Farnsfield Outer Heritage Trail Directions
Loop 2 : Halifax Bomber Memorial. Walk distance 2.6 miles.
Starting Point: Hadleigh Park car park, Parfitt Drive, Farnsfield NG22 8FA

Entrance to the car park off Parfitt Drive

Parfitt Drive is named after Pilot Officer Reginald Parfitt, pilot of the Halifax bomber which crashed on the edge of the village on 6th July 1944. This walk includes a visit to the Halifax Bomber Memorial site where more information can be found.

Starting from the car park entrance, turn left to walk down Parfitt Drive. At the bottom take the pathway on the left and after a short distance you will emerge onto a bridleway called Cotton Mill Lane.

Heritage Point - Cotton Mill Lane

Turn right and follow the lane to the junction with Quaker Lane

Small 'detour' to take in the history of Quaker Lane

Turn right onto Quaker Lane and follow the road past Vine Cottage which was where the gas works manager lived in the early 1900s. The garden of the house led directly into the grounds of the gas works.

The road then bends to the left and the modern house next to Vine Cottage stands on the site of the old gasometer used to store the gas. Continue along Quaker Lane and on the right-hand side you will see a row of three Victorian terraced cottages. These were built as part of the gas works development in 1869.

Heritage Point – Farnsfield Gas Works

Quaker Lane was so named because of its strong association with Farnsfield Quakers who would meet in private homes until a meeting house was erected in the late 17th century. A little further along on the right-hand side is the former Primitive Methodist Chapel. Also used as a Women's Institute Hall it is now a private house called Quaker Lane Hall. There are some fine old cottages at the top end of Quaker Lane near the junction with Main Street.

The house almost opposite the junction called Charnwood House (seen in this photograph) is the possible location of the Quaker meeting house and burial ground built 1701-2. Prior to this there was a meeting house on Cockett Lane.

Heritage Point – Farnsfield Quakers

Turn and walk back down Quaker Lane, passing the end of Cotton Mill Lane to follow the road to the junction with Tippings Lane.

Continue straight ahead onto Combs Lane following the sign for the Halifax Bomber Memorial. Continue along this road, past New Farm until you reach a left hand turn signposted Halifax Bomber Memorial. Turn left along this road, passing through the open wooden gate until you reach the memorial site.

Heritage Point – Halifax Bomber Memorial

Leaving the memorial site, retrace your steps back along the lane to the junction with Combs Lane. Turn right and walk a short distance until you see a footpath sign on the left. Follow this path which is hedged on both sides, cross the field and go through a gap into a second field sloping down along a fenced path back towards the village.

There is a good view of the church from here and as you walk down the field, you will see Farnsfield Hall appearing through the trees.

Heritage sheep & several alpacas are usually grazing in these fields

Heritage Trail – Farnsfield Hall

At the bottom of the field, go through the gate, cross the road and walk down the footpath, marked with a bollard, known locally as 'Birdcage Walk'.

Cross Churchside and keeping to the right-hand pavement walk around the bend.

As you approach The Green you will see a house on the left called Saddler's Cottage. As the name suggests, this was once a saddle and harness maker's shop. You can still see the ring on the house wall where horses were tethered.
The Lion pub and restaurant, once called The Red Lion, has a very long history, although it has been largely rebuilt following a fire in 1874.

Heritage Point – The Green

Continue to follow the right-hand pavement, bearing right, past the bus stop and along the Main Street, past the church. As you go through the village you may like to follow the online Farnsfield Heritage Trail of the conservation area.

At the eastern end of the village, you will find yourself back at the Hadleigh Park car park at the bottom of Parfitt Drive. On either side of the entrance to Parfitt Drive you will find trees, a Canadian Maple and an English Oak. On the walls are plaques commemorating the crew of the Halifax bomber.

This is the end of Loop 2