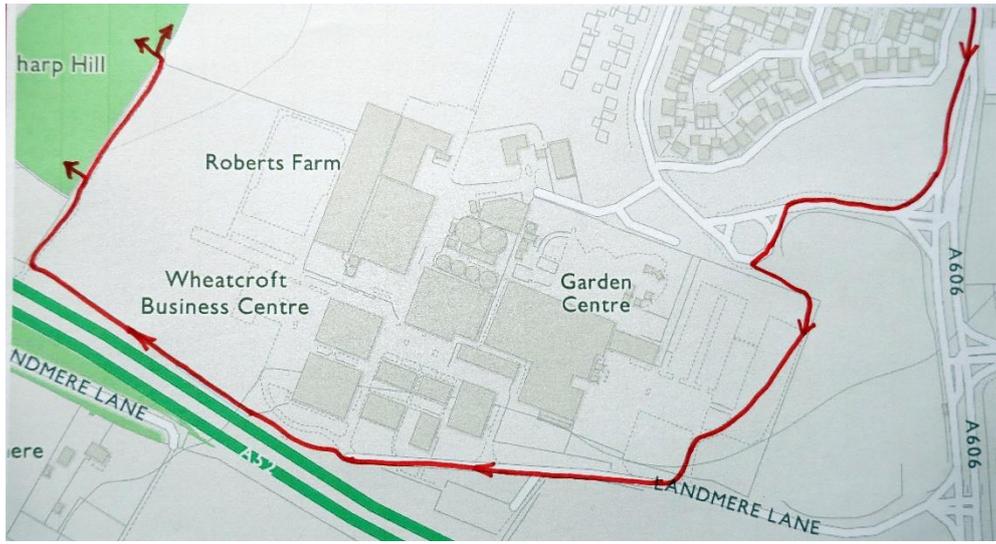


12.2 Walk No 12: Edwalton & Sharp Hill Wood, Part 2



Turn right along Rose Way to the roundabout and go to the left – this will be the delivery access to what was going to be a Waitrose but has just received approval for a Porsche showroom.

Just behind where the car is parked in the photo, there is a gap which is a public footpath which goes through Notcutts/ Wheatcroft to Landmere Lane.



The area between Notcutts and the A52 is currently development site for offices, an Aldi, café, dentist...



Turn right on Landmere Lane and go alongside the existing offices.

Where a barrier can be lowered, go left up onto the grass, left of the trees....

...and then go along the left side of the field



At the far corner, go through the gap in the hedge and turn right up the footpath to Sharphill Wood.



As with Walk No 11, there may be rose hips to see and juicy blackberries to eat.

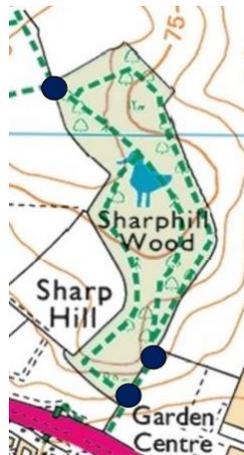


The Friends of Sharphill Wood website tells that the wood was not shown on early maps but the Sanderson map of 1835 shows a scattering of trees on 'Sharps Hill' with a couple of areas of woodland called 'New Covert' and 'Hill Covert' which suggests they were set aside for fox hunting.



Today, the wood is designated a Local Nature Reserve.

There are two entrances to the wood from the south and three routes, with many side paths, through it to get to the north exit.

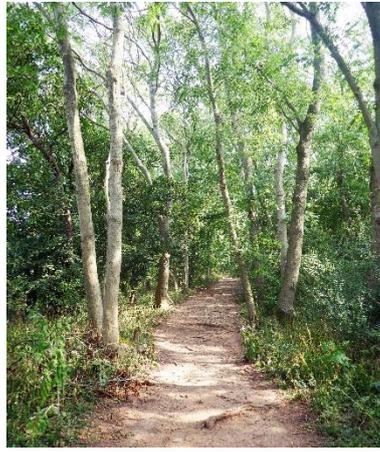


The western route provides occasional views of the open fields.



The first part of the eastern route looks down over the new housing developments.





There is evidence of activity by people.....



...and by badgers.

Whichever route you choose ends at the exit



Go straight ahead, alongside the hedgerow on the right. At the end of the hedgerow, pause to take in the views....

Starting from the right (north)...



River Crescent and the new development alongside.



County Hall and Trent Bridge Cricket Ground – with Green's Mill just visible to the right.



The City Centre



The Castle and Castle Meadow (HMRC) offices below



Queens Medical Centre



Nottingham University



Ratcliffe Power Station



Ruddington Church spire

Sharphill Wood and the fields around are, of course, a favorite area for dog walking, with the walkers meeting for a chat and the dogs (10 in this group) for a run-around.



However, the options are reducing. On my first visit planning this walk, I took the right hand diagonal path down the hill towards the top of Musters Road...



...but on my next visit (19<sup>th</sup> August) fences were being erected, and my path, admittedly not a Public Footpath, was closed!



So, straight down the hill and along Peveril Drive, right on Willow Road, right up Boundary Road and left into Musters Road – with another view of the city



Down Musters Road, stopping briefly to check up on the sheep at the junction with Sherborne Road – I understand she has been a little lame recently...but still able to move around keeping the lawn neat.

That's it folks – enjoy!

