

This path also boasts a tremendous display of snowdrops in February, celandines and wood anemones in April. At the end of the track you will find the gem, which is Great Portmansford Farm.



The farmhouse, which dates back to before 1597, is being gradually restored by the new owners after many years of neglect. Notice the old stone barn remains beyond the house.

Finally head south down the metalled road to where you began, admiring the cottages, one of which (Chandlers), was the post office and grocers and even a draper for a short time. It still has the old Georgian postbox in the house wall - now oddly painted black



Great Portmansford

The timber framed part of the farmhouse dates back to medieval times. The other part of the house is a Victorian addition.

Portmansford is mentioned in the Buckhurst Terrier in 1597: *‘Richard Michelborne, in the right of Anne his wife, holds by deed land called Potmanford, 8 acres, and other lands called Potmanford, 22 acres*

Rent 5s. 4d., 1 hen, 5 eggs, and one days work in Harvest’

We hope you enjoy the walk. Get the full details of this walk from the Danehill Parish Historical Society website at dphs.weebly.com/, or at <http://danehill-pc.org> , ‘Community’ tab. Thanks to the council for hosting this website . We also wish to acknowledge the work of the late Derek Rawlings, who first investigated these old trackways.