



South Downs Society

formerly Society of Sussex Downsmen

Protecting the Beauty of the Downs



A Walk from Hassocks Railway Station

Approximately 4.5 miles, taking 3 hours.

Start from Hassocks Railway Station. Trains run every hour from Haywards Heath and Brighton.



Leave the station by the stairs at the south end of the Car Park. On reaching the road turn left under the bridge and almost immediately cross the road (with care) to follow a signed footpath along the railway. After passing two three-way signs, 250 metres on, turn left into Butcher's Wood through a gate marked "Woodland Trust".

Turn right and follow a path through a wood, parallel to the footpath. On emerging back onto the path, immediately turn left at a sign heading across a field. On meeting a track leading right, follow this until you reach the road (B2112). Cross the road very carefully (it is a straight stretch with fast traffic) and follow the bridleway passing some houses, ignoring a footpath to the left, to emerge on

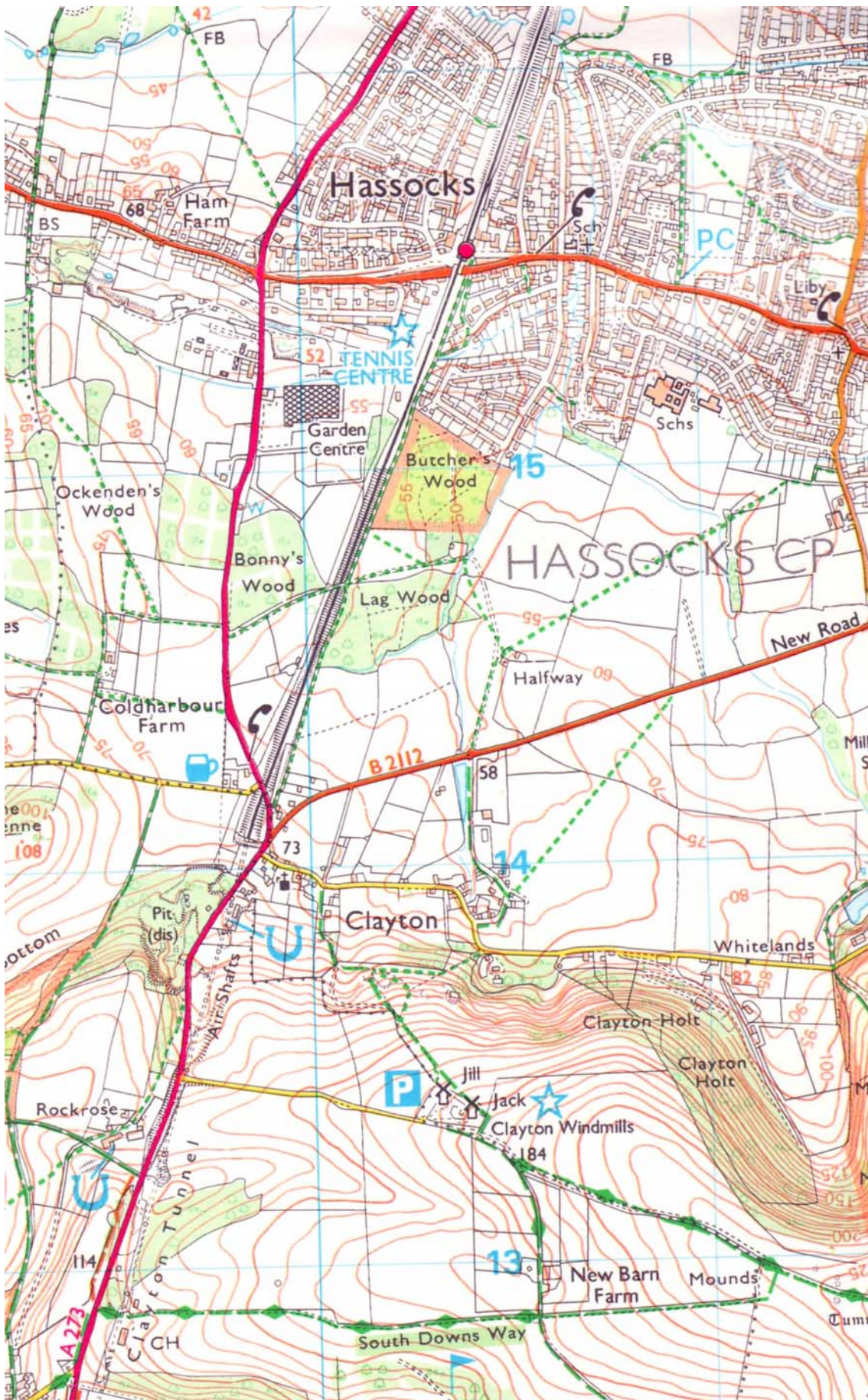
a minor road, Underhill Lane.

Turn left and walk along the lane for 75 yards, then right, through a gate, and follow a steep path moving towards a fence. Turn left and you will arrive at the car park for Jill Windmill (a suitable place for a picnic).

Jack, the black brick windmill, is privately owned but Jill is still managed by a trust and is open most weekends in the summer. Jill is a wooded post mill built in 1826 and transported here by oxen from Dyke Road Brighton in 1850. Retrace your steps for a short while but then follow the bridleway, as the fence turns left, down a gully through a gate to reach the lane again. Turn left along the lane to visit Clayton Church with its very fine 12th Century wall paintings right round the church (generally open).



On emerging cross the lane and immediately take the gap through the fence, left around the church hall and across the playing field, heading towards a footpath sign. On emerging cross the B2112 road again, with care, and walk on the pavement for a few yards. If you turn back you will see the castle like entrance to Clayton railway tunnel. Take the footpath which leads you all the way back to Hassocks station (you can divert, as on the way there, through Butcher's Wood to make a change).



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