WHITEHILLS TO HALLEATHS

- Circular town, farmland and quiet road walk
- 4½km/3 miles
- I hour
- Hard surfaced and grass tracks and roads.
- **Moderate**
- Stout shoes or boots recommended

PARKING Enter Lochmaben on the Dumfries Road.

At the sharp right turn in front of the Bruce Hotel you should turn left and follow the parking signs.

Pass the public toilets on your left and you will soon reach the car park.

START Leave the car park by the entrance and turn right, then first left down Welldale Place. Cross the road at the end and turn left. After 20m turn right between the houses and then across the parking area towards the telephone pole. Cross over the first road and turn right at the second. After a short distance you will see a footpath sign pointing between the wooden garages on the opposite side of the road. Follow the sign and turn right after the final garage. Descend the steps and turn left, following the walled path between the houses. Cross the road and follow the track towards the football pitch. Pass through the kissing gate and follow the path alongside the boundary fence and then along the field edge. On a clear day you will be able to see the Moffat Hills to your left and the distinctive flat-topped outline of Burnswark to your right. At the end of the field turn right on to a track and after a short distance bear left on the wider track. Follow this route along the edge of the fields to the quiet public road. Turn right and continue past Halleaths Farm and the impressive spreading oak at the entrance to the stables. Take the next minor road to the right, where the higher ground affords fine views over Castle Loch and beyond to Carthat and Rockhallhead Hills. Pass over the old railway bridge to join the Lockerbie Road and bear right for the centre of Lochmaben.

The church on your left opened in 1822 and is home to the 14th Century Bruce and Pope bells, salvaged from the old kirk, and the oldest in everyday use in Scotland. Keep to the right hand side of the Town Hall and take the first left off Queen Street. At the top of Welldale Place turn right to return to the car park.



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