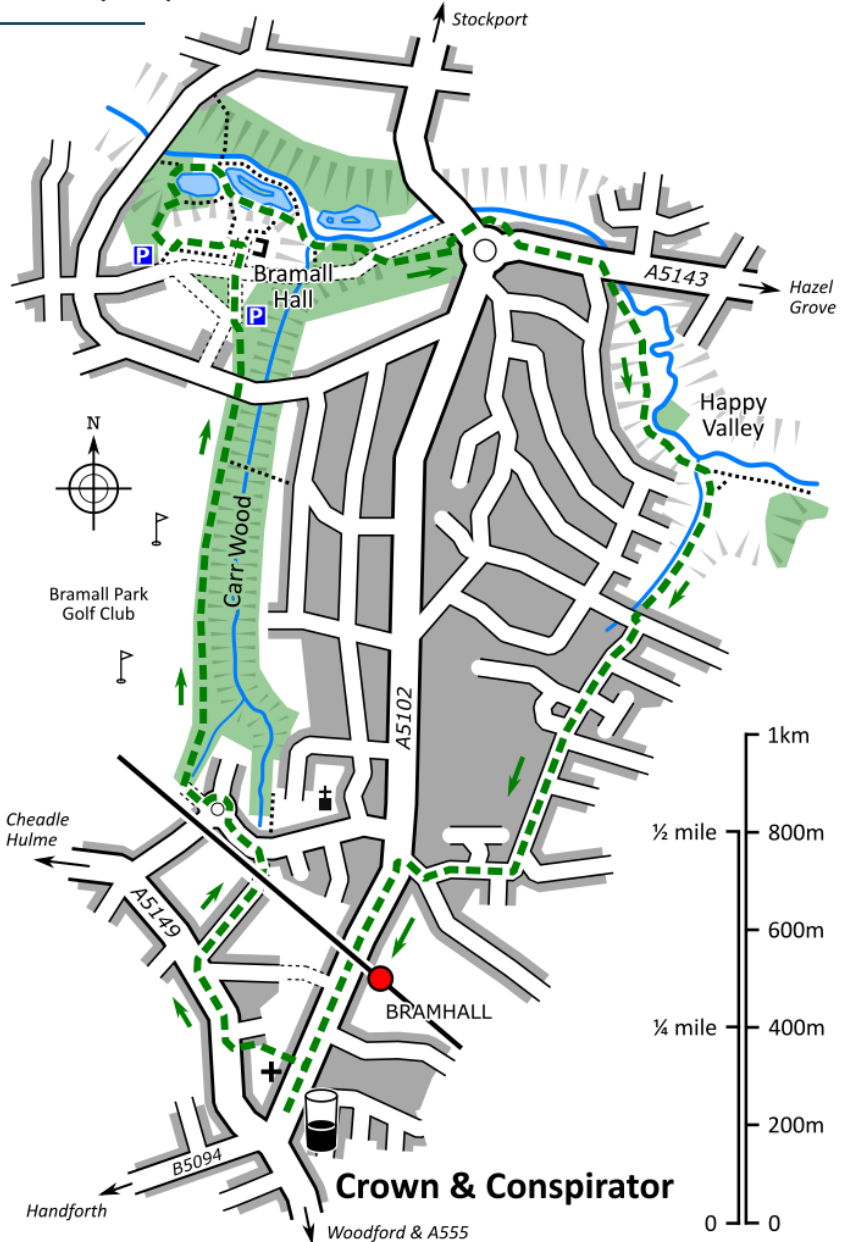


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A surprisingly green walk to Bramall Hall, a splendid Tudor mansion in extensive parkland.

Allow 2 hours. No major difficulties. Paths surfaced throughout; suitable for buggies. Some suburban road walking at the end.

1 From the front of the pub, cross and turn right past Bramhall Methodist Church.

2 Beyond Centrepoint, turn left onto a surfaced footpath that runs past the end of a car park and emerges onto the A5149.

3 Turn right, past the end of Briarlands Close.

4 Turn right into Hillbrook Road and walk down the street and under the railway bridge.

5 On emerging into Robins Lane, cross and turn left and walk down to a mini-roundabout at the junction with Forbes Park.

6 Turn left then, before the railway arch, turn right through a gateway onto a cobbled track.

7 Bear right past a gate and follow the broad, tree-lined between the golf course (left) and a stream valley (right).

8 When you reach a road, cross at the lights and pass through a motorcycle barrier opposite.

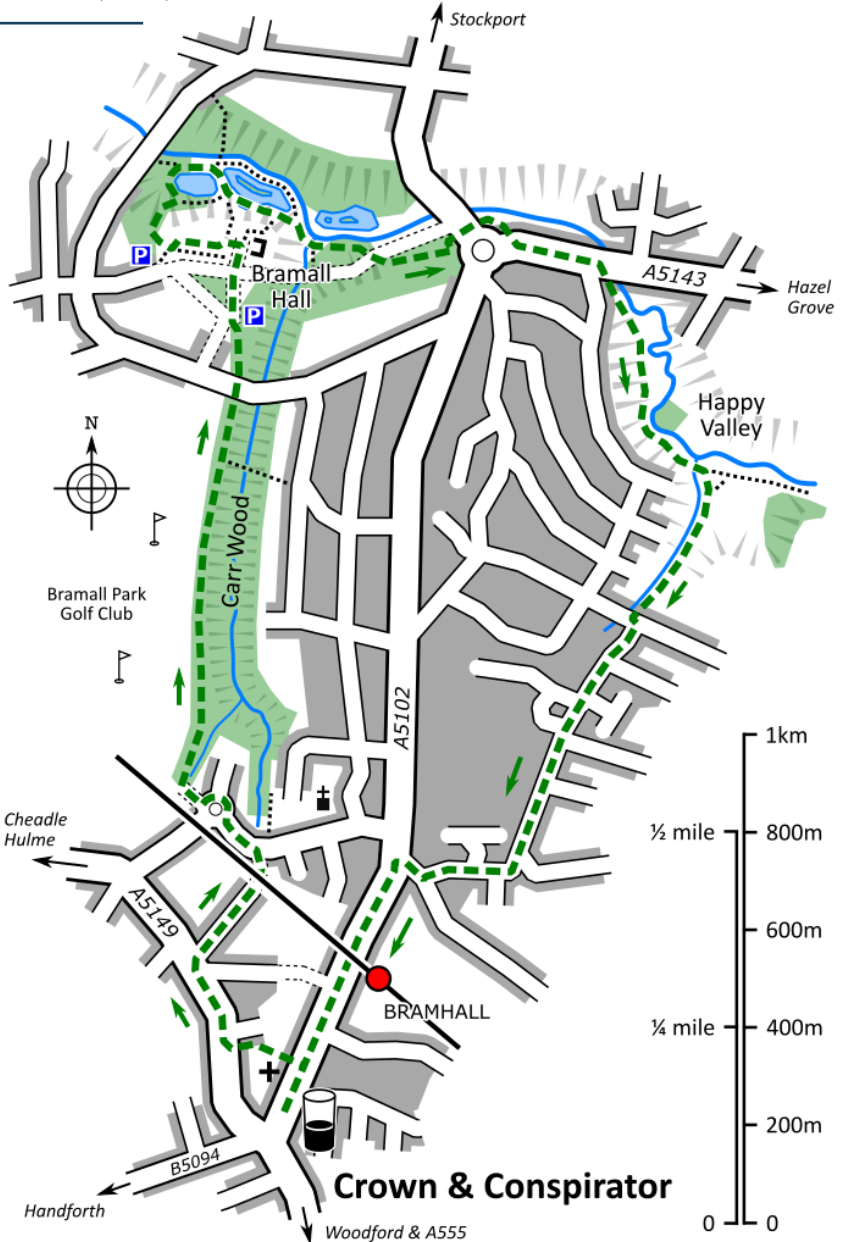
9 Follow the path ahead to a car park.

10 Keep left, then take the road ahead at a junction to Bramall Hall.

11 Walk past the stables building on the left then, directly in front of the hall, turn left and follow the surfaced path above the ha-ha (half-sunken wall).

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12 Turn left at the playground, then right towards another car park by the West Lodge.

13 Keeping to the right of the car park, follow a descending path through trees down to the lakeside.

14 Turn left and walk round the westernmost lake.

15 At a footbridge take the right-hand path, with the water on your left and the slopes up to the Hall on your right.

16 Beyond the end of the lake, bear right then left over a bridge, with the main stream on your left. Keep to the streamside at a fork.

17 Follow the stream past a small weir to a driveway, which you cross to pass behind the East Lodge and exit the park onto a main road by a bus shelter.

18 Turn then cross at the zebra crossing.

19 Turn right and then keep left past the convenience store into Bridge Lane, passing Brookdale Club & Theatre.

20 At the next traffic lights, cross and take the footpath to the left of Valley Road, into Happy Valley Local Nature Reserve.

21 Follow the path along the valley for 500 metres, then, at a fork before an open space, turn right, away from the stream.

22 Follow the path uphill, alongside a sidestream, and pass the buildings of Bramhall High School on the left.

23 On reaching Seal Road, cross and turn left and immediately right into Dairy-ground Road.

24 Follow the road for 500 metres, passing a Co-op store partway along.

25 At the junction with Northcote Road, follow the road round to the right.

26 Turn right along Ladythorn Road, to the junction with the main road.

27 Turn left and pass under the railway bridge. There are a couple of old cottages on the right at the end of Benja Fold. Continue straight on back to the Crown and Conspirator.



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