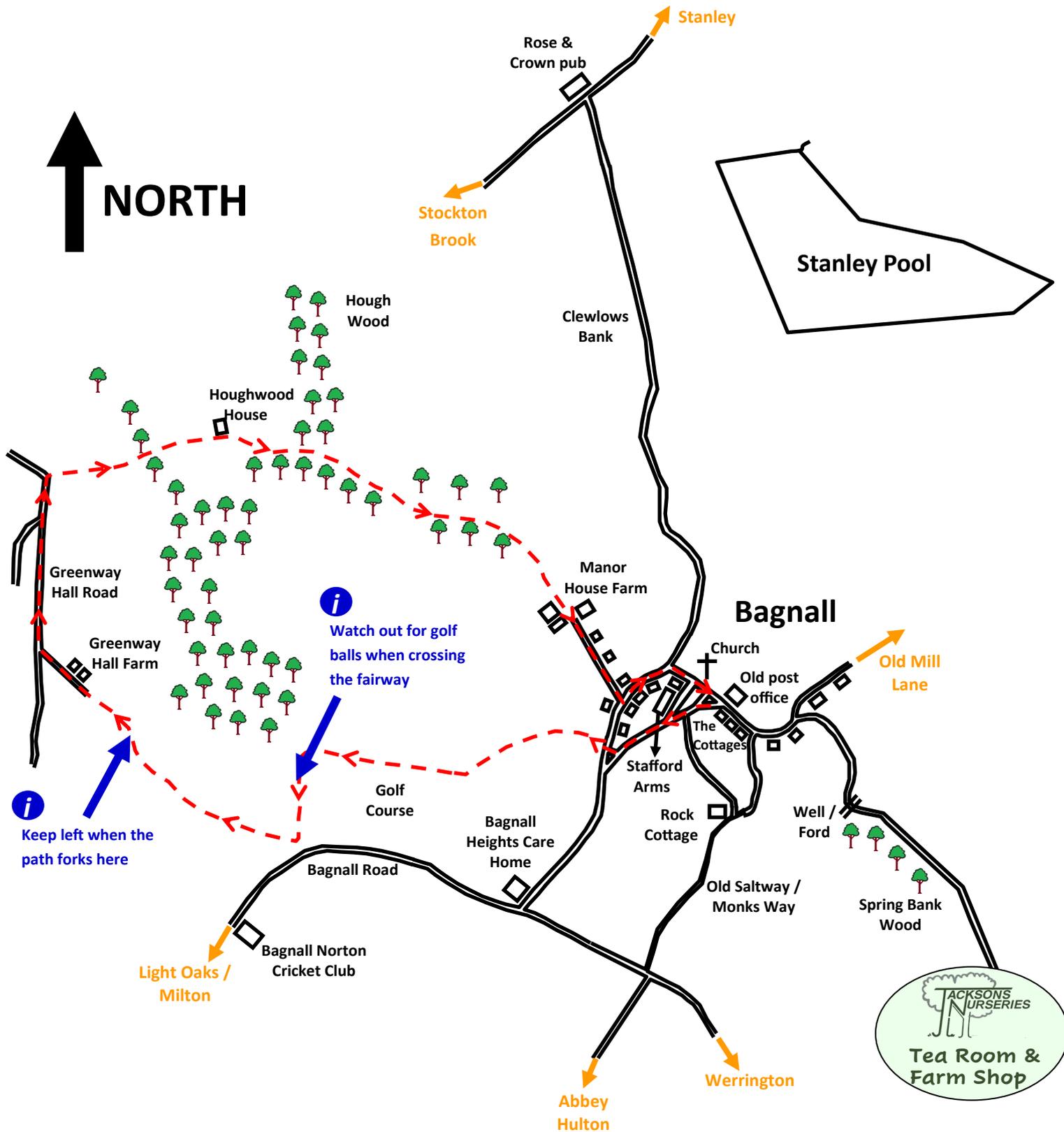


Walks around Bagnall - Walk 1

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	Walking route	 Route information
	Road / Lane	 Jackson's Nurseries
	Building / Feature	
	Direction of village / town	

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- **Summary:** 2 1/2 mile circular walk from Bagnall Village Green, exiting the village via Greenway Hall golf course, passing Greenway Hall Farm and down Greenway Hall Road, giving superb views of the City. At this point the route re-enters the golf course, dropping down to a wooded area, over a stream and back up the other side to Houghwood House. The footpath catches the edge of Hough Wood before re-entering Bagnall Village at Manor House Farm and returning to the Village Green.

Route Guidance

- 1** The starting point for this walk is the Village Green with Buttercross in the centre. Buttercross originally comes from the word "Bartercross", referring to the place where livestock used to be sold. This particular cross was erected by the monks of the nearby Hulton Abbey. The cross which stands in the church yard over the road is probably the original, since trading often took place in church grounds.



- 2** Before leaving the village green, stop a while to view Bagnall Old Hall, the large house directly opposite. John Murall, the High Sheriff of Staffordshire lived here. He was knighted in 1631 by King Charles I. The story goes that he was kidnapped and held to ransom for £300 by Bonnie Prince Charlie on his way to Derby from Leek.

- 3** Now continue along the road passing Old Hall Farm to reach the memorial at the main road. Cross over the road here to take the stile opposite, following the way marked footpath into field.



- 4** Now bear left across the field to stile and foot-bridge in the opposite corner. Follow the path to the right through a narrow area of woodland.



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5 While out of view due to the trees and undulating land of the golf course, back to your left at this point is Bagnall Heights Care Home. Originally in 1890, this consisted of several wooden pavilion type buildings to take care of the first smallpox victims of which five died. A road worker coming in contact with convalescing patients walking in the grounds is thought to have caused an epidemic which soon affected the village. Due to damage caused by earlier gales, a new isolation hospital was built in 1906. It was later used for the mentally handicapped.



6 As you emerge from the woodland keeping the hedge on your right, you will see far reaching views of Mow Cop in the distance. You are now skirting the fairway of Greenway Hall Golf Course set up in 1909 by two local residents.



7 As the path emerges from the wooded area and opens out onto the fairway, turn left and carefully cross the fairway (watching out for golf balls) in the direction of a house in the corner of the golf course by the main road. Before reaching the house, follow the dirt track to your right per picture 7c.



8 After around 250 metres the path will fork. Continue to the left. Greenway Hall Farm will shortly start coming into view.

9 Take the stone squeezer stile on the left, keeping the wall on your right. You will pass a wind turbine on your left before passing over a further two stiles either side of a gate.



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- 10** When the path meets the road, turn right to proceed down Greenway Hall Road.



- 11** After walking down the bank for around 100 metres, there are excellent views over the City to the left. Do **not** follow the green “Public Footpath” sign of to the left at this point. Instead, continue down the bank until the road bends to the left.



- 12** Take the squeezer stile on the right just as the road starts to bend to the left. Then take the right marked footpath down the hill.



- 13** Proceed down the hill following the tree-lined path. At the bottom of the hill, pass over a stile to return to the golf course.

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Route Guidance

- 14** Carefully go straight across the golf course fairway (watching out for golf balls) towards a footpath waymark and set of steps down over a stream. Proceed over another stile and continue up the hill on the other side.



- 15** Continue walking up the hill, keeping to the right of the field. Houghwood House will soon come into view. Pass over a stile by a metal gate and proceed straight ahead, skirting the edge of the drive to the property.



- 16** Cross over the road and carry on up the track. You will pass through an area of trees called Hough Wood.



Excellent views of the surrounding countryside

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Route Guidance

- 17** Proceed over a stile into a farming field with a few trees on either side. Continue ahead and slightly to the right, aiming for a set of farming tracks and heading towards Manor House Farm when it comes into view. Manor House Farm stands on the original site of one of the oldest farms in Bagnall. It was struck by lightning a few years ago and the roof had to be replaced.



- 18** Pass over a stile as the farm comes into view (or through larger metal gate if open). Continue along the track to pass through the farm.



- 19** Continue straight ahead after passing through the farm, passing a number of houses on your left before reaching School Road in Bagnall village. Turn left and cross the road when possible.



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Route Guidance

20 Pass the Village Hall on your left and keep to the right at the junction.

Turn right at the next junction in 30 metres.



21 This will take you back to the Village Green with the church on your left and Buttercross on your right.

