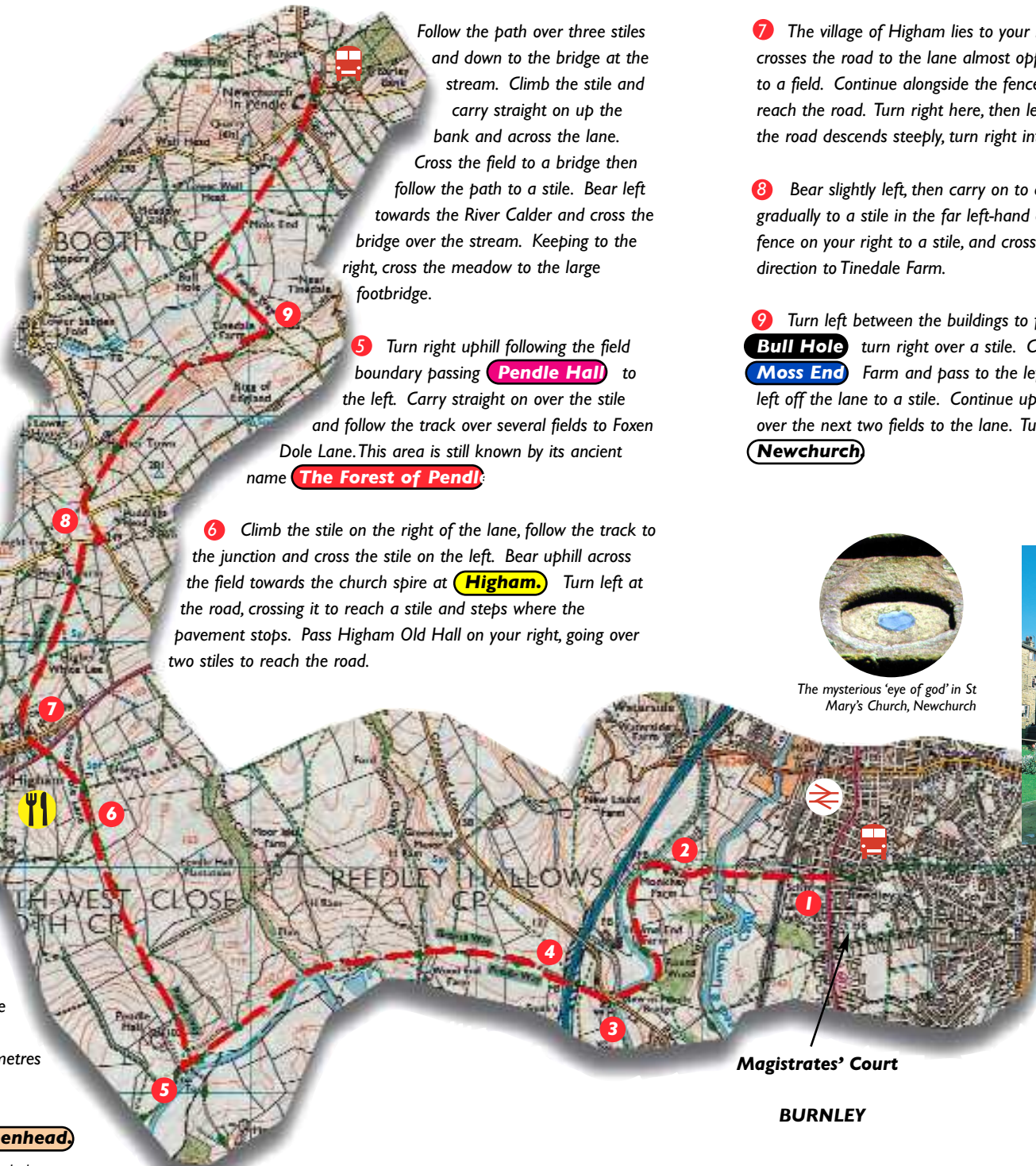
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# The Pendle Way

Reedley - Higham -

Explore the ancient hunting Forest of Pendle on a walk rich in connections with the Pendle Witches of 1612.

- 1 Start at the Junction of Reedley Road and Robinson Lane (the Magistrates' Court is further down the road towards Burnley). Go down Robinson Lane, over the railway and the canal and on to Monkhey Farm. Pass through the gate to the right of the farm and take the path down to Pendle Water. (In wet weather, to avoid a boggy path cross the bridge and turn left along the lane to New-in-Pendle Bridge and then follow route from point 3).
- 2 Turn left along the river, following the hedge through the fields until the path rejoins the river. Continue along the path, climbing the bank to reach New-in-Pendle Bridge.
- 3 Turn right over the bridge, and immediately left then right uphill in front of the cottages. Go into the field at the top and follow the right-hand boundary round to the footbridge over the M65. Turn left in the field and in 50 metres cross the footbridge on the left.
- 4 Turn right and follow the fence. To your right is **Greenhead**.



Follow the path over three stiles and down to the bridge at the stream. Climb the stile and carry straight on up the bank and across the lane. Cross the field to a bridge then follow the path to a stile. Bear left towards the River Calder and cross the bridge over the stream. Keeping to the right, cross the meadow to the large footbridge.

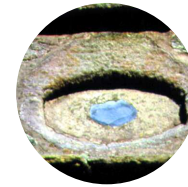
5 Turn right uphill following the field boundary passing **Pendle Hall** to the left. Carry straight on over the stile and follow the track over several fields to Foxen Dole Lane. This area is still known by its ancient name **The Forest of Pendle**.

6 Climb the stile on the right of the lane, follow the track to the junction and cross the stile on the left. Bear uphill across the field towards the church spire at **Higham**. Turn left at the road, crossing it to reach a stile and steps where the pavement stops. Pass Higham Old Hall on your right, going over two stiles to reach the road.

7 The village of Higham lies to your left, but the Pendle Way crosses the road to the lane almost opposite. Follow the track uphill to a field. Continue alongside the fence on your left for half a mile to reach the road. Turn right here, then left at the junction. Just before the road descends steeply, turn right into the field.

8 Bear slightly left, then carry on to a stile ahead. Descend gradually to a stile in the far left-hand corner of the field. Follow the fence on your right to a stile, and cross over to follow in the same direction to Tinedale Farm.

9 Turn left between the buildings to follow a track. Just before **Bull Hole** turn right over a stile. Continue over three stiles to **Moss End** Farm and pass to the left of it. After a few yards bear left off the lane to a stile. Continue uphill to two adjacent stiles then over the next two fields to the lane. Turn left into the village of **Newchurch**.



The mysterious 'eye of god' in St Mary's Church, Newchurch



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Magistrates' Court

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## PLACES OF INTEREST



Near Barley



New-in-Pendle Bridge



Higham



'Witch's Grave' at Newchurch