



## Nick Hallissey

A warm mid-summer's day stroll through the Grantchester Meadows beside the river Cam should have been the idyllic setting for an interview of Nick Hallissey, Deputy Editor of Country Walking magazine. A professional walker and writer who has an encyclopaedic knowledge of walking routes throughout Britain. For many, including me, his must be the dream job, but as he reveals it is not just endless walks in the beautiful countryside, there's research and meticulous preparation. Neither of which I appear to have done for our walk. In addition, there are office-bound days prepping monthly issues of the magazine. We are also accompanied by a photographer, as Nick is keen to use images from our walk in a future feature. It is an experience I have not encountered before. You can read Nick's account of our walk in the March 2018 issue of Country Walking magazine. 11.4MB 24'19"

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded in June 2017 on a walk from Trumpington to Barton Road, Cambridge via Grantchester and the meadows beside the river Cam. On our walk we were accompanied by photographer, Richard Faulks. Published in January 2018 on <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

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<https://www.greatmagazines.co.uk/country-walking-magazine>

As a 4 or 5 year old, Nick was taken by his parents on walks as they walked the South Downs Way:  
<https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/south-downs-way>

Knutsford - in a rural area and not so far from either the Lake District the Peak District, Yorkshire or Snowdonia. Across the Cheshire Plain one could see Jodrell Bank radio telescope.  
<http://www.jodrellbank.net/>

Davenham roundabout <http://www.geograph.org.uk/photo/2057162> on the A556 was the early morning rendez vous for Nick as a school student on day trips to Snowdonia and other hill walking regions organised by an outdoor enthusiast teacher. Tryfan <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tryfan> was a popular destination.

Nick has a distinct memory of The Royal Oak pub in Betws-y-Coed <http://www.royaloakhotel.net/> at the time of Formula 1 driver Ayrton Senna's deadly crash.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death\\_of\\_Ayrton\\_Senna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death_of_Ayrton_Senna)

Every issue of Country Walking magazine includes 27 route cards of routes devised by reader contributors - two of which have previously been interviewed by Talking Walking - listen in to Phoebe Taplin <http://www.talkingwalking.net/phoebe-taplin-talking-walking/> and Len Banister <http://www.talkingwalking.net/len-banister-talking-walking/>.

Maris Lane, Trumpington, Cambridgeshire [https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Maris+Ln,+Cambridge+CB2+9LD/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x47d87a16fd6e5735:0x51017572a83bb6c0?sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiDivn8rqPYAhXqAsAKHRL\\_DcgQ8gEIjAA](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Maris+Ln,+Cambridge+CB2+9LD/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x47d87a16fd6e5735:0x51017572a83bb6c0?sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiDivn8rqPYAhXqAsAKHRL_DcgQ8gEIjAA)

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The Ramblers <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/> publish Walk magazine <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/news/walk-magazine.aspx>

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What Nick wouldn't leave behind when going on a walk: good footwear, polyester top or marino wool, rucksack with a suspended mesh back, a waterproof, a warm layer, a bit of lunch, a head torch, a compass and map, and a pair of pants..... Nick warns you won't find any in Bakewell <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bakewell>

**Nick's recommendation for a walk is:**

1. Catbells, Lake District - take the Keswick launch to Hawes End across Derwent Water, walk over Catbells to the Barandlehome jetty to return by launch to Keswick.
2. Paglesham in Essex, at the confluence of the Roach and Crouch rivers
3. Bretton Clough, a hidden valley in the Peak District with The Barrel Inn at the top <http://www.thebarrelinn.co.uk/>

Download **Country Walking** Route cards for these walks: [www.livefortheoutdoors.com/talkingwalking](http://www.livefortheoutdoors.com/talkingwalking)

You can read Nick's account of our walk in the March 2018 issue of **Country Walking** magazine. Want to read more of Nick's adventures? **Country Walking Magazine** are offering listeners to this podcast a discounted rate on subscriptions (including a trial package of 3 months for just £5) - [just follow this link](#)

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