

Leg 4 – Roof of England Walk

Leg 4: Haltwhistle to Allendale - Directions

Length	Ascent	Time	Version	Updated
22.9km (14.2 miles)*	435m (1,427ft)*	06:35*	1.0	07/05/25

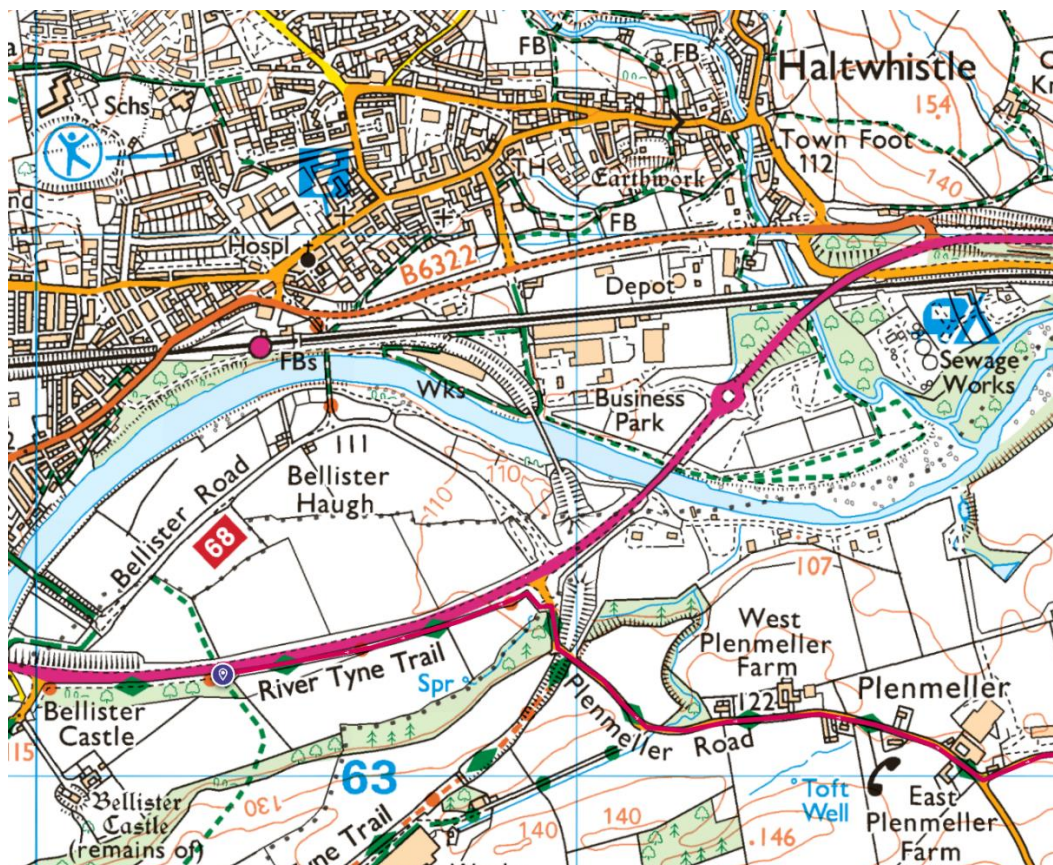
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OS maps for Leg 4: Explorer – OL43 (W) and OL43 (E); Landranger – 86.

The route is shown on the maps as a thin **red line**.

A:



Leg 4 of the **Roof of England Walk** starts on the **River Tyne Trail** on the south side of Haltwhistle (just south of the A69) at NY 70344 63189 and [///savers.enchanted.cages](#). It finishes in Allendale - NY 83741 55797 and [///fountain.dude.flattens](#).

The first section (between Haltwhistle and Beltingham) follows the **River Tyne Trail** (9.9km). Keep an eye out for River Tyne Trail waymarks on this section.

Follow the River Tyne Trail – keeping the A69 (on the other side of the hedge) on your left.

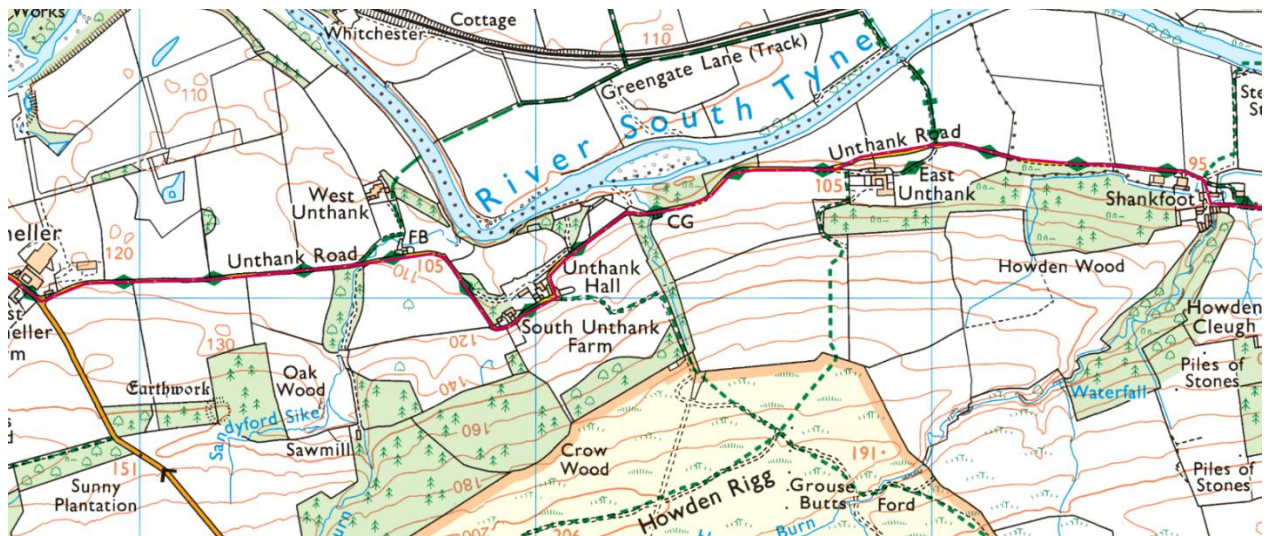
At the road (after about 600m) turn right (uphill) to follow Plenmeller Road. Climb up and over the short rise and continue following the road round to the left through the long, linear settlement of Plenmeller. Take care on this road, as it can be busy.

When you reach the edge of the village (after about a kilometre) turn left to follow the no-through lane – signed 'Unthank'.



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B:



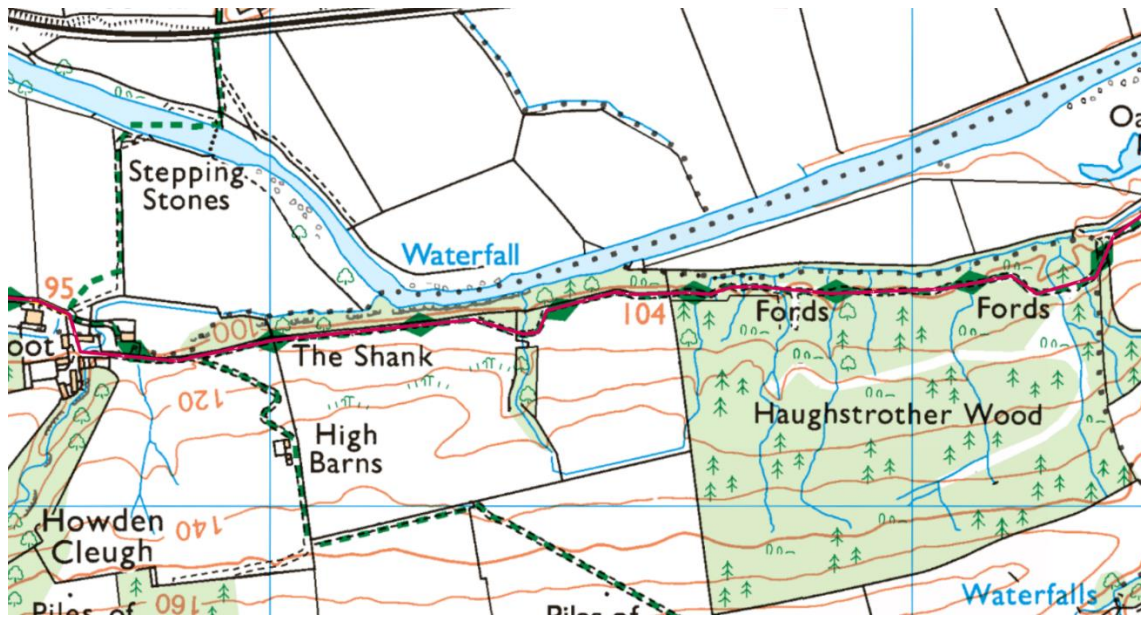
Follow the single track road for just over 3km – all the way to the road end at Shankfoot.

At the road end continue following the track uphill through the Shankfoot farmyard – bear left (after 50m) to follow the stone track – keeping the stone bridge on your right.



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C:



Follow the track for about 200m until you arrive at a junction – keep following the level track straight ahead, alongside the fence/trees (on your left).

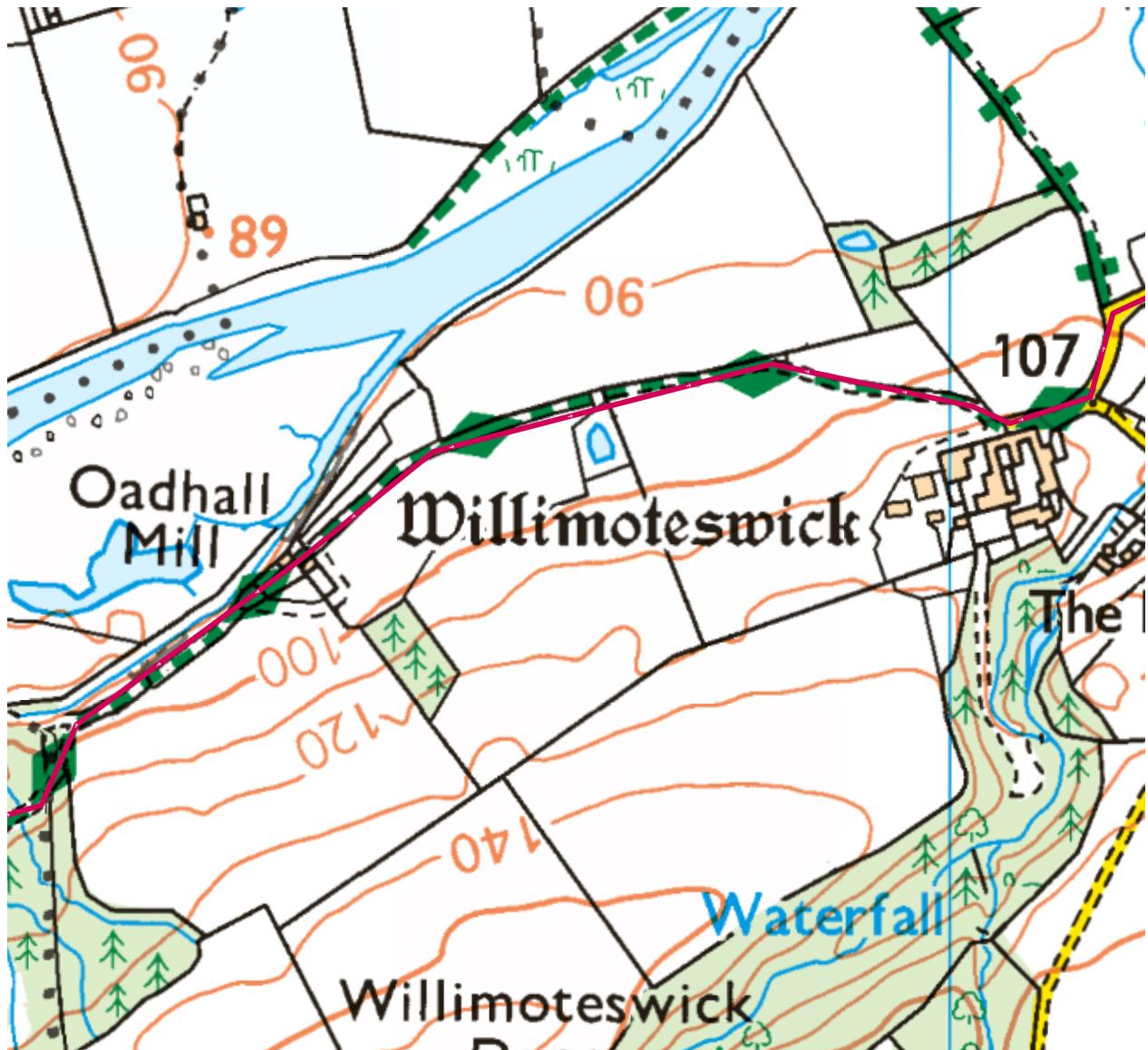
Keep following the track alongside the woodland for 800m. When you reach a metal field gate, go through it, and follow the track ahead through Haughstrother Wood.

At the far side of the wood go through the gate and follow the grassy path diagonally downhill. Join the stone track, turning right, keeping the trees on your left.



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D:



After 200m leave the track and continue ahead, crossing over a wooden stile. Almost immediately go through two gates, keeping the house on your right. Follow the track ahead.

Go through the field gate and continue following the stone track as it bears right uphill towards the buildings at Willimoteswick Castle. At the top of the climb turn left, keeping the buildings on your right.

When you reach the tarmac lane turn left.



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E:



Follow the minor road for 3km – passing through the small settlement of Beltingham.

In Beltingham the Roof of England Walk stops sharing the route of the **River Tyne Trail** (at NY 78941 63904). Between Beltingham and when you enter Allen Banks (at NY 79735 63574) look out for the purple **Roof of England Walk** waymarks.

When you reach the T-junction at Highcreek turn left.



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F:



At the T-junction at Highcreek, continue straight on. 100m beyond the junction turn right onto the signed Public Footpath 'Allen Banks Estate 1/2'.

At the edge of the woodland, cross the wooden stile next to the metal field gate. Continue ahead, keeping the fence close on your right.

Go through the gate on the far side of the field entering Allen Banks woodland. Note that the route is not waymarked in Allen Banks (between NY 79735 63574 and NY 80376 60475).

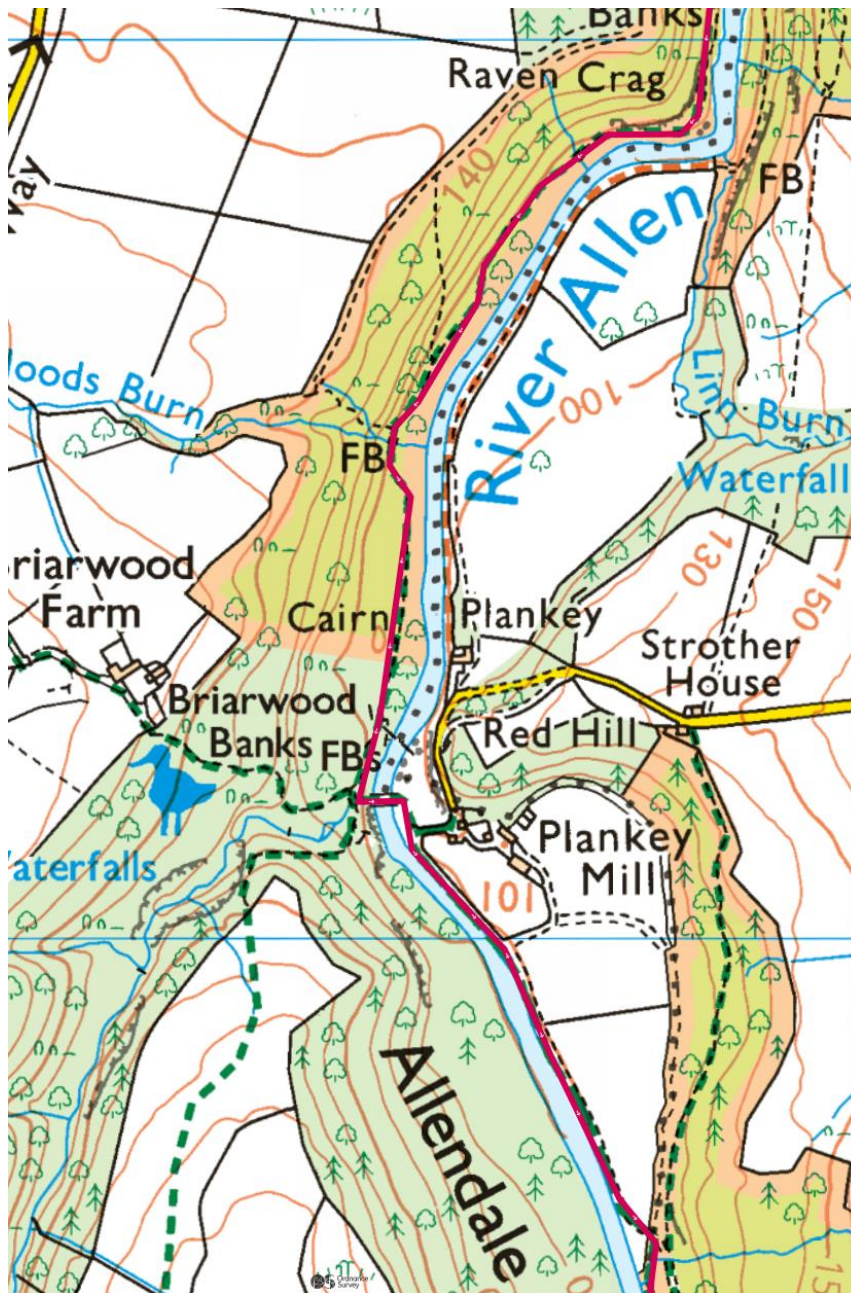
Turn right on the path. After 20m take the left fork, ignoring the uphill path. Follow the stone path as it contours through the trees, gradually descending towards the river.

Continue following the path, and the river, as it bears round to the right.



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G:



After following the path for about a kilometre cross a footbridge over a tributary stream. Turn immediately left and cross a larger footbridge over the River Allen.

On the other side of the River Allen bridge turn right and climb some stone steps to go through a wooden bridle gate – signed 'Public Footpath Staward Peel 1, Cupolar Bridge 2¹/₂'. Plankey Mill (an old corn mill) is on your left.

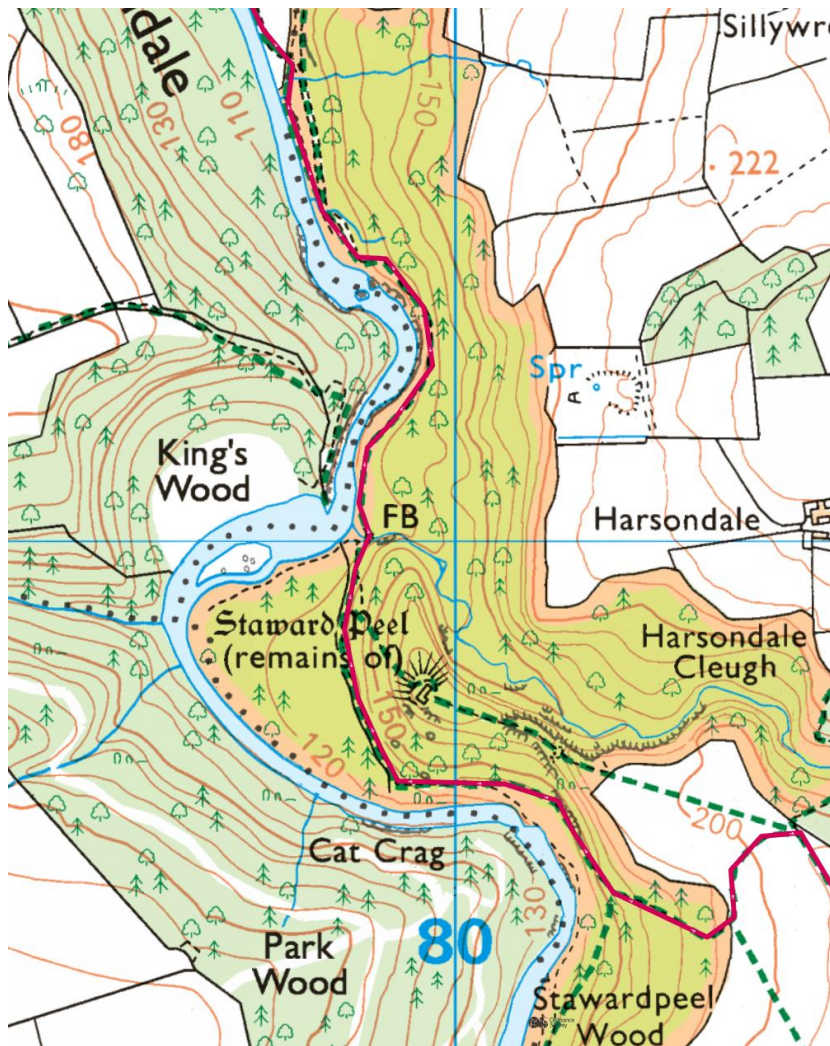
Cross three fields, keeping the river on your right.

After the third field go through the wooden kissing gate and continue ahead (passing a National Trust Allen Banks sign) on the wide path through the trees.



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H:



After a level section, the path bears left, uphill – continue following it. After the short climb follow the steps back downhill. Follow the narrow path as it contours round the hillside, on a terrace, above the river. Continue following the path – at times rocky and at times across wooden boardwalks.

Cross the wooden footbridge over the tributary stream. Just beyond the bridge, bear left at the fork, uphill. Barely 50m on you will reach another fork. This time continue ahead on the downward trending path – signed 'Public Footpath' – with the tumbled down stone wall on your right. At the end of the cleared area turn left on the uphill path next to the stone gateposts through the old wall.

At the fork – bear left, uphill. After a short distance (250m) ignore the narrow, contouring downwards path forking right. Instead bear left to continue following the wider, uphill path.

At the top of the climb/edge of the wood – climb over the wooden stile. As you leave Allen Banks/Stawardpeel Wood (at NY 80376 60475) you will pick up **Roof of England Walk** waymarks again – follow these until the end of the leg, at Allendale.

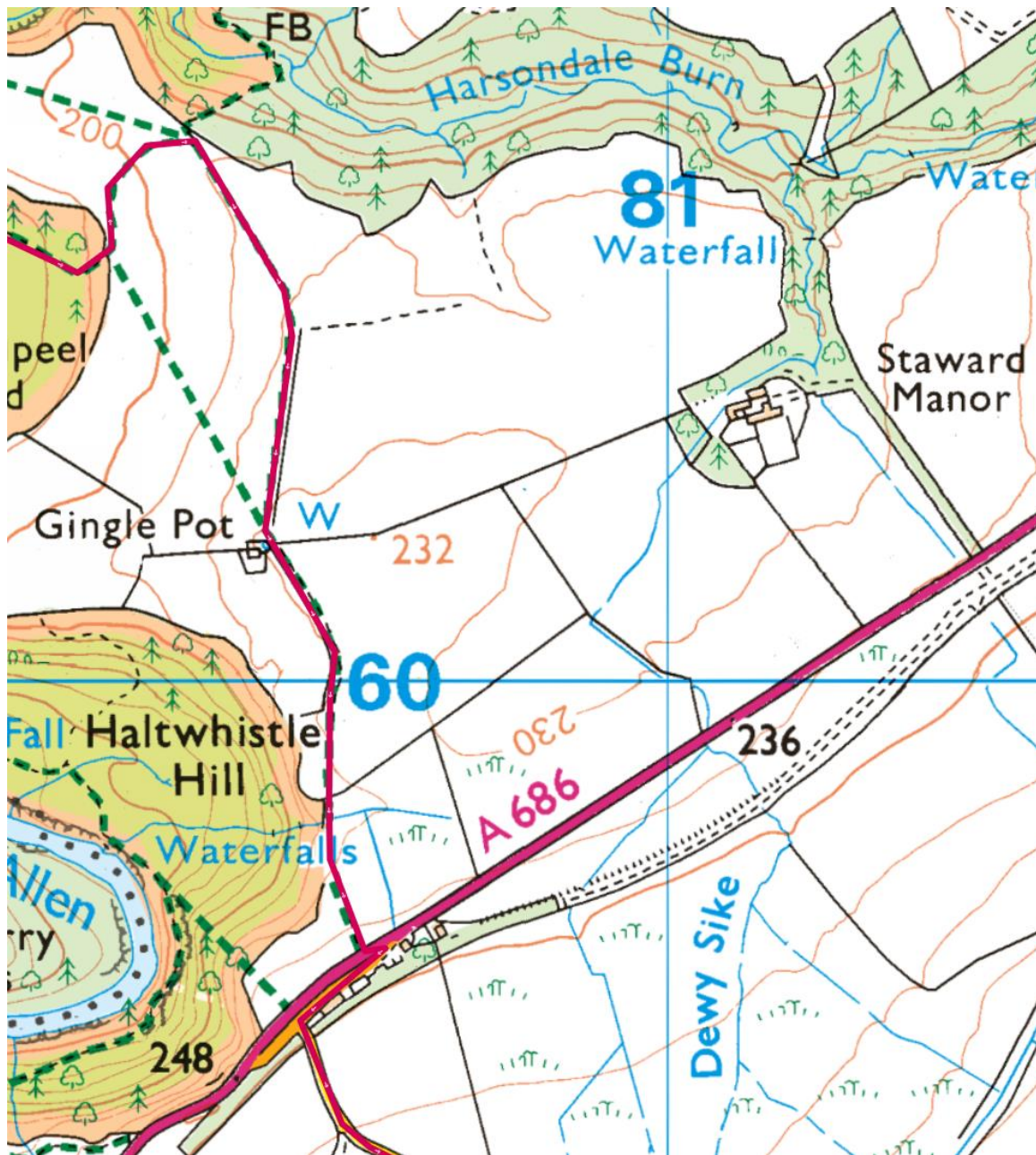
Bear left, initially keeping the wall/fence on your left. Follow the path across the field to the wood.

At the wood turn right and follow the path ahead – bearing right.



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I:



Pick up a tumbled down drystone wall on your left and continue following the path.

At the ruined building (Gingle Pot) go through the wooden gate and continue ahead towards the road/houses – keeping the drystone wall on you right.

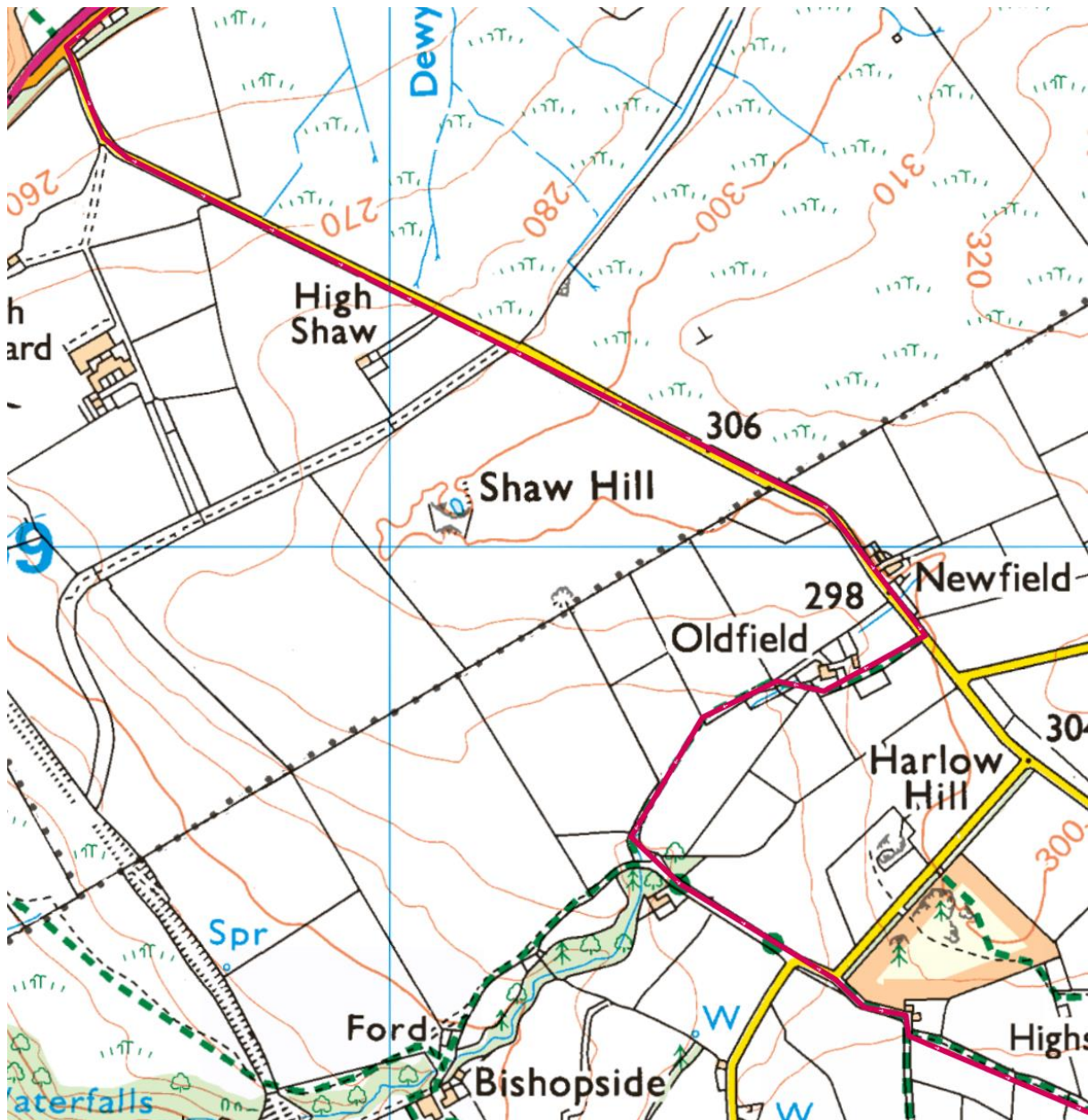
At the far corner of the field go through the metal gate at the corner of the wood. Continue ahead, bearing left after 50m – following a path up to a gate onto the road.

Cross the main (A686) road – take care, it is the main road between Haydon Bridge and Alston, and it can be busy and fast. Immediately turn right onto the minor road. Go past the house on your left and after 150m turn right over the bridge and follow the lane uphill.



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J:



Follow the lane for 1.3km, gradually climbing up Shaw Hill.

Shortly after you pass Newfield on your left turn right down the access track to the farm at Oldfield – signed 'Public Footpath - Bishopside ½'. Keep the farm buildings on your right. Bear right (follow the waymark) just beyond the farm and then turn left to reach a stone step stile.

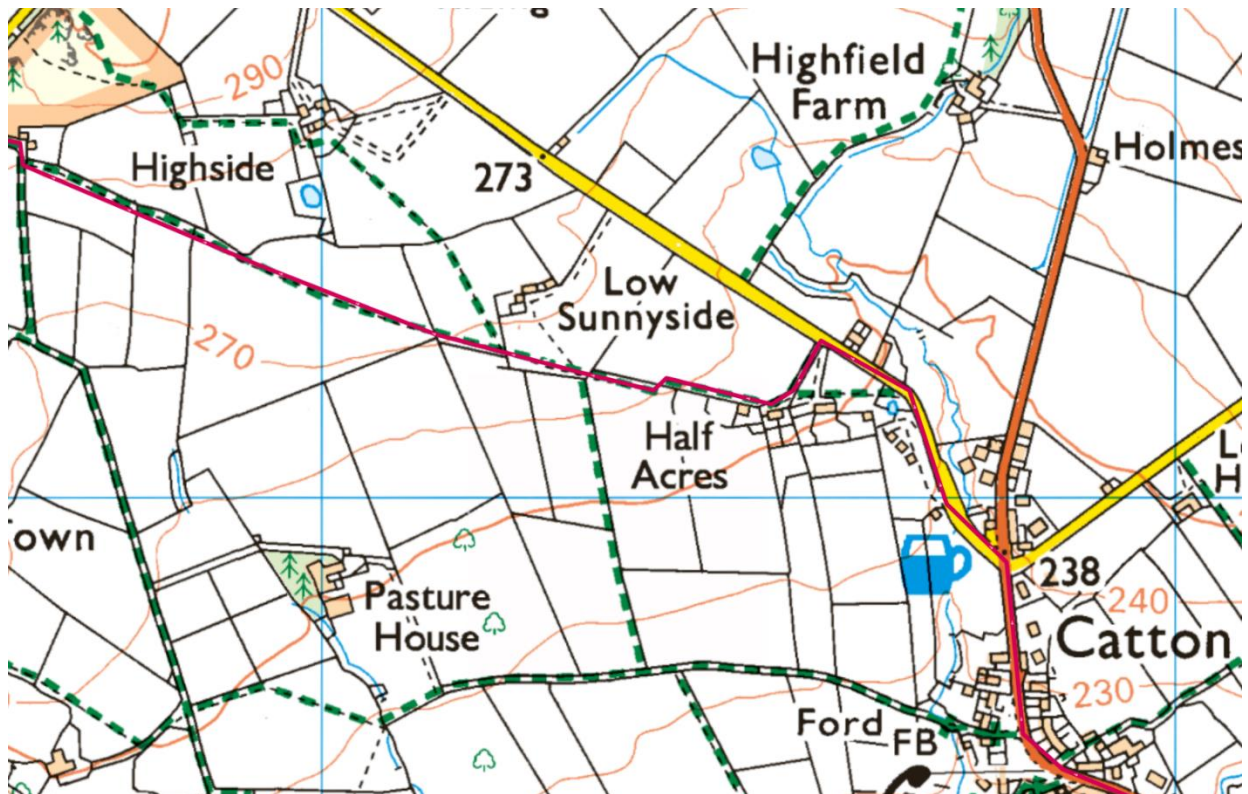
Climb over the stone step stile and continue ahead – keeping the trees/fence on your left. After a short distance go through the field gate and continue ahead across the next field to another gate. Go through the gate or climb the stone step stile in the corner of the wall and follow the grassy path ahead (between two stone walls) – bearing left.

When you reach the lane continue ahead – after 100m turn right. Just beyond the house turn left, leaving the road, onto the signed 'Public Footpath - Half Acres ¾'.



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K:



Follow the top edge of the field – with the wall on your left. Cross two fields – climbing the stone walls via stone step stiles. In the third field follow the wall until it bears away to the left. At the wall corner continue straight ahead to cross the field to the far corner.

Cross the ladder stile and continue ahead, keeping the wall on your right. Cross three fields. In the corner of the third field climb over the second ladders tile and continue ahead – with the drystone wall on your left now.

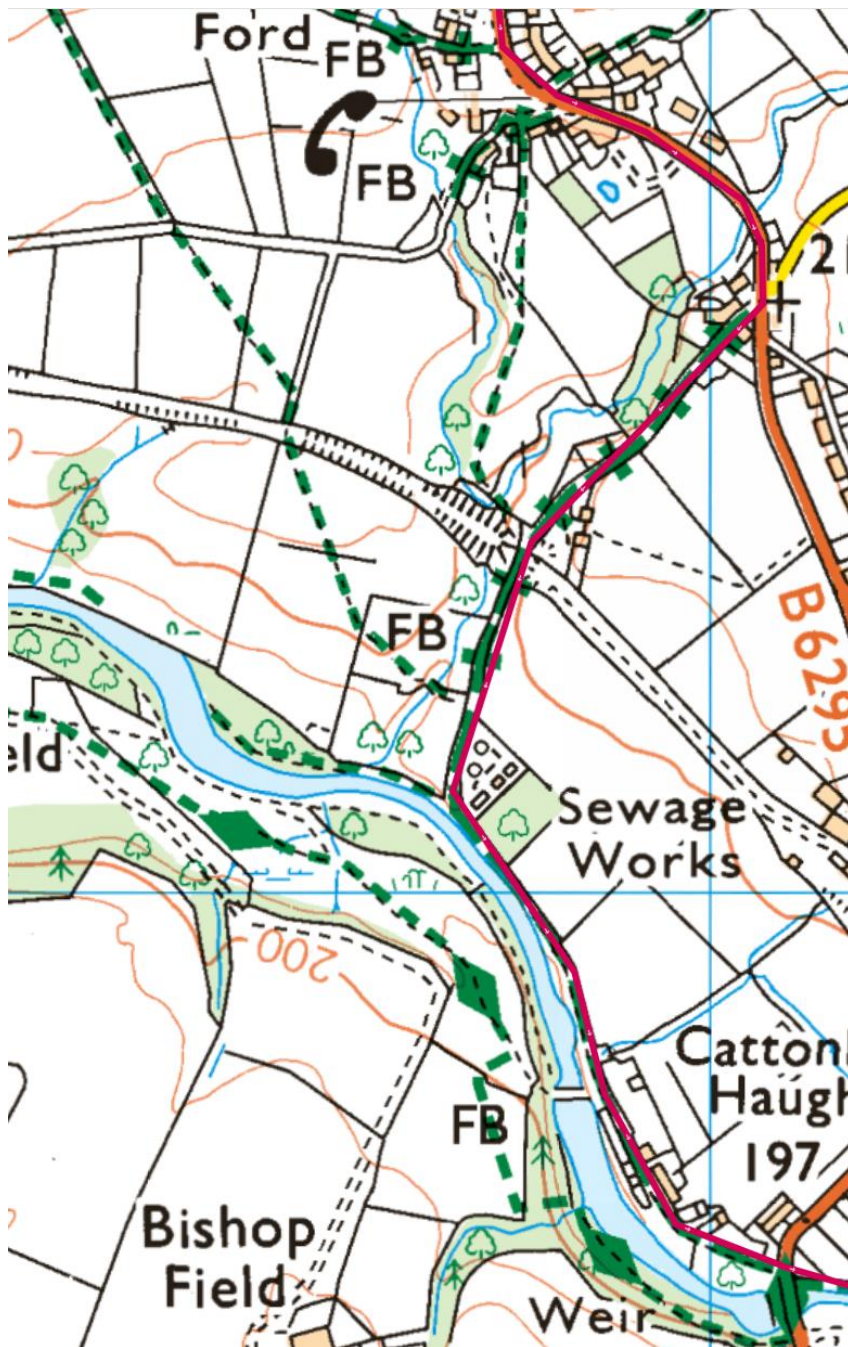
Just before you reach the end of the field climb over the stone step stile adjacent to the gate. Turn right and follow the field edge heading towards the house. Cross the stile over the fence, adjacent to the house.

Turn left on the access track and walk to the minor road. When you reach the road turn right and walk into the village of Catton. Turn right at the T-junction – signed Allendale B6303.



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L:



Continue following the road through the village as it bears to the left. Just after the bridge turn right onto the lane opposite Allendale Methodist Chapel. At the lane end follow the path – signed 'Public Bridleway – Allen Mill Bridge ½'.

Continue following the bridleway as it bears left to follow the River East Allen – upstream. Follow the riverside path (which turns into a track) all the way to Allen Mill Bridge.

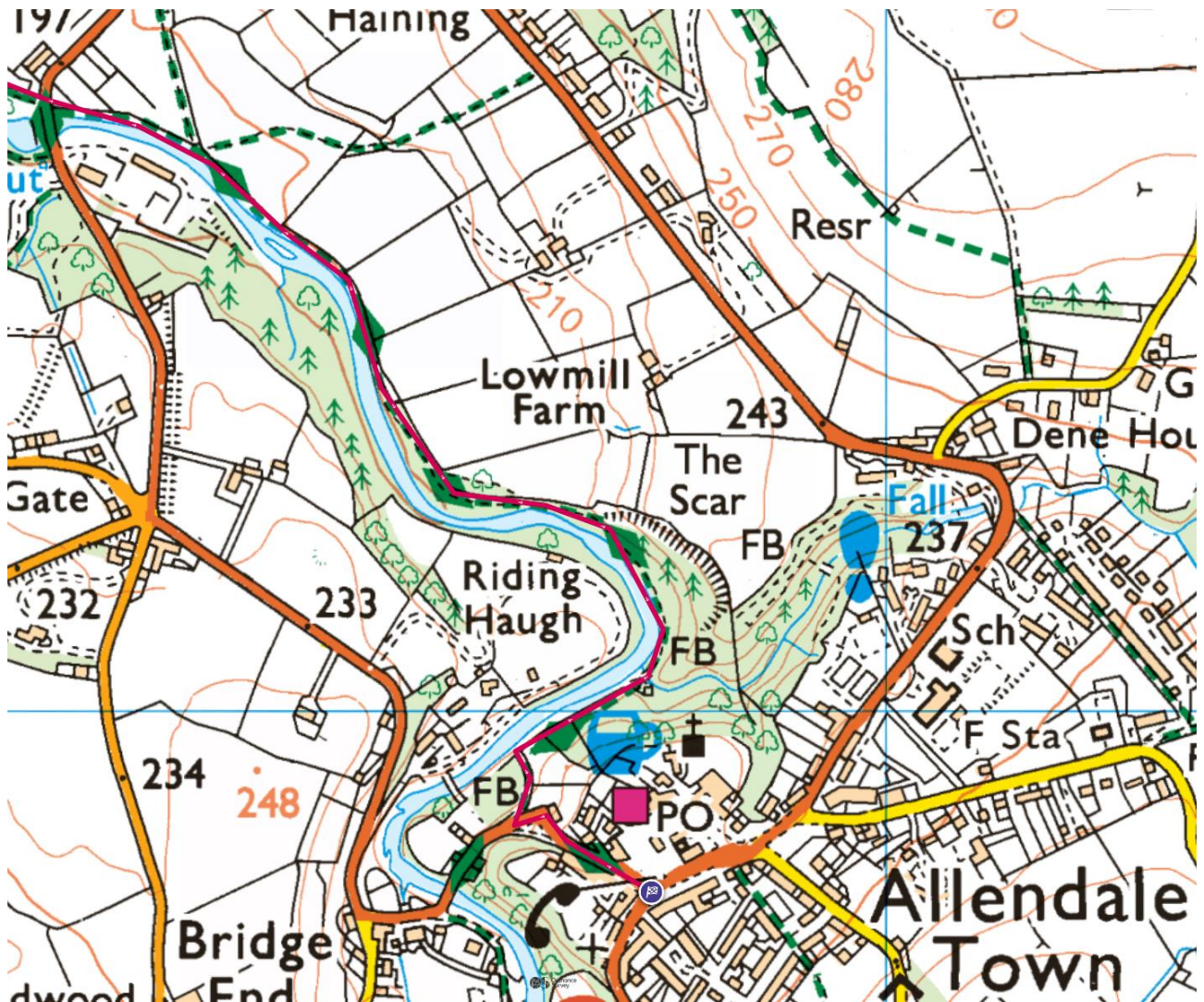
When you reach the bridge cross the road and continue following the riverside path – signed 'Public Footpath – Allendale Town'. This stretch of path is also the **Isaac's Tea Trail** route.

If you want to visit Allen Mill turn right at the Allen Mill Bridge and immediately left after 50m.



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M:



Follow the path all the way to Allendale Town (just over a kilometre).

When you emerge onto the road turn left, uphill, and walk into the settlement of Allendale.

Leg 4 finishes at the T-junction at the top of the hill – just beyond the Museum of Classic Si-Fi – on the edge of the Market Place.

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