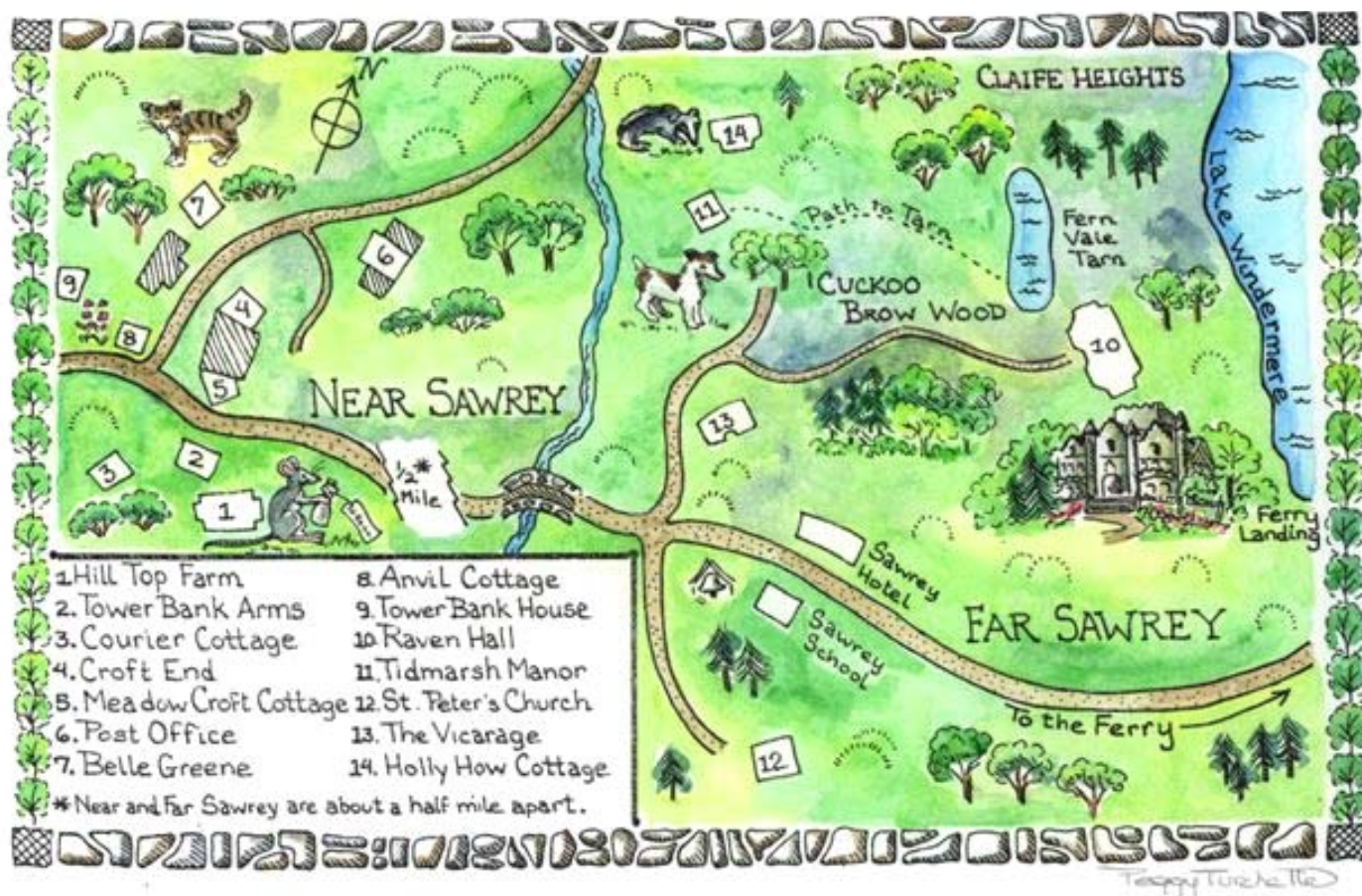


## *Map for The Tale of Cuckoo Brow Wood The Third of the Beatrix Potter Cottage Tales*



### *Mapping the Land between the Lakes*

I love playing with maps! They often tell me a great deal about a place I have visited. And when I am writing about a real place, they help me to fix the scene in my mind.

I had visited the Lake District several times before I decided to write about the twin villages of Near and Far Sawrey. Back home, I studied the maps we had brought back. But these were modern maps, and the Lake District was greatly changed from Beatrix Potter's day.

So I did some research into available maps and found that the most authentic map of Beatrix's Lake District was the Ordnance Survey Map that was published in 1890, based on surveys made in 1888. This large-scale map shows all the buildings of the village (including Hill Top Farm, of course!),

with all the local place names. There is Cuckoo Brow Wood (where Professor Owl lives), and Hawkshead Flat, and Dog Holes. I love these names and enjoy playing with them. And I love the landscapes that the maps depict.

To create the maps for the books, I worked with artist Peggy Turchette. I made a list of all the places in the book, then put them on a roughly-sketched map (very rough!). Peggy took my sketches and turned them into lovely hand-drawn maps, with keys to help you find your way around. The one above is the map to the third book, *The Tale of Cuckoo Brow Wood*.

You'll find maps to each book's setting at the beginning of the book, and also on the Cottage Tales website, [www.mysterypartners.com](http://www.mysterypartners.com).



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