

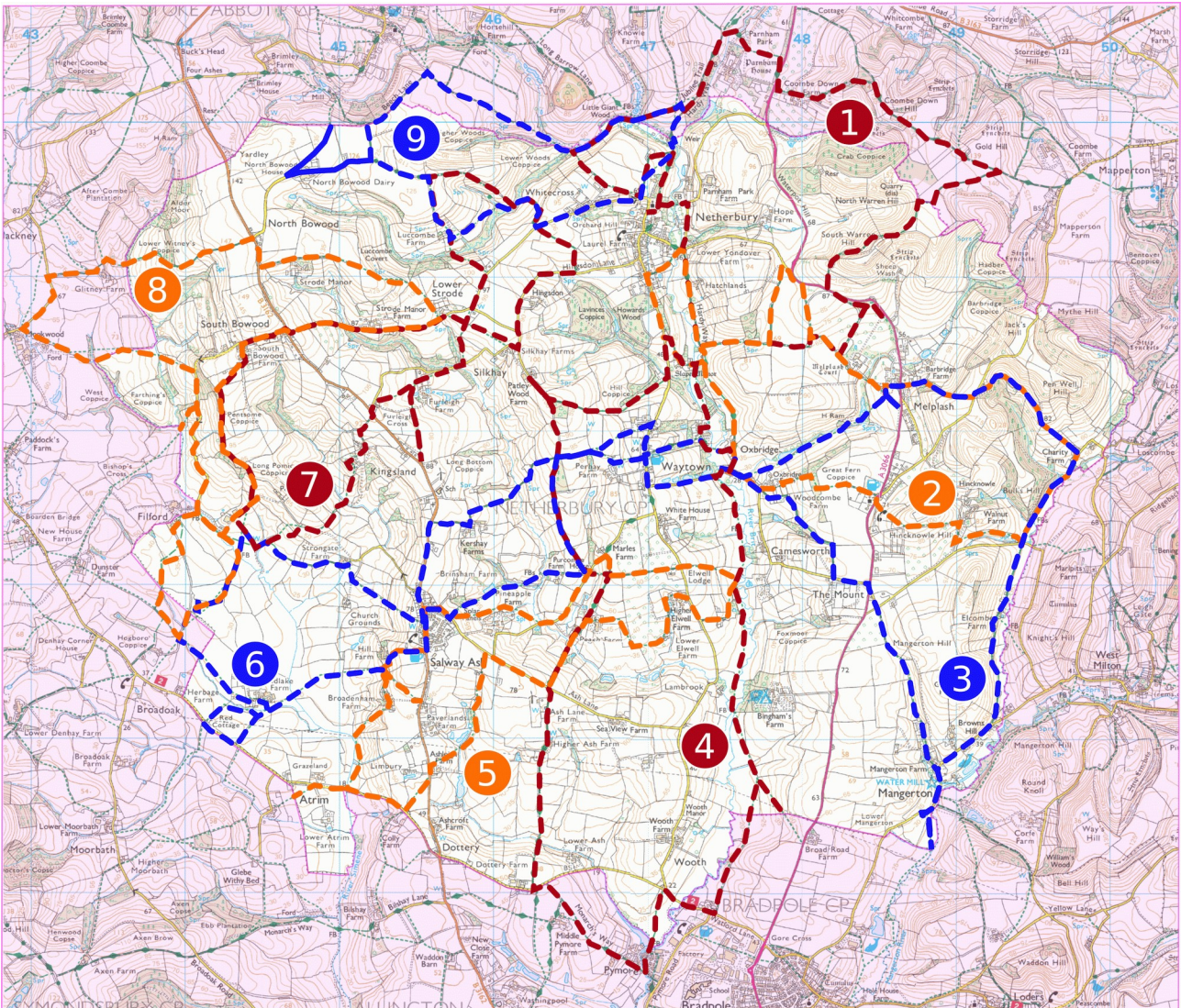
# All the Netherbury Parish Paths

Nine circular walks that, between them, cover every footpath and bridleway in the civil parish of Netherbury.

The walks are between 7.8 & 11.9km (4.8 & 7.4 miles) long with most around 10km (6.2 miles) and can be walked in a relaxed 3-4 hours. They add up to a total 93.3km (58 miles) plus however far you have to walk to get to them. If you were to start from The Square in Netherbury each time that would add 9.7km taking the whole exercise to 103km (64 miles)

Netherbury is in West Dorset so the routes are “hilly” and often wet underfoot. You’ll need a pair of comfortable and waterproof walking boots, unless it’s high summer, when a good pair of trainers or walking shoes should do.

The descriptions start from a point that’s usually the closest the route comes to Netherbury village. However, being circular walks, you can start at whatever point suits you best.



There are some basic rules to observe: if you open a gate shut it behind you, checking it’s shut properly before you move on. If you’re in a group this responsibility remains with you until someone else acknowledges they’ve taken it on. If you can’t open a gate and you have to climb over it, it’s usually best to do that at the hinge end.

Always put dogs on a lead if there’s livestock in the same field or nearby. You may know that your dog is perfectly trained and wouldn’t hurt a fly but the livestock doesn’t. Take home any “poop” and dispose of it properly. That’s probably easiest if you take some bags with you.

Take all your litter home.

## **Walk 1**

**10.3 km**

**Netherbury – Melplash Court – South Warren Hill – Gold Hill – Coombe Down – Parnham Park – Netherbury**

This route circles round the NE of the parish with approximately one third of it outside the parish boundary. It takes in parkland from two of the areas grandest country houses and climbs to the top of South Warren Hill which offers some of the best views of West Dorset anywhere. It also includes just over 100m of the A3066 approaching the brow of a steep hill.

## **Walk 2**

**9.6 km**

**Netherbury – Melplash – Loscombe – Long Mead – Hincknowle – Oxbridge – Slape Manor – Netherbury**

This route takes you out to the east of Melplash to some of the most beautiful parts of the parish and passes the Half Moon pub about two thirds of the way round.

## **Walk 3**

**10.9 km**

**Waytown – Oxbridge – Melplash – Long Mead – Elcombe – Mangerton – The Mount – Comesworth – Waytown**

Starting from The Hare and Hounds pub this route takes you out to the east of the parish before ending back at the pub. It passes through two very mucky farm-yards meaning shoes may not be suitable footwear at any time of year! It also takes you close to Mangerton Mill, just over halfway through, where there is a cafe and the chance to see the mill workings.

## **Walk 4**

**11.9 km**

**Silkhay – Slape Manor – Oxbridge – Brit Valley – Pymore – Ash Lane – Purcombe – Silkhay**

This is the longest of these walks at a shade under 12km (7.5 miles). It takes you down the beautiful Brit Valley to Pymore and back again sharing the route with several of the areas long distance paths. The route passes close to the Pymore Inn about two thirds of the way round offering a refreshment stop.

## **Walk 5**

**9.4 km**

**Pineapple Lane – Elwell – Ash Lane – Limbury – Broadenham – Salway Ash – Pineapple Lane**

Running through Salway Ash and dipping down into the Marshwood Vale this route takes you through orchards and pastures between two of the local rivers (the Brit in the east and the Simene in the west).

## **Walk 6**

**11.1 km**

**Waytown – Purcombe – Salway Ash – Bidlake – Salway Ash – Kershay – Waytown**

This walk uses some of our most endangered Rights of Way where the disappearance of much of the infrastructure (signs, stiles, gates, footbridges, etc.) can make it tricky to follow the route by map alone. Starting and finishing at The Hare & Hounds as well as passing the Anchor Inn about a third of the way round this route offers plenty of refreshment options.

## **Walk 7**

**10.5 km**

**Whitecross – Luccombe – Furleigh – Pomice – South Bowood – Silkhay – Whitecross**

Taking you through some of the north-west of the parish this route involves more tarmac than most of these walks. It takes you from the outskirts of Netherbury village, through Furleigh and drops down into the Marshwood Vale before looping back via South Bowood. Like Walk 6 this route takes you along some of our most endangered Rights of Way – use them or lose them.

## Walk 8

11.6 km

### Lower Strode – South Bowood – Filford – Monkwood – North Bowood – Lower Strode

Another foray into the Marshwood Vale on the most westerly of these routes and another chance to use some of our most endangered Rights of Way. A feature of this walk is the magnificent views of the Vale as you drop down from North Bowood and then ascend once more to South Bowood.

## Walk 9

7.8 km

### Tower Hill – Whitecross – Luccombe – North Bowood – Beech Lane – Clenham – Tower Hill

The shortest of these routes at 7.8km (4.9 miles) is a quick romp around the northern end of the parish. It would be easy to extend the walk to take in Stoke Abbott if you wanted to.

### A key to the descriptions.

| Total Km | Map Ref | Description  | Section Length |
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|          |         | Sections with this blue background are liable to be very wet!<br>It might be possible to avoid getting wet feet if you're wearing waterproof boots but the water would probably overtop a shoe or trainer.<br>These sections are probably best attempted in the drier months.                          |                |
|          |         | Sections with this yellow background involve a path that is really only of interest if you are attempting to walk <i>all</i> the parish's paths.<br>They are usually part of a path that leaves the parish and can be omitted if you just want to enjoy a circular walk.                               |                |
|          |         | The red border indicates that a section consists of paths that are included in one or more of the walks meaning that the section could, in theory, be missed out without affecting an attempt to walk <i>all</i> the parish's paths – so long as you make sure you cover it in one of the other walks. |                |

These routes all follow public rights of way (where that's physically possible) which means you have the legal right to walk them. It is illegal to intentionally obstruct a right of way including with hedges, fences (including electric fences) or other barriers.

If a cross-field path is ploughed or cultivated it must be reinstated within 14 days. If this doesn't happen you may choose to use the field perimeter instead – it is unlikely that the farmer will complain that you're not following the right of way under these circumstances.

Landowners are responsible for the maintenance of gates, stiles, etc. and the removal of overhanging vegetation.

Dorset Council is responsible for the surface of the path, the removal of surface vegetation or undergrowth (nettles, brambles, etc.), bridges and signage.

If you find any problems with damaged or missing infrastructure, obstructions, etc. you can report them to the Council's Rights of Way Team, who will attempt to remedy the situation in liaison with the landowner.

Take a photo if you are able to, note the position and any details then report the problem on the website: <https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/rightsofway/reportproblem>. Alternatively you can telephone 01305 221000.

In my experience they respond pretty quickly where they can. Negotiating with uncooperative landowners takes time and the ultimate sanction of court action is very expensive and takes even longer.

**If you find any errors in the maps or descriptions, or if you just find them hard to follow, please let me know so I can correct them.**

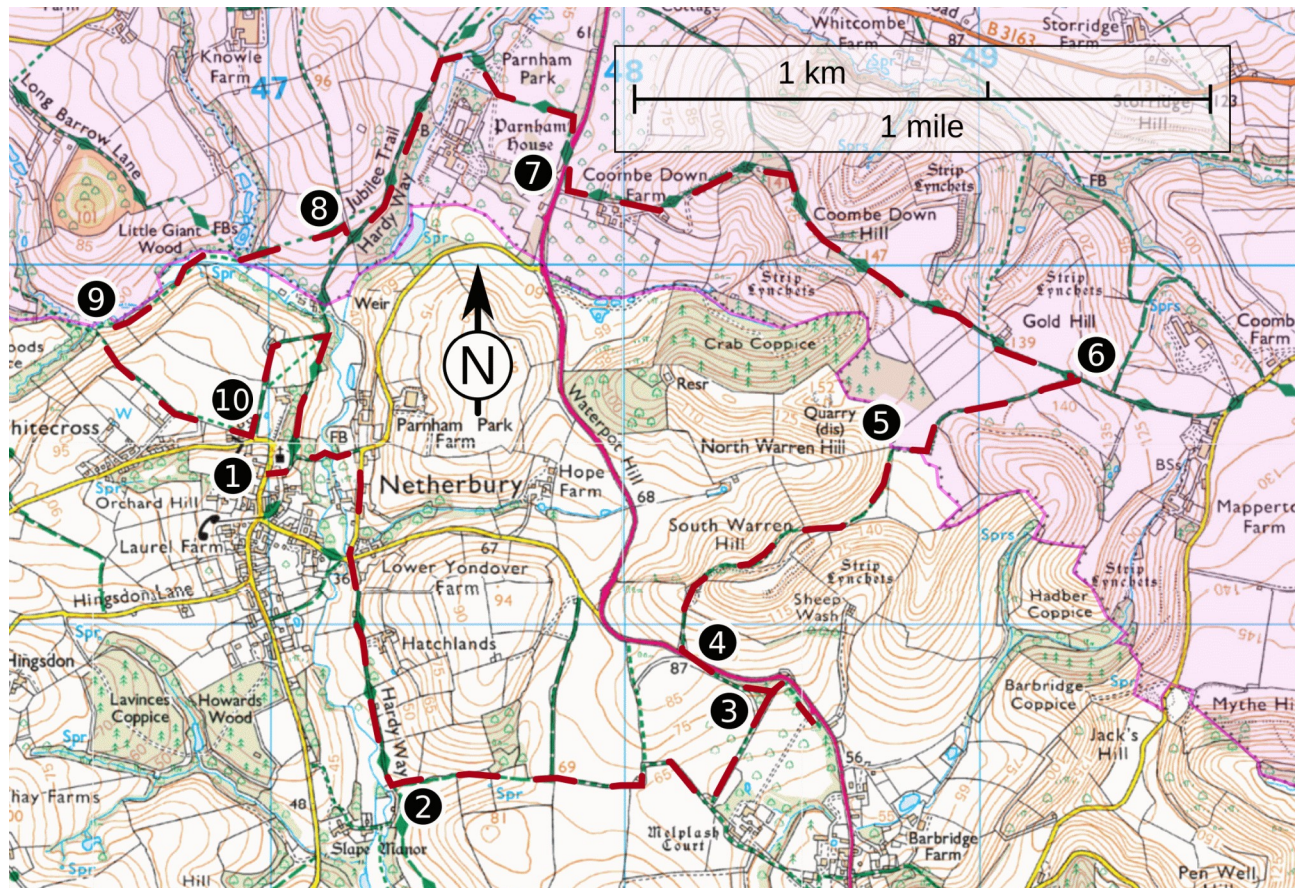
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# Walk 1

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| Distance: | 10.27km      | 6.38 miles  |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 4699 9942                                      |
|           | WGS84:       | Longitude -2.7533, Latitude 50.7919               |
|           | Address:     | War Memorial, Chantry Street, Netherbury. DT6 5NB |



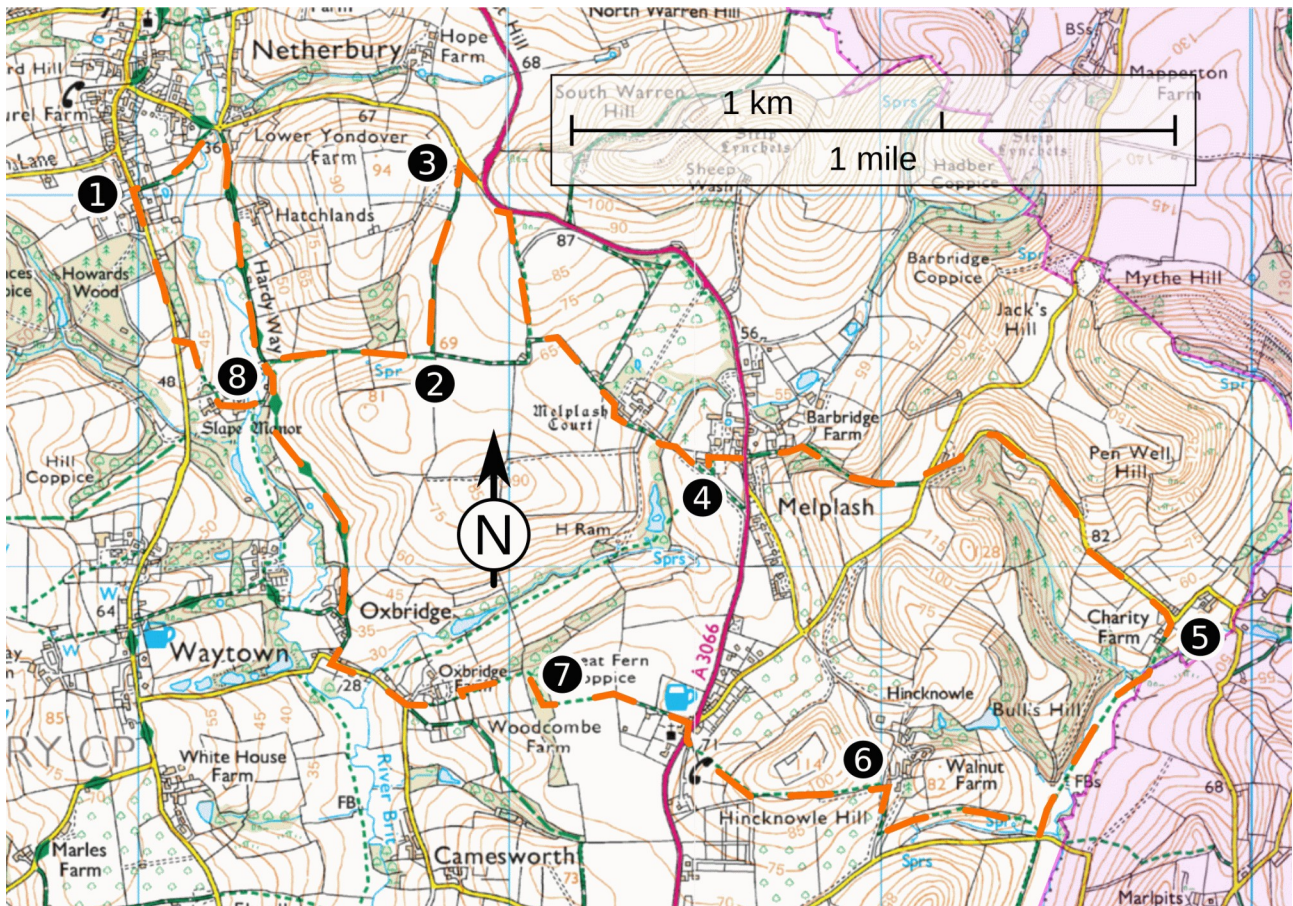
| Total Km | Map Ref  | Description   | Section Length |
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| 0        | <b>1</b> | Start in Tower Hill, Netherbury, facing the War Memorial. Take the public footpath to the right of the memorial. Follow the path around the perimeter of the churchyard, past the church steps and a house (Paradise House) until you reach a pair of stone gateposts straddling the path although no longer supporting a gate.<br><br>At this point turn right and take the steps downhill, through the trees. As you approach the kissing gate at the bottom you should be able to hear the weir ahead. Carry on and cross the river (Brit) using the weir bridge then follow the path round to the left and up the hill. | 320m           |
| 0.32     |          | When you meet the road (Crook Hill) turn right and follow it downhill. At the bottom of the hill do not cross over the bridge but continue straight on, taking the bridleway, up the wooded track (Hatchlands Lane).  | 320m           |
| 0.64     |          | Follow the track past a large house (Hatchlands) on your left and downhill past an old orchard on your right until it narrows and you should be able to hear the river as it passes over another old weir.  | 640m           |

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| 1.28 | ② | When you come to a field gate go through it and turn left, following the footpath uphill and through another field gate. Continue following the track uphill until you reach a gate & stile leading into a grassy lane.  | 440m |
| 1.74 |   | Follow the lane past another gate & stile and as it curves to the left past a cow barn (the path can be pretty mucky here in the winter). Continue on the track as it bends to the right through another gate & stile and gently downhill towards Melplash.  | 310m |
| 2.05 |   | Look for a stile on your left <i>before</i> you reach a large house (Melplash Court) on your left. Cross into the field and follow the fence on your right. Keep parallel with the fence as you go into some trees and you should be able to hear the traffic on the A3066 (Crooked Oak Hill).   | 620m |
| 2.67 | ③ | If you want cover <i>all</i> the paths in the parish you'll see, just before the end of the fence, there is a field gate (usually locked). Negotiate the gate and follow the path, keeping the trees on your right and the road on your left. Cross over the drive for Melplash Ct and carry on until you reach a stile on your left. Turn round and retrace your steps to the locked gate.  | 590m |
| 3.26 | ④ | Follow the path away from the gate keeping the A3066 on your right. Look for a stile on your right approx. 75m <i>before</i> the track crests a ridge. Take the stile to the A3066.<br><br><b>BEWARE!</b> This is a very dangerous place to cross the road and no provision has been made to aid pedestrians. My preferred method is to cross immediately because you can see a reasonable distance in both directions while you're crossing. Once you're over the road turn left and you'll be facing the oncoming traffic but they will not be able to see you until they have crested the hill. Keep in tight to the edge of the road and be prepared to flatten yourself against the bank if necessary!<br><br>So... turn left and follow the road to the brow of the hill where there is a ramp up to a field gate on your right. | 120m |
| 3.38 |   | Take the ramp and gate into the field and turn right. The Right of Way goes up the sunken lane below you to the right which had become blocked by fallen trees and fences so the de-facto path runs alongside it up the hill.  | 190m |
| 3.57 |   | Some work has been done recently to clear the old path so you may prefer to follow that until the two routes merge higher up.<br><br>- OR -<br><br>When you reach a ridge take the gate to your right and follow the track uphill. As the track emerges at the top of the hill it bends left and follows the ridge to the apparent summit.   | 400m |
| 3.97 |   | Follow the path which takes you over the actual summit and then bends to the left again, keeping the fence on your right.  | 370m |
| 4.34 | ⑤ | When a fence-line comes up from the valley below, on your left, go through the small gate to your right and then straight on, keeping the hedgerow on your left.   | 320m |
| 4.52 |   | Follow the field edge, keeping the hedgerow on your left, around a left turn and then, at the next field gate, go through a gap to the left of it into an old lane.  | 430m |
| 4.95 | ⑥ | Follow the old lane until you reach a T-junction where you go left, through a field gate and take the path labelled as Beaminster Ramblers Millennium Walk & Jubilee Trail through a field keeping the fence on your right.  | 220m |
| 5.17 |   | Follow the track, still labelled as the Beaminster Ramblers Millennium Walk, through a gate by some old barns (Coombe Down Barn) and onwards. When it dips downhill, just after some conifers on your left, the Right of Way passes through the hedge on your right and then continues parallel with the track.  | 800m |
| 5.97 |   | On cresting a ridge in some woodland take the path on your left, do not continue straight on. Follow the path (still the Beaminster Ramblers Millennium Walk & Jubilee Trail) with the fence on your <i>left</i> through the trees.  | 100m |

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| 6.07  |    | The path soon tips downhill and turns into another old sunken track. Follow this until the Right of Way is diverted off to the right around Coombe Down Farm.   | 450m |
| 6.52  |    | Follow the path with a fence on your right past the farm and into an orchard. When you reach the bottom corner of the orchard turn right keeping the orchard fence on your right until you reach the A3066.   | 300m |
| 6.72  | 7  | Cross straight over the A3066 and turn right. Follow the path until you reach a deer fence. Go through the gate and turn left into the Parnham House parkland. Follow the white-topped marker posts across the park, cross over the drive and continue down to another deer fence, gate and a bridge over the river Brit.   | 530m |
| 7.25  |    | Go through the gate after the bridge into a field and follow the path keeping the fence on your left until you come to a field gate. Go through the gate and follow the path labelled as the Brit Valley Circular Walk.   | 680m |
| 7.93  | 8  | When the path meets a farm track turn right and head uphill. Before the crest of the hill look for a small wooden gate on your left where a footpath crosses the farm track. Go through the gate and head straight across the field.  | 340m |
| 8.27  |    | Drop down the slope and find a small gate, almost in the corner of the field. Follow the path down into the woods and straight on before bearing left to a footbridge & stile. Once over the river bear right and follow the path. When the path appears to end at a fence look to the left for a small metal gate. Follow the path as it climbs up a small bank and passes through another small metal gate. | 190m |
| 8.46  |    | Keeping the fence on your right follow the path through two field gates and then down to the bottom corner of the field to another small metal gate.  | 340m |
| 8.80  | 9  | Once through the gate turn left, uphill and through another small metal gate. Follow the fence up the steep hill and pass through another small metal gate at the top. You may wish to use the tree-trunk bench for a bit at this point. Continue a few metres uphill from the bench and go through the small metal gate to the left.   | 130m |
| 8.93  |    | Follow the path past the house and into the field. Keeping the fence on your right follow the path to the field gate in the corner.   | 410m |
| 9.37  | 10 | Go through the gate in the corner of the field, then turn left and follow the track (Norton Lane) which eventually bends right and heads downhill.  | 430m |
| 9.80  |    | When you reach a T-junction turn right and uphill into a field. Walk along the field edge and go through a small metal gate on your left then follow the path through the woods until you emerge at the churchyard once more. Follow the path around the perimeter of the churchyard until you end up back at the War Memorial.   | 470m |
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## Walk 2

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| Distance: | 9.60km       | 5.96 miles  |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 4699 9901  |
|           | WGS84:       | Longitude -2.7534, Latitude 50.7883                 |
|           | Address:     | The Old Workhouse, St James Rd, Netherbury. DT6 5LW |



| Total Km | Map Ref  | Description   | Section Length |
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| 0        | <b>1</b> | Take the bridleway that starts across the road from The Old Workhouse and runs to the left of The Old Malthouse. Pass through a small gate, followed by a drawbar gate into the field. The path bends to the left as it goes gently downhill, through two more small gates before it becomes tarmacked and eventually reaches the road (Bridge St).<br>Turn right, cross the bridge over the River Brit and turn right again up the wooded track (Hatchlands Lane). | 310m           |
| 0.31     |          | Follow the track past a large house on your left (Hatchlands) and downhill past an old orchard on your right until it narrows and you should be able to hear the river Brit as it passes over an old weir.  | 640m           |
| 0.95     |          | When you come to a field gate go through it and turn left, walk uphill and through another field gate. Continue following the track uphill until you reach the top.   | 450m           |
| 1.40     | <b>2</b> | At the crest look to your left for a pair of gates, go through the small gate and follow the path past three large trees to another field gate.   | 390m           |

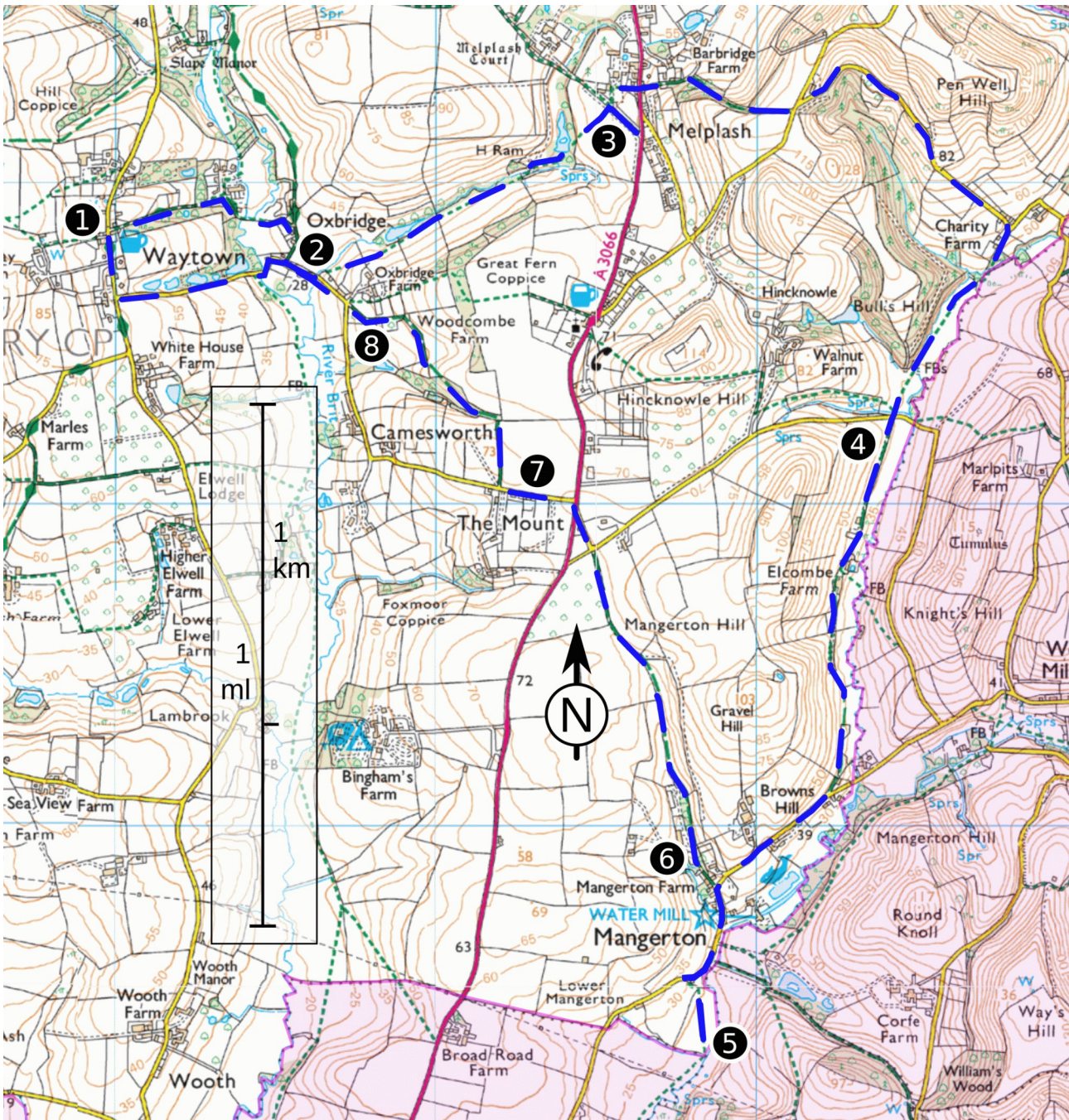
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| 1.79 |   | Follow the lane to the road (Drury Lane). This lane often contains large stretches of quite deep standing water in the wet months which are difficult to bypass. You may need wellington boots, waders or a kayak to avoid wet feet in the winter.   | 130m |
| 1.92 | ③ | At the road turn right and uphill to the A3066 (Crooked Oak Hill).<br><br><b>BEWARE!</b> Traffic often leaves the A3066 at speed and this section of road is narrow. Keep in single file to the edge of the road and clear this bit of road as quickly as possible.<br><br>Turn right at the A3066 on the grass verge on the outside of the bend. As the bend straightens out go past a field gate and then take the footpath through the small gate on your right.  | 200m |
| 2.12 |   | Walk uphill keeping the fence-line on your right, go over a stile and carry on with the fence to your right as the field drops downhill.<br><br>Pass through the gate or stile at the bottom and turn left onto the track.   | 340m |
| 2.46 |   | Continue on the track through another gate & stile and gently downhill towards Melplash. Stay on the track as it loops past Melplash Court (on your left), dips down and back up. You'll probably be able to hear the A3066 ahead but approx 100m before you reach it you should see a stile in the fence to your right. At this point you turn <i>left</i> where a gate & stile with a sign for "Smithy Cottage" lead you towards some farm buildings.  | 650m |
| 3.11 | ④ | After 30 or 40m turn right and go through a field gate under a power-line to a gravelled area keeping Smithy Cottage on your left. Follow the hedge on your left and go through a small gate and along a narrow path between the houses, down some steps and through a second small gate to the edge of the A3066.   | 150m |
| 3.26 |   | Cross the road and take the bridleway opposite that is signed for "Barbridge Farm & Cottage" as it rises up past Melplash Farm House on your left. As the track crests the hill take the sunken track to your right and continue to climb.   | 530m |
| 3.79 |   | At the top of the hill the track meets a road. Turn left and the almost immediately right down a road labelled as being "Unsuitable for HGVs" and signed for Loscombe. Follow this road until it turns sharp left at the bottom of the hill.   | 950m |
| 4.74 | ⑤ | Where the road turns left you turn right and follow the track past a garage on your left and over the stile just after it, also on your left. Follow the path, labelled as the Ant Hill Trail, with a farmyard on your right into the woods. Cross two more stiles, a footbridge and eventually a tall metal gate which brings you out into a field.   | 210m |
| 4.95 |   | Follow the valley with the river and Long Mead Coppice rising up to your right. As it appears that the field is coming to an end cross a small footbridge on your right and then turn left and look for a small metal gate uphill to your right.   | 340m |
| 5.29 |   | Between you and the gate you'll see a fenced off spring which fills a metal trough. The field below the spring can be very wet in the winter months so it is probably best to go behind the spring, keeping it on your left. Head up the hill to the small metal gate.   | 160m |
| 5.45 |   | Pass through the gate, labelled as the Brit Valley Circular Walk, into an old orchard. Keep the hedge on your right and when the path forks take the option that keeps climbing to your right.<br><br>When you reach a fenced-off market-garden area with poly tunnels, etc. turn left and follow the fence round two sides. When you come to a small metal gate in the opposite corner go through it, bear right, cross the farm track and go over a stile into an old wooded lane that runs parallel with the track. | 450m |
| 5.90 | ⑥ | As the path starts to rise up look for some stone steps with a handrail on your left. Climb the steps, cross the farm track and go over a stile into a field.  | 150m |
| 6.05 |   | Keep the fence and the orchards below it on your left with the hill rising up on your right. As you pass up and over the shoulder of the hill you'll hear the A3066 ahead (unless you have a strong following wind). As you descend follow the track through a field gate and head towards the church and the Half Moon pub below you.   | 660m |



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| 6.71 |   | Cross the A3066 and turn right then left to follow the tarmacked lane which runs to the right of the pub, opposite Melplash Village Hall. Past the pub garden and the churchyard the track narrows and the tarmac stops. Keep going until you reach a field gate. bear slightly left across the field and over a stile into the woods.   | 400m |
| 7.11 | 7 | Follow the path as it turns right and runs through this narrow strip of woodland until you reach a stile into a field. Follow the fence on your right, down the hill towards a field gate & stile that lead you towards the farmyard below.<br><br>Once over the stile turn left and cross through a line of fir trees. Turn right and follow the path downhill with the firs on your right and a wooden fence on your left.             | 360m |
| 7.47 |   | Bear right around the end of a large barn and look for a stile just past an old, circular, horse-walker on your left. Follow the path around the edge of the field between a fence and the hedge. At the bottom corner of the field take the stile to the road and turn right.   | 120m |
| 7.59 |   | Follow the road downhill until you reach a concreted bridleway on you right which is labelled as the Hardy Way, Brit Valley Circular Walk and Netherbury 1 mile. Follow the track as it rises up gently until it ends at a small metal gate.<br><br>Go through the gate and a second one in a few metres. Follow the fence on your right until you reach a third small metal gate (which is often standing above a small pool of water). | 740m |
| 8.33 |   | Follow the path across the field, under the power-lines, with the hedge on your left and the hill on you right. Eventually you reach a field gate in the corner of the field with the sound of the weir on your left.  | 380m |
| 8.71 | 8 | Go through the field gate and turn left immediately through a small metal gate and back on yourself up a path through the trees with the fence on your left and the river on your right. Follow the path past a cottage (River Cottage) on your right and then downhill bending to the right and over a footbridge.  | 140m |
| 8.85 |   | Continue straight on past a pair of semi-detached houses on your right and Slape Manor on your left. The gravel surface changes to tarmac as the path bends right and rises uphill. Towards the top you should see Netherbury's church in the distance. The track then bends left and meets the road.  | 310m |
| 9.16 |   | Turn right and follow the road back towards Netherbury   | 420m |
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# Walk 3

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| Distance: | 11.18km      | 6.9 miles                             |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 469 978                            |
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|           | Address:     | The Hare and Hounds, Waytown. DT6 5LQ |



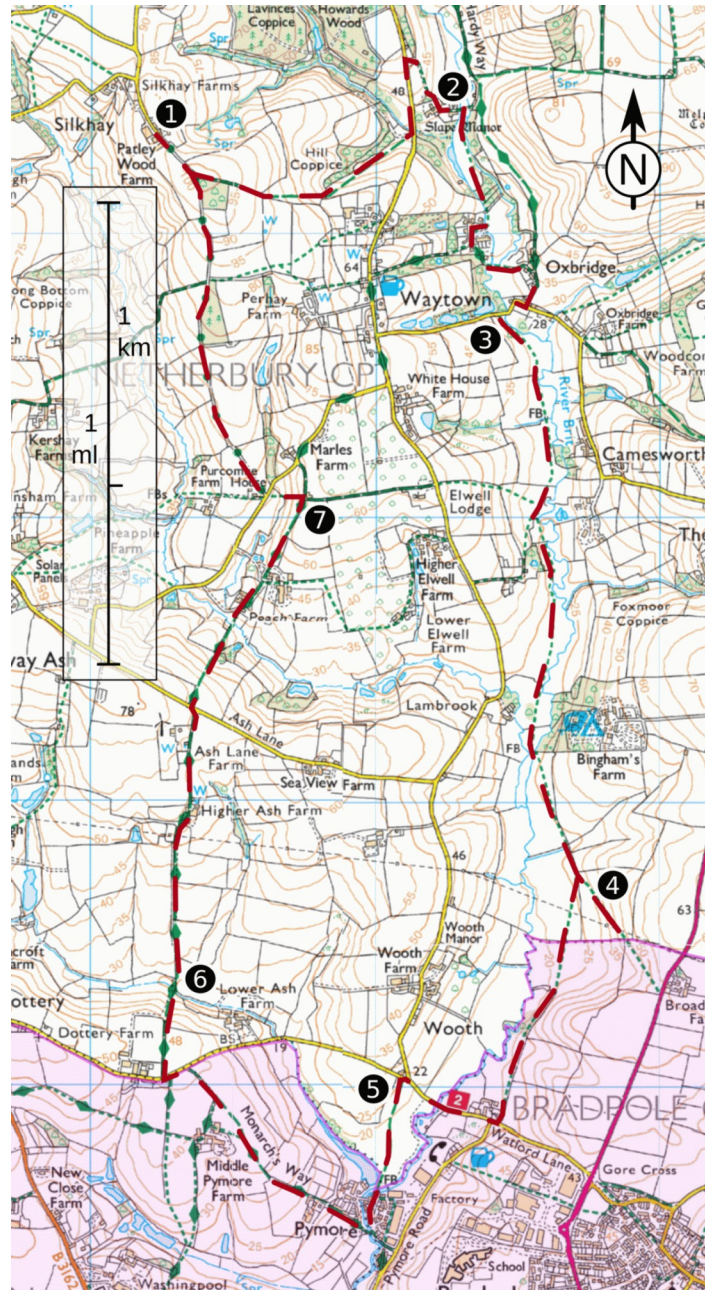
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| 0        | ①       | Take the lane that runs down the hill behind the pub. Pass through the brick gateway to the Slape Mill housing development, continue downhill and bear right keeping close to the brick wall & fence of the house on your right.  | 440m           |
| 0.44     |         | Look for the narrow footpath that runs between the fence/wall and a hedge and follow it around, past the pumping station, then down and over a footbridge across the river (Brit). Continue along the path as it bends left and follows the river bank very closely before it bears right and uphill between some houses emerging onto a concrete track.  | 230m           |
| 0.67     |         | Turn right and follow the concrete track downhill until it meets the road where you turn left   | 250m           |
| 0.92     | ②       | When the road begins to rise and bends to the right look to your left for a footpath that hugs the right-hand bank of a stream through some trees. Follow the path over a stile into a field, keeping the fence & stream on your left with the field sloping up to your right and continue over a second stile at the bottom of the hedge crossing your path.<br><br>Follow the approximate route of some overhead power-lines to a double stile next to a large pond. Continue on the same course keeping the stream to your left and the hill rising to your right. | 740m           |
| 1.66     |         | The path dips down into some trees, crosses the stream and then rises up again. Bear left as it rises and then, just before it reaches the crest, bend round to the right to cross over a grassy retaining dam holding back a pond to your left. Once past the pond bear left and follow the path uphill into some trees until you reach a stile at the top. Cross over the stile into the field and follow the path straight across to another stile over a fence.   | 370m           |
| 2.03     | ③       | To cover <i>all</i> the parish paths you need to turn right and follow the track to the A3066 and then turn round and retrace your steps to the stile.  | 270m           |
| 2.30     |         | Take the gate & stile with a sign for "Smithy Cottage" which leads you towards some farm buildings. After 30 or 40m turn right and go through a field gate under a power-line to a gravelled area keeping Smithy Cottage on your left. Follow the hedge on your left and go through a small gate and along a narrow path between the houses, down some steps and through a second small gate to the edge of the A3066.  | 140m           |
| 2.44     |         | Cross the road and take the bridleway opposite (signed for "Barbridge Farm & Cottage") as it rises up past Melplash Farm House on your left. As the track crests the hill take the sunken track to your right and continue to climb.  | 540m           |
| 2.98     |         | At the top of the hill the track meets a road. Turn left and the almost immediately right down a road labelled as being "Unsuitable for HGVs" and signed for Loscombe. Follow this road until it turns sharp left at the bottom of the hill.  | 950m           |
| 3.93     |         | Where the road turns left you turn right and follow the track past a garage on your left and over the stile just after it. Follow the path, labelled as the Ant Hill Trail, with a farmyard on your right into the woods. Cross two more stiles, a footbridge and a tall metal gate which brings you out into a field.  | 200m           |
| 4.13     |         | Follow the valley with the river and some woods (Long Mead Coppice) rising up to your right. As it appears that the field is coming to an end cross a small footbridge on your right and then turn left and continue to a couple of metal gates (large & small) which take you to the road.<br><br>This field can be very wet in the winter months. You should see a fenced off spring which fills a metal trough above you to the right. If you pass above the spring, keeping it on your left you should be able to avoid most of the surface water.                | 510m           |
| 4.64     | ④       | Cross the road and carry straight on along the farm track opposite until you reach a pair of cottages on your left.   | 490m           |

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| 5.13 |   | <p>Walk past the cottages and turn left down a short, narrow, concrete path that leads to the rear of them. Before the end of the path turn right and head downhill towards a pond. Keep the pond on your left and enter the field on your right.</p> <p>Cross the field passing underneath the overhead power-lines to the trees, the stream that marks the parish boundary and the footbridge that crosses it.</p> <p>Retrace your steps back up to the track and the cottages.</p>  | 220m |
| 5.35 |   | <p>Opposite the cottages there is a small metal gate next to a wooden pole supporting power-lines. Go through the gate and turn left. Follow the fence on your left with the hill rising up to your right. Go through a gap in the hedge that leads to a slurry bed. Negotiate the slurry bed as best you can and turn left to the track and a metal gate on your right. Go through the gate and follow the track uphill.</p> <p>If the route to the track and gate is unpassable there is the option to cross the barbed wire fence on the far side (South) of the slurry bed then turn left and follow the fence to the track.</p> | 240m |
| 5.59 |   | Continue on the path across a field with the hill rising to your right and the power-lines to your left. Pass under the power-lines into the corner of the field and a gate.   | 460m |
| 6.05 |   | Follow the path as it runs alongside a cottage on your left (Dinkey's Plot) until you come out onto the road where you bear right and uphill. Follow the road until it drops down hill, turns a sharp left and you have the track for Mangerton Farm on your right.  | 510m |
| 6.56 |   | Follow the road around to the left and downhill. At the bottom of the hill and on the left is the entrance to Mangerton Mill where there is a cafe and the chance to see the workings of the Mill.   | 220m |
| 6.74 |   | To cover <i>all</i> the paths in the parish you need to follow the road. On your left are a couple of paths which join the road via bridges over river (Mangerton River). The parish boundary runs down middle of the river meaning obsessives will want to walk to the middle of each bridge.   | 160m |
| 6.90 |   | <p>Continue along the road until it rises up and bends to the right. Just after a cottage on your left (Sunnymead) is a field gate. Go through the gate, turn left and, keeping by the fence, go downhill to a gap in the old hedge-line. At the bottom bear right keeping the river on your left and head towards the power-lines.</p> <p>This field has a spring in the middle where there is usually a pool of standing water. In the wetter months you may wish to use the slightly higher ground to the West of this pool rather than passing it on the river side.</p>   | 260m |
| 7.16 | 5 | In the corner of the field is a stile, a footbridge and the parish boundary. Retrace your steps to the road, back past Mangerton Mill and uphill to the track into Mangerton Farm.   | 600m |
| 7.76 | 6 | Take the track into Mangerton Farm which can be very mucky in the wetter months and follow it as it passes the farm buildings on your left. Keep going as it rises gently until the farmyard peters out and it reaches a farm gate which you pass through into a field.  | 330m |
| 8.09 |   | <p>Continue uphill with an old hedge to your left and the hill rising up to your right. In the top corner of the field go through the field gate and bear left following the track with, initially, a fence on your left and a hedge on your right and eventually a hedge on both sides. When the track ends at a field gate go straight on across the road and follow the road opposite until you reach the A3066.</p> <p><b>BEWARE!</b> Traffic can leave the A3066 at speed. As you approach it I suggest you keep to the left and walk in single file.</p>   | 960m |
| 9.05 |   | Cross the A3066 and turn right, using the grass verge to get to the junction with Comesworth Lane, where you turn left. Follow the lane until you reach a bridleway on your right just after the entrance to Mount Cottage (on your left).   | 260m |
| 9.31 | 7 | Follow the bridleway which is labelled for Oxbridge and the Brit Valley Circular Walk. When it descends turn left into some woods and follow the path through the trees until it bends right and takes you to a field gate into a field.   | 670m |

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| 9.78  |   | Carry straight on across the field with a fence to your right, over a ridge and then down to another field gate into a lane that bends gently left between a hedge to your left and the fence on your right.                    | 220m |
| 10.00 | ⑧ | At the end of the lane go through a small wooden gate on your left and bear left downhill. Keep the buildings and house (Woodcombe) on your left and then turn right just pass the house and follow the track down to the road. | 200m |
| 10.20 |   | At the road continue straight on, downhill, as it eventually bends sharp left and then right, over the River Brit, and uphill to a T-junction.  | 790m |
| 10.99 |   | Turn right and return to the Hare and Hounds.   | 190m |
| 11.18 |   |   |      |

# Walk 4

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| Distance: | 11.9 km      | 7.4 miles                                       |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 462 983                                      |
|           | WGS84:       | Longitude -2.7638, Latitude 50.7821             |
|           | Address:     | Patley Wood Farm, Netherbury, Bridport. DT6 5NG |



| Total Km | Map Ref | Description   | Section Length |
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| 0        | ①       | From Silkhay take the road signposted for "Patley Wood Farm Only". Follow the road past the farm as it turns into a track and rises up past a wind turbine and communications mast on your left.  | 170m           |
| 0.17     |         | At the crest take the path on your left which runs downhill between a hedge on the left and some woods on the right. Pass through a small wooden gate into a field and follow the fence on your right down to the higher of two field gates. After the gate continue downhill with the woods on your left and the land rising up on your right to pick up a track that takes you down to a pair of wooden gates (large & small) and the road at the bottom of Slape Hill.                       | 850m           |
| 1.02     |         | Turn left and follow the road uphill past the 30mph speed limit signs.  | 260m           |
| 1.28     |         | Take the tarmacked public footpath on your right, through the stone gate posts, and follow it as it bends round to the right and downhill. At the bottom of the hill the surface changes to gravel and the path bends to the left passing Slape Manor on your right. Keep on past a pair of semi-detached houses on your left.  | 310m           |
| 1.59     | ②       | Turn right over a concrete bridge and go through the old style wood & metal field gate into the meadow. Follow the public footpath until you reach a pair of small old style gates that lead you into the trees. Follow the path with a stream (the old Slape Mill leat) to your right. Use a stile to leave the woods and enter a field, continue to follow the leat until you reach a footbridge on your right.   | 450m           |
| 2.04     |         | Cross the bridge and continue straight on using the gravel path until you reach the road, turn left and then bear left downhill. Bend round to the right keeping close to the brick wall & fence of the house on your right.  | 150m           |
| 2.19     |         | Look for the narrow footpath that runs between the fence/wall and a hedge and follow it around, past the small pumping station and then down to and over a footbridge across the river (Brit). Continue along the path as it bends left and follows the river bank very closely before it bears right and uphill between some houses emerging onto a concrete track.  | 220m           |
| 2.41     |         | Turn right and follow the concrete track downhill until it meets the road where you turn right.   | 130m           |
| 2.54     | ③       | Follow the road as it turns sharp left and then right over the river.   | 120m           |
| 2.66     |         | About 30m on is a stile on your left signed for "Pymore 1¾", Brit Valley Circular Walk and labelled "Buzzard". Cross the stile and pass under the power-lines, uphill to a line of trees on the right. Follow the path as it emerges into a field, bends to the right and descends to the river. Keep the river on your left and follow the path round as it heads right, into some trees. Negotiate the stile, ditch and small metal gate that take you into another field and then turn left. | 280m           |
| 2.94     |         | Keep the river on your left and follow the path across the field to a small metal gate and footbridge. Continue crossing fields, keeping the river to your left, as you pass down the valley until you reach a farm (Lambrook) visible on your right, through a small planted spinney, and you pass under a power-line. The path then turns left and you cross the river via a small stone bridge to a field gate and a stile labelled "Ash".   | 360m           |
| 4.30     |         | In the field beyond turn right and head uphill in the direction of a National Grid pylon visible on the horizon. When you reach the hedge bear right and follow the hedge downhill to the corner of the field.  | 340m           |
| 4.64     |         | A small, ornate, gate decorated with a dragonfly and labelled "Brit Valley Walk" takes you into what seems to be a pond all year round. An alternative is to turn right and follow the field edge for approx 40m to a field gate then turn left and follow the field edge back to the pond. Keeping the hedge on you left continue to the top of the field  | 180m           |

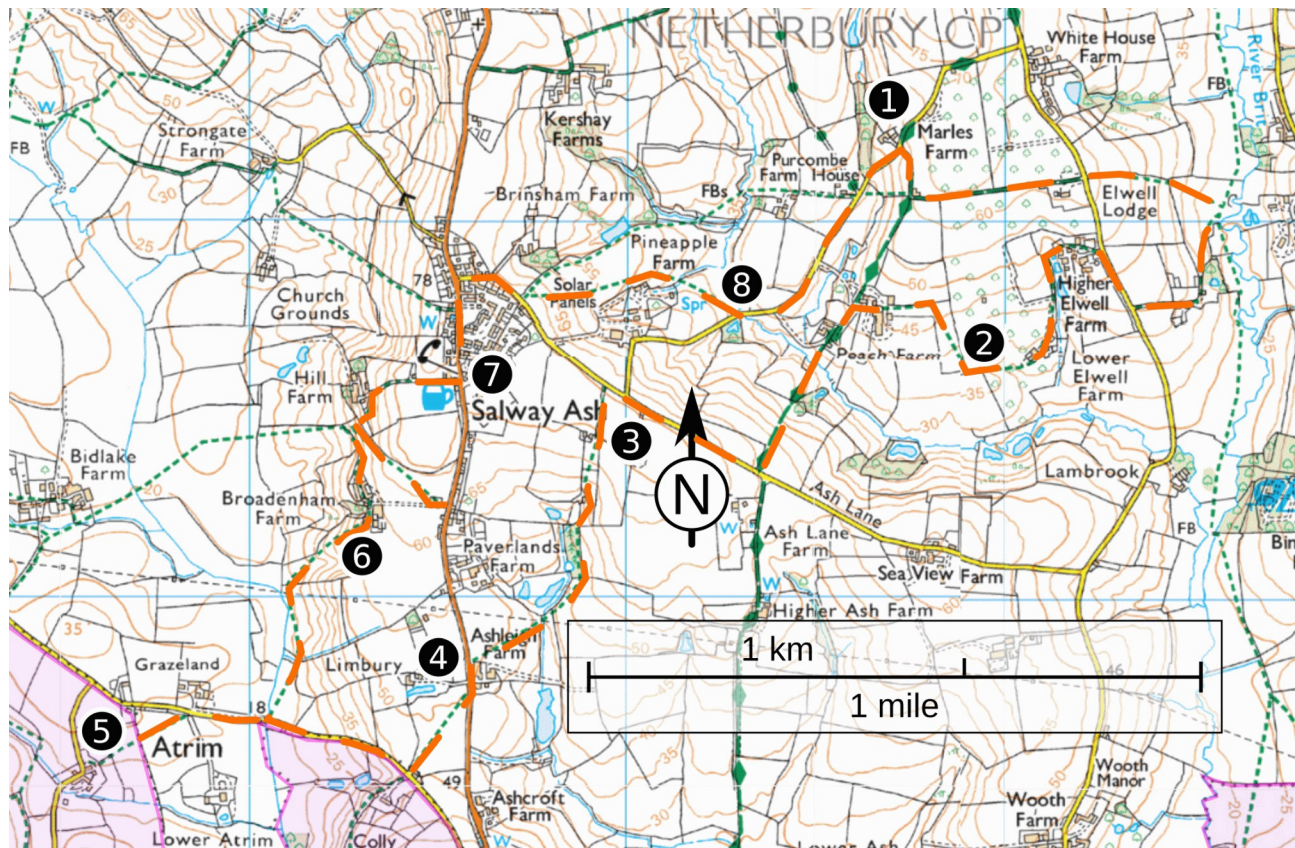
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| 4.82 | ④ | To cover <i>all</i> the paths in the parish you'll need to look for the second field gate on your left at the crest of the hill next to a wooden pole supporting some power-lines. You'll have to climb over the gate and then head diagonally across the field and pass under the Nation Grid power-lines with the pylon to your right to a gate in the corner of the field. This is the parish boundary so you can retrace your steps across the field, climb back over the gate and turn left.                       | 570m |
| 5.39 |   | Head downhill across the field, under the Nation Grid power-lines, to a gap and stile in the hedge. Cross the next field to a field gate and a stile that take you along an old grassy lane and a slight rise with the ground dropping away to your right until you emerge to a view of a farm (Watford Farm) ahead. Keep on with the hedge to your left and fields to your right until you pass the farm on your right and reach a stile taking you onto the road (Watford Lane).                                      | 920m |
| 6.31 |   | <b>BEWARE!</b> The road has no pavement and becomes quite narrow with "blind" bends before you leave it.<br><br>Turn right and follow the road downhill past the farm and cottages on your right and the junction with Pymore Road on your left. Cross over the river bridge and continue as the road begins to climb. When you reach a junction with a road to the right (signed for Waytown & Netherbury) bear left and look for a gap in the hedge on the left.  | 380m |
| 6.69 | ⑤ | Climb up the bank and into the field. The Right of Way heads straight across the field towards the old Pymore Mills buildings and tall chimney. However this field can be wet in the winter months when you may wish to follow an arc to your right in order to retain the higher ground for as long as possible.<br><br>On reaching the opposite corner of the field take the stile (labelled "Eel") and the footbridge over the river. Follow the path past the weir and up the steps to the road (Thread Mill Lane). | 440m |
| 7.13 |   | If you need refreshments you can turn left here, past the old mill buildings and continue to a T-junction. Turn left again and the Pymore Inn is approx. 250m down the road.<br><br>If you are continuing without refreshments bear right and follow the road through the houses until it bends to the left..   | 140m |
| 7.27 |   | Take the narrow road on your right (Morbae Grove), over the bridge and continue uphill as the tarmac turns to concrete, pass the farm on your left and continue uphill and pass through a field gate into a field.<br><br>With the hedge to your right continue uphill, through a small wooden gate on to the brow of the hill. Head for a windsock & wind-vane taking care as you cross the runway of the Chesil Model Flying Club. Pick up the tarmacked farm track which takes you to the road                       | 890m |
| 8.16 |   | At the road turn left and then, after approx. 100m turn right into a public bridleway that's labelled "Ash Lane". Follow the bridleway as it begins to descend and you pass through a field gate and pick up a wide farm track. Continue downhill to the bottom of the hill (which can be very muddy when it's wet). Look for a field gate on your right that takes you through the hedge.  | 450m |
| 8.61 | ⑥ | Turn left and head uphill, towards the National Grid power-lines, with the hedge on your left. Pass through a series of field gates then, just after you pass under the power-lines and one last field gate, take the farm track that bends right and then left before gaining a concrete surface and passing through the farm (Higher Ash Farm). Continue on until you reach the road (Ash Lane).  | 970m |
| 9.58 |   | At the road turn left and then almost immediately right where the bridleway rises up to a field gate. Once through the gate turn left and head to the farm you can see below you, keeping the hedge on your left as you descend. When the hedge ends keep straight on towards the farm and a field gate. With a hedge on your left once more continue to the bottom corner of the field.  | 350m |



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| 9.93  |   | Pass over the gated bridge and start climbing with the hedge to your right. Take the small wooden gate to join the farm track and with the farmhouse (Ford Farm) to your left, keep ascending to another field gate. Continue uphill through a field with the hedge still on your right to a field gate. Follow the farm track straight on with a house to your right (Higher Ford Cottage) to another field gate. | 250m |
| 10.18 | 7 | Carry straight on across the field with a fence to your right and the hill dropping away to your left. In the top corner of the field take the small metal gate & stile then turn immediately left over another stile, labelled "Holly" into another field. Drop downhill to a pair of wooden field gates (large & small).   | 400m |
| 10.58 |   | Cross the road (Pineapple Lane) and continue up the track opposite labelled "Unsuitable for motors". Keep on this track as it climbs gently to a junction with a bridleway on the left and then a footpath on the right.   | 820m |
| 11.40 |   | Continue straight on up the track to return to Patley Wood Farm & Silkhay.   | 540m |
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# Walk 5

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| Distance: | 9.9 km       | 6.2 miles  |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 467 971   |
|           | WGS84:       | Longitude: -2.7569, Latitude: 50.7719                      |
|           | Address:     | Marles Farm, Pineapple Lane, Salway Ash, Bridport, DT6 5HZ |



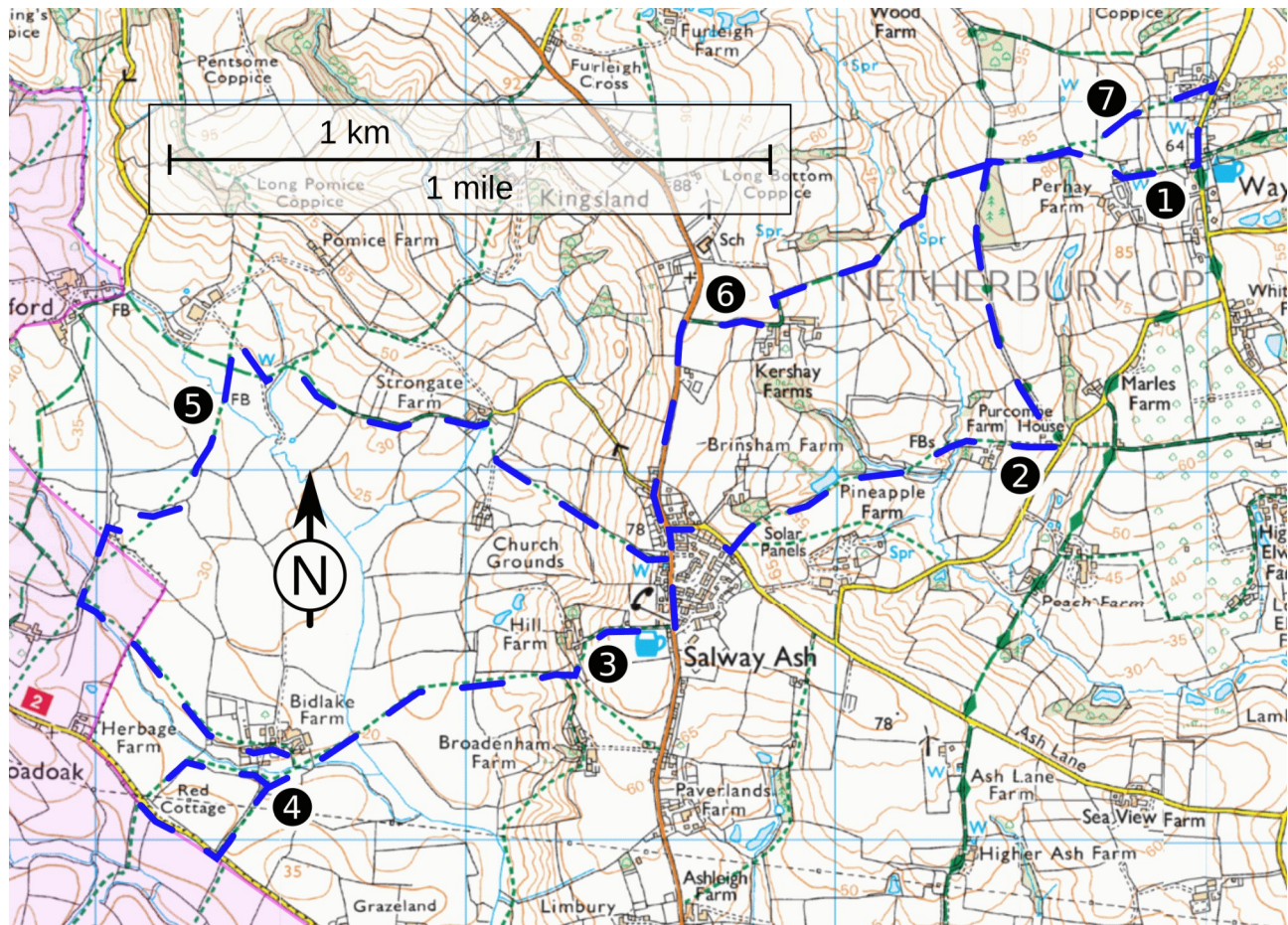
| Total Km | Map Ref  | Description  | Section Length |
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| 0        | <b>1</b> | Take the public bridleway opposite the entrance to Marles Farm which rises up away from the road into some trees. When you come to a couple of metal gates turn sharp left and continue up the bridleway labelled as the Brit Valley Circular Walk. This bridleway is narrow and well used so can become muddy when wet. Continue along the bridleway to the road.   | 610m           |
| 0.61     |          | Cross the road and pass through the right-hand field gate. Follow the fence on your left downhill to a field gate & stile (labelled "Hazel"). Continue downhill and bear right towards the wooden power-line pole. Turn right and follow the power-line to the next pole before bearing right, uphill again, into the corner of the field at the top of the hill.<br><br>Use the stile to leave the field and take the track which runs under the trees past a cottage on your left (Snailscroft Cottage). | 650m           |
| 1.26     |          | Turn right and take the gravel track uphill, with the farm house on your left. Continue uphill and follow the tarmac track to the road.<br><br>Turn right and uphill to the entrance for Elwell Fruit Farm on your left..  | 360m           |

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| 1.62 |   | Turn left then bear right to follow the public footpath along the tarmac track as it rises past the riding school & a barn to your right and then descends and bends to the left around some ponds.<br>Continue on the track as it bends right and you pass a house ("The Cider Barn") on your left. Bear left around some farm buildings and follow the track with the buildings to your right then down into a dip, up the other side to the corner of the orchard.   | 630m |
| 2.25 | ② | Use the stile to cross into the field beyond, turn right and follow the perimeter of the field around two sides into the opposite corner and a wooden field gate. Continue straight on towards some farm buildings and then gently downhill through several gates with the farm house (Higher Ford Farm) on your right. When the tarmac track bends sharply to the right go through a field gate on your left.  | 420m |
| 2.67 |   | Head downhill towards a field gate to the left of an old barn with a corrugated iron roof. Continue downhill with a farm house to your right (Ford Farm) and as the track begins to bend right look for a small wooden gate on your left.   | 110m |
| 2.78 |   | Keep the hedge on your left as you descend to cross a double gated bridge. Then, with a hedge on your right begin to ascend. Pass through a field gate and continue uphill towards the wind turbine blades that should be visible just over the brow of the hill.<br>Nearly at the top of the hill you pick up another hedge which you keep to your right until you reach the top corner of the field and a field gate. Follow the track down a slope to the road (Ash Lane).   | 390m |
| 3.17 | ③ | Bear right and follow the road past a junction on your right (Pineapple Lane) then a further 50m to pass through a field gate topped with barbed wire on you left. Follow the hedge on your right over a gentle rise and then descend through an old-style field gate passing some farm buildings on your right. Continue descending past an apparently abandoned house (Morgansland) on your right.  | 780m |
| 3.95 |   | The path then briefly rises before descending again through a bramble patch to a field gate which takes you into some woods. Bear left through the trees.<br>The Right of Way follows the edge of the woods but has become overgrown and it may necessary to drop down the hill to your right to pick up a track that follows a fence past a pond and then climb back up to the stile that takes you out of the woods into a field. Bear right and follow the field edge downhill to a field gate on your right. Continue down to another field gate under the National Grid power-lines. | 380m |
| 4.33 | ④ | Bear left, uphill to a wooden power-line pole and then right, pass some farm buildings on your left and continue to the road (B3162).<br>Turn left and after approx. 60m, just past the entrance to Limbury cross the road to a small wooden gate which bears a sign saying "Bull in field" (I haven't seen one yet).   | 340m |
| 4.67 |   | Cross the field towards a cottage (The Old Smithy) and use the gates just to the right to pass down a track to the road (Atrim Road) with the cottage on your left.<br>Turn right and follow the road downhill until the bottom and a stile into a field on your right just past a house (The Hermitage) on your left.  | 680m |
| 5.35 | ⑤ | To cover all the paths in the parish you need to continue along the road until just after it begins to rise and you reach the entrance to Lower Atrim Farm on your left. Take the concrete track as it climbs a short distance to a double wooden gate into a field on your right. Cross the field keeping the large trees on your left until you reach the hedge which denotes the parish boundary. Retrace your steps.  | 770m |
| 6.12 |   | Take the stile into the field and cross to a stile in the opposite corner that takes you into a narrow strip of trees. Cross the footbridge and another stile. Bear left with the hill rising to your right and a stream (River Simene) to your left and head under the National Grid power-lines to a field gate in the bottom corner of the field.<br>Bear right and uphill towards some farm buildings at the top of the field.  | 650m |
| 6.77 | ⑥ | At the top turn sharp left keeping the farm buildings on your left. Pass through two field gates then bear left and follow the concrete track down and then through the farm yard (Broadenham Farm) to another field gate.  | 140m |

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| 6.91 |   | Bear right and then downhill to a field gate. Once in the field keep the hedge on your right with the hill dropping away to your left and look for a stile into the tress on your right just before you reach a field gate.<br>Follow the path uphill and bear right through the bracken and brambles until you emerge into a field.  | 150m |
| 7.06 |   | If you want to complete all the parish's paths bear right when you reach the field and keep the hedge on your left as you climb to the brow of the hill. Pass under the power-lines and then past a cottage to your left to meet the farm track. Turn left and follow the track to the road (B3162). Retrace your steps   | 680m |
| 7.74 |   | Turn left at the top of the bramble patch climb and look for a broken, small, metal gate. Once through the gate go uphill and to your right into a grassy lane. Turn left into a field after about 20m and left again, back on yourself, and head towards the farm (Hill Farm). Use the field gate to get to the farm track and turn right, uphill to follow the track to the road and the Anchor Inn. Cross the road and turn left.  | 420m |
| 8.16 | 7 | Follow the road which begins to descend gently until you reach a junction on your right signed for "Waytown 1½ & Netherbury 2½" and "Pineapple Business Park". Follow the road (Pineapple Lane) as it descends gently and bends right. Then, as it begins to rise, look for a field gate and stile on your left opposite a house (Bay Tree).  | 460m |
| 8.62 |   | Follow the footpath across the field, downhill, towards the farm (Pineapple Farm) below. Pass through another field gate & stile and continue descending with the farm and business park to your right. Just below the farmhouse look for a double-gated footbridge on you right.<br>Cross the bridge and bear slightly left as you climb to the ridge ahead, under some power-lines and then down to a field gate and a small wooden gate in the corner of the field that take you out onto the road (Pineapple Lane). | 630m |
| 9.25 | 8 | Turn left and follow the road back to the start opposite Marles Farm.   | 650m |
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# Walk 6

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| Distance: | 11.1km       | 6.9 miles                             |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 469 978                            |
|           | WGS84:       | Longitude -2.7534, Latitude 50.7778   |
|           | Address:     | The Hare and Hounds, Waytown. DT6 5LQ |



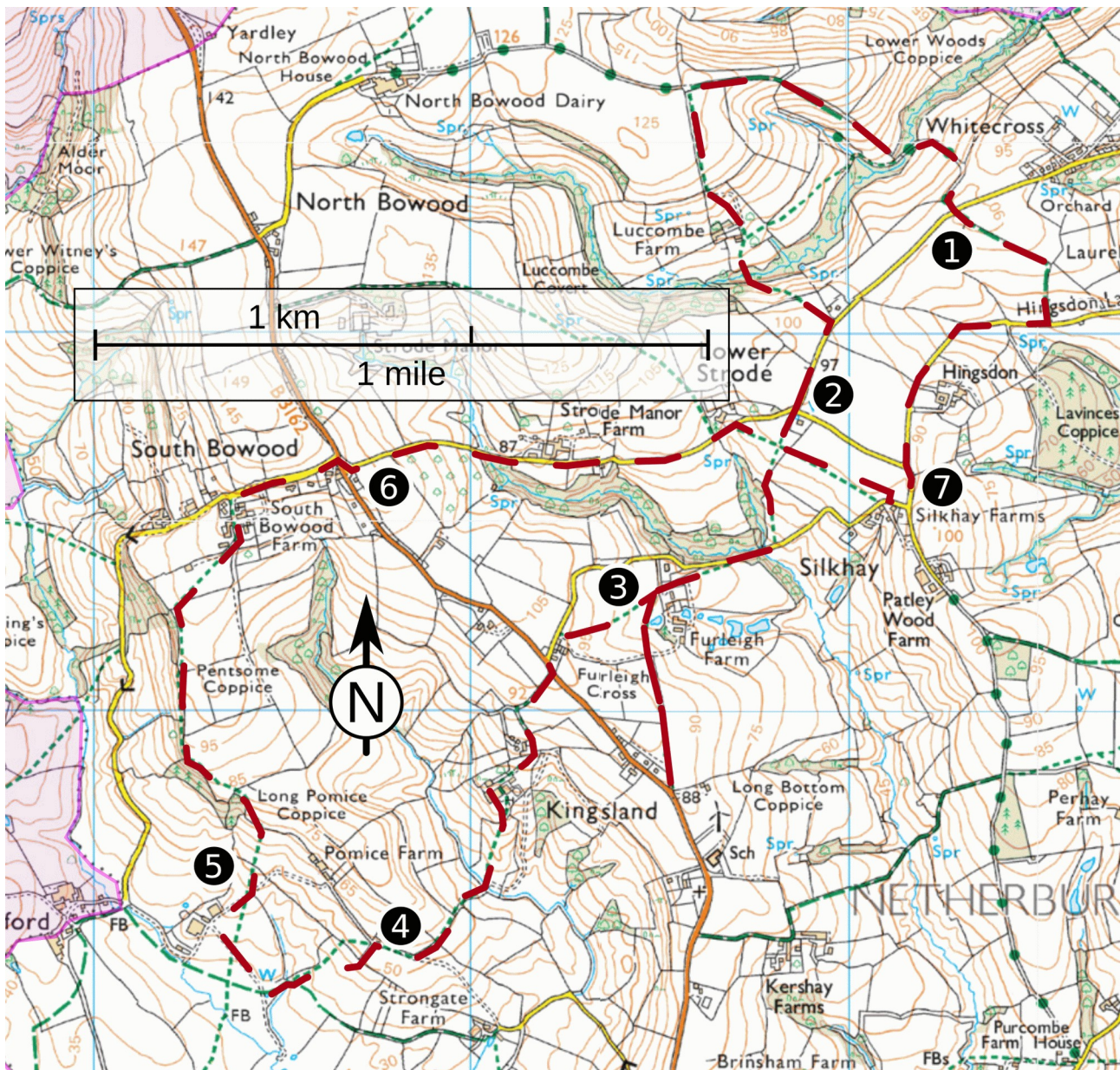
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| 0        | <b>1</b> | Take the Public Footpath that runs to the right of Linden Cottage, opposite the Hare & Hounds. Pass through the small wooden gate into a field and continue straight on to another small wooden gate, up some steps and past some cottages on your right (Perhay Cottages). Just after the cottages bear right through a wooden field gate and head across the field with the hedge to your right to a small wooden gate that leads you onto a grassy path between a hedge on your right and a fence to your left. Follow the path to a field gate that leads you onto a Public Bridleway. | 590m           |
| 0.59     |          | Turn left and follow the track downhill until it reaches the road (Pineapple Lane).  | 820m           |
| 1.41     | <b>2</b> | Turn right and then immediately right again up a farm track with a house (Purcombe Farmhouse) on your right. Continue straight on along the track and through a field gate. The track begins to descend and then, when it turns left, continue straight on over a stile next to the double field gates (large & small) into a field and continue to descend with the hedge and ditch to your left.   | 310m           |

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| 1.72 |   | At the bottom of the field look for the small wooden gate in the corner leading over a footbridge. At this point the Right of Way cuts diagonally across the field to another footbridge which is no longer there, the field is often worked and planted making it unsuitable for walking. You may wish to turn left and follow the field edge past a field gate to a second one which takes you over the drainage ditch into another field.  | 150m  |
| 1.87 |   | Turn right and follow the field perimeter as it climbs up, over a stile and continue up to the top corner of the field where another stile takes you to the road (Pineapple Lane)   | 610m  |
| 2.48 |   | Turn right and follow the road as it bends left and rises gently to join the B3162. Turn left and use the pavement to lead you through Salway Ash. Cross the road at the brow of the hill and take the track to the right immediately before the Anchor Inn.  | 460m  |
| 2.94 |   | The track descends and then with the farmhouse (Hill Farm) to your right look for a field gate on your left. Keep the fence to your right and cross the field into the corner then drop down into a grassy lane and turn right, doubling back on yourself. Look for a broken, small metal gate on your left.  | 410m  |
| 3.35 | ③ | About 20m on you should see a wooden post indicating where the footpath descends to your right. Follow the footpath as it drops down steeply into a bramble patch and keep descending through some trees to reach a stile into a field.<br><br>Continue to descend with the hedge to your right to a field gate at the bottom of the hill. Once through the gate bear slightly left as you climb. Head towards the left of some farm buildings which become visible when you crest the brow of the hill.<br><br>Take the wooden footbridge over a stream (River Simene) in the corner of the field and continue straight on across the next field to pass the large farm building on your right.  | 820m  |
| 4.17 | ④ | To cover all the parish paths you need to take the field gate on your left and cut diagonally across the field to another field gate which takes you onto the farm track. Turn left and follow the track, under the National Grid power-lines to the road (Atrim Road).<br><br>Turn right and follow the road for approx 250m. Just after the "Broadoak" sign and as you pass under the National Grid power-lines once more look for the Public Footpath on your right. Keep the hedge to your right and cross the field towards the far corner. Just before the pond in the corner cross the stile on your right into a narrow field and head towards the National Grid pylons. At the end of the field take the field gate onto the farm track, turn right and then left through another field gate and then cut diagonally across the field towards the large farm building once more. | 1110m |
| 5.28 |   | Keeping the large barn on your right go through the large metal double gates (huge & small) then with the farmhouse (Bidlake Farm) on your left and the rest of the farm buildings on your right follow the concrete track as it bends to the left.<br><br>Continue in the same direction passing Old Bidlake Farm on your right and Carousel Cottage on your left. Follow the gravel path as it bends right and look for a field gate on your left, opposite an outbuilding, after about 30m. Cross the field to another field gate. From here on for 1.5km the route struggles to follow the Right of Way exactly with stiles, gates & even bridges missing and hedges, fences & ditches blocking the route. The following instructions keep you as close to the defined RoW as is practical.   | 300m  |
| 5.58 |   | The Right of Way carries straight on but it may be easier to turn left and follow the field perimeter to the corner and then right, along a ditch (on your left) and a series of oak trees. Continue into a second field, keeping the ditch on your left, and when in the corner of that field take the field gate to the farm track.   | 560m  |
| 6.14 |   | Turn right and follow the farm track until you pass some apparently abandoned agricultural machinery and a caravan to your right. Take the second field gate on the right and drop down to a gap in the hedge to the left of an oak tree and small pond.  | 190m  |
| 6.33 |   | Bear left and head towards the far corner of the field. About ten metres before the corner there's a gap in the hedge although not in the wire fence.   | 240m  |
| 6.57 |   | Climb over the wire fence and go through the gap, descending to the field below. Turn right and follow the field perimeter past one gateway and then go through the second one in the corner of the field. Bear left and, keeping a line of oak trees on your right, cross the field to a stream (River Simene).  | 310m  |

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| 6.88  | <b>5</b> | <p>There should be a footbridge across the waterway but in my experience that varies from nothing at all to a railway sleeper laid from one bank to the other.</p> <p>If you can, cross the footbridge and carry on across the field towards a wooden pole supporting a power-line on the inside of a bend in the farm track. Cross over the track.</p> <p>- OR -</p> <p>If you cannot cross the stream turn right and follow it until you reach a gateway that takes you over it. Things can be pretty muddy here. Follow the track which bends sharply left and rises gently before bending to the left once more with a wooden pole supporting a power-line on the inside of the bend. At this point turn right.</p> | 180m |
| 7.06  |          | <p>Pass a hedge to your left as you drop down into the corner of the field and pass through a gap to the next field.</p> <p>Bear right, climbing gently and continue parallel to the power-lines on your right to a small metal gate. Once through the gate follow the hedge on your left to a drawbar gate that leads you into an old, grassy, lane.</p>   | 290m |
| 7.35  |          | <p>Continue to the end of the lane and turn left towards the farmhouse (Strongate Farm) and then right. As the track bends left again carry straight on through a double field gate (large &amp; small).</p> <p>Follow the Public Footpath by bearing right across what can be a very wet field to another field gate onto a track. With the entrance to Church Ground Farm on your right cross the lane.</p> <p>- OR -</p> <p>If the field is impassable continue on the track as it bends left to the road (Strongate Lane), turn right and then right again up a track about 30m later. Continue until there is a stile on your left just before the entrance to Church Grounds Farm.</p>                            | 490m |
| 7.84  |          | <p>Climb the stile into the field and continue with the fence on your left climbing to the top corner of the field. Leave the field using the stile and follow the footpath as it climbs up between trees on your left and a fence on your right to another stile at the top. Follow the gravel path the to road (B3162).</p>   | 560m |
| 8.40  |          | <p>Cross the road and turn left. Use the pavement to follow the road through the village and continue to approx. 100m after the traffic calming pinch point where you take a Public Bridleway signed for "Kershay &amp; Whittle" on your right.</p>   | 660m |
| 9.06  | <b>6</b> | <p>Follow the bridleway as it descends and bends left then rises as a sunken lane up through some trees to a field gate into a field. Turn right and descend through another field gate to the bottom of the field and a small metal gate leading you down into some trees and over a stream.</p>   | 710m |
| 9.77  |          | <p>Go through a small metal gate and climb to the top of the field, keeping the fence on your right, and another small metal gate. Follow the track uphill passing a house (Whithay Cottage) on your left</p>   | 350m |
| 10.12 |          | <p>At the top of the hill turn left then immediately right through a field gate down a path between hedges that ends with a small wooden gate. Turn left and pass through the field gate labelled "Private property. Keep out". Turn right and follow the hedge on your right to a second field gate. Bear left and head towards a large tree and an old stile.</p>   | 470m |
| 10.59 | <b>7</b> | <p>Drop down into the field and continue diagonally, downhill, towards the opposite corner of the field. Make your way across the fence onto the farm track. Follow the track as it bends left and then turn right at the T-junction and continue downhill to the road.</p>   | 270m |
| 10.86 |          | <p>Turn right and continue up the road as it returns to the Hare and Hounds</p>   | 220m |
| 11.08 |          |   |      |

# Walk 7

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| Distance: | 10.5km       | 6.5 miles                           |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 462 993                          |
|           | WGS84:       | Longitude -2.7634, Latitude 50.7909 |
|           | Address:     | N/A                                 |



| Total Km | Map Ref | Description   | Section Length |
|----------|---------|---|----------------|
| 0        | 1       | Starting from the top of the hill at Whitecross take the grassy track that heads North, dropping down from the road. Follow the track as it bends right then left and sinks below high banks and under the trees. At the bottom it crosses a stream where it can be wet and muddy under foot. | 340m           |

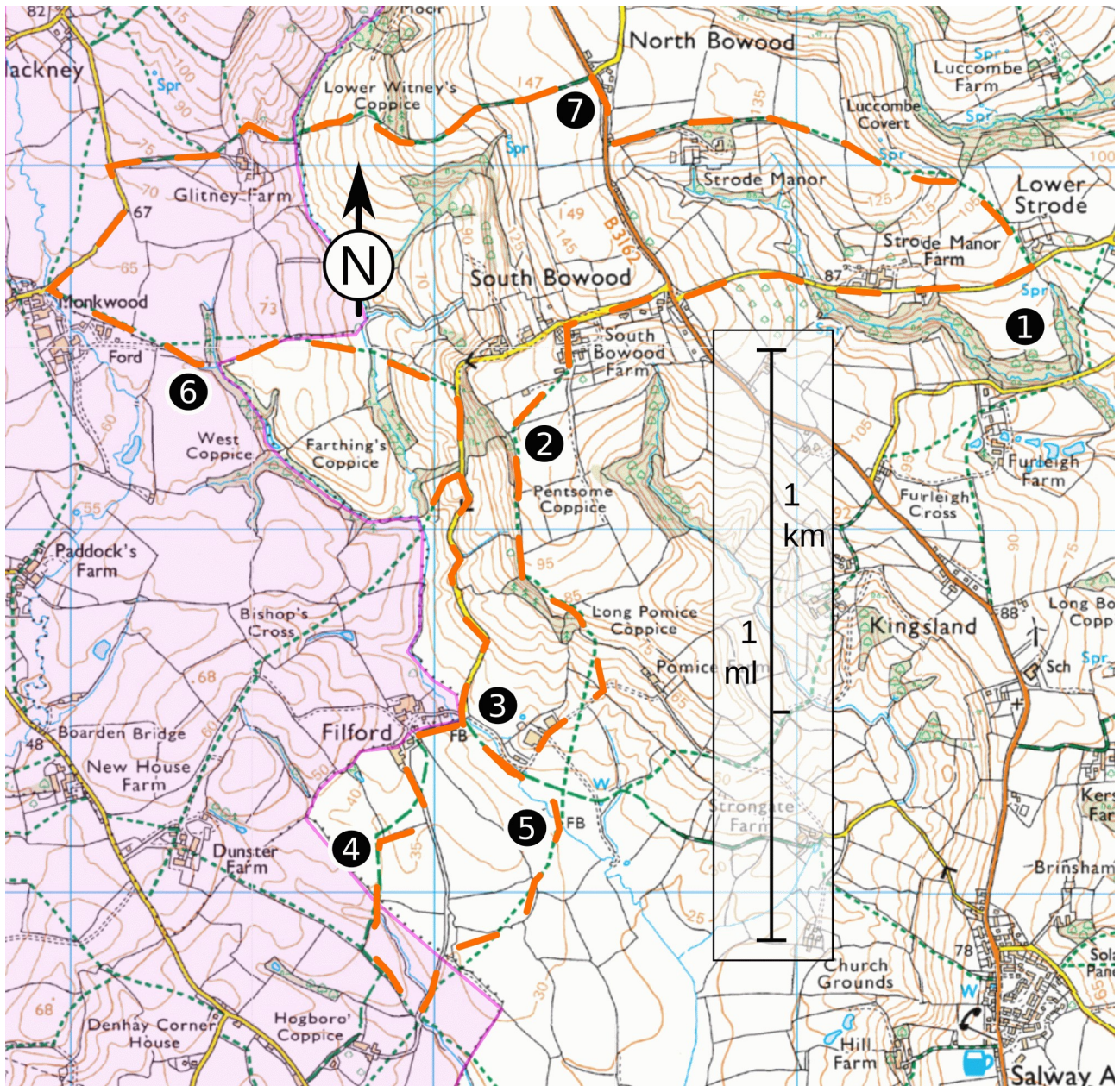


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| 0.34 |   | As the track begins to climb turn right up the Public Bridleway. Continue with the hedge on your right and a fence on your left to the top of the field which drops away to the left. Go through the field gate up to a track signed as a Public Bridleway. Turn left and follow the track up and over the brow of the hill.  | 650m  |
| 0.99 |   | Take the field gate with a "Luccombe Farm" sign on your left and follow the Public Footpath with the hedge to your right. Continue on the track as it descends, passes through a wooden field gate and bends left then right towards the farmhouse.   | 460m  |
| 1.45 |   | Pass through a gateway between the corner of the farmhouse on your right and a modern outbuilding on your left. Continue downhill across a field to a stile leading into the woods and a steep, sometimes slippery path with some steps down to a footbridge.   | 100m  |
| 1.55 |   | Cross the footbridge then zig-zag left and then up through the trees to a small wooden gate into a field. Bear left and continue up to the ridge of the hill and pass under the power-line into the corner of the field. Turn right through a small wooden gate and follow the hedge to your left until the path meets the road with a house (Bottle Cottage) on your left.   | 270m  |
| 1.82 |   | Turn right a follow the road as it rises uphill, flattens out and then bends right (beware unsighted oncoming drivers). At the junction with a road on the left (signposted for Silkhay, Furleigh & Hingsdon) go straight on through a field gate into a field.   | 260m  |
| 2.08 | ② | Starting with the house (Emmanuel's Cross) & garden to your left cross the field and head downhill into the corner. Go through an old metal gate on your left then continue downhill with some woods on your right to a field gate leading onto the road. Turn right and follow the road uphill. Approx. 20m before the brow of the hill look for a Public Footpath sign on your left and some steps leading up to a stile.   | 520m  |
| 2.60 |   | Turn right and walk up the vineyard with the hedge on your right and the vines to your left. Continue straight on at the top of the vineyard, keeping the house (Furleigh Farm) on your left as you pass over a stile and through a wooden field gate, across the driveway for the farm and through a field gate into a field.  | 200m  |
| 2.80 |   | To cover all the paths in the Parish turn left. Keeping the farm on your left head across the field and the bear slightly left as you climb up towards a gap in the hedge ahead. Pass through the hedge and follow the path uphill with the field on your right and a hedge to your left. The ground on this stretch of footpath is very uneven and there are many holes in which you can turn an ankle. At the top of the hill take the stile and continue straight on and follow the hedge on your left until you reach the road. Retrace your steps. | 1009m |
| 3.89 | ③ | Head uphill across the field towards a house (Furleigh Cross Cottage) and at the top of the field go through the double field gates and cattle-grid to the road. Turn left and follow the road to the junction with the B3162.  | 370m  |
| 4.26 |   | Turn left and then right down a track marked as a Public Footpath and labelled for Higher Kingsland and Kingsland Farms. Follow the track as it bends left and heads downhill before turning right and continuing down through the farm. At the end of the track turn left past "Hoods" holiday home, go through a wooden field gate, over a stile and drop down to a track. Bear right into a field and follow the path downhill to a double field gate which takes you over a stream.   | 710m  |
| 4.97 |   | Continue uphill keeping the trees and ditch on your left and at the top go through a wooden field gate and keep straight on with the hedge to your left, through a field gate and then, with a hedge to your right cross the field to meet a concrete track. Turn right and follow the track for approx. 100m.  | 390m  |
| 5.36 | ④ | Just before the track bends right enter the field on your left and keeping the hedge to your right drop down to a field gate. Bear right and continue down across the field heading towards some power-lines but before you meet them go through a gap in the hedge on your right.<br>The corner of this field can be very wet! Keep close to a hedge on your right and climb a little to meet a farm track.<br>Turn right and follow the track towards some farm buildings.  | 570m  |

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| 5.93  | <b>5</b> | Turn right again and follow the track as it rises gently uphill. At the sign that says "Private Road" pass into the field on the left then bear left and head up towards another field gate. Once through that gate bear left again and continue up to the top of the field with some scrubby woodland on your left.   | 470m  |
| 6.40  |          | Use the stile in the corner to enter another field and bear slightly left or turn left and follow the field perimeter. Before you reach the far corner of the field look for a small metal gate on your left and an alarming notice about Game Shooting.<br><br>Pass through the gate and turn right. Continue through the woods with a fence to your right and the hillside dropping away on your left until a small metal gate takes you into a field. Carry straight on along the top of the field and then through a small wooden gate leading into the woods once more. Keeping the fence to your right and with the hill sloping away to your left, follow the path until it emerges from the woods into the corner of a field with another alarming sign declaring "ATTENTION Game Shooting".<br><br>With the sign behind you follow the path diagonally across the field into the opposite corner and pick up a track as it exits the field. | 790m  |
| 7.19  |          | Turn left at the junction and follow the track up through the farm (South Bowood Farm) to the road (Filford Lane). Turn right and follow the road up to the junction with the B3162. Turn right, then left and take the road opposite the former Gollop Arms signposted for Netherbury.  | 480m  |
| 7.67  | <b>6</b> | Follow the road as it descends and then undulates for a while until you reach a house called Great Strode on you left.   | 1010m |
| 8.68  |          | A few metres later take the small wooden gate on your right. Continue straight across the field climbing slightly to a double stile through the hedge. Head towards the left of the farm buildings across the field picking up a hedge on your right. Take the small metal gate on your right and drop down some steps to the road.  | 520m  |
| 9.20  | <b>7</b> | Turn left, uphill, and follow the road as it turns left. Bear right at the next junction taking the road signposted for Hingsdon and Netherbury. Follow the lane as it drops downhill, bends right and continues.  | 810m  |
| 10.01 |          | As the lane begins to rise take a field gate on your left into a vineyard with a Furleigh Estate sign. Bear right, uphill, and follow the perimeter of the field with the vines on your left. Once in the opposite corner of the field go through the gap in the hedge, turn left and follow the track to the road.  | 460m  |
| 10.47 |          |  |       |

## Walk 8

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| Distance: | 11.6km       | 7.2 miles                                   |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 456 987                                  |
|           | WGS84:       | Longitude -2.7721, Latitude 50.7856         |
|           | Address:     | Great Strobe, Netherbury, Bridport, DT6 5NG |



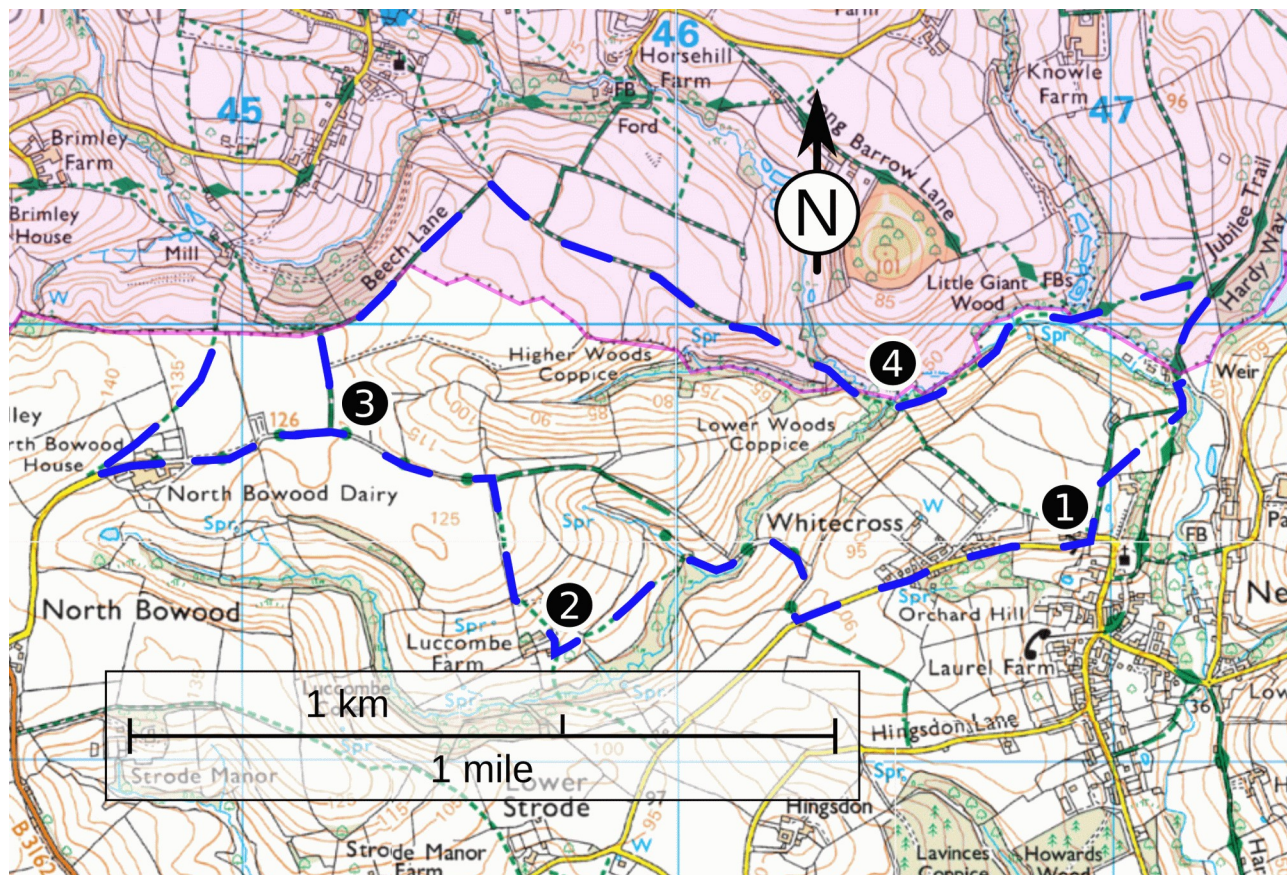
| Total Km | Map Ref | Description   | Section Length |
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| 0        | ①       | Take the road in a westerly direction (away from Netherbury) as it undulates and then climbs to the B3162 and a house which was formerly Gollop Arms.   | 1010m          |
| 1.01     |         | Turn right and immediately left along Filford Lane, signed for "Filford Only". Follow the lane as it rises gently and then descends. Just before the lane bends sharply to the left turn left and take a track into a farm (South Bowood Farm). | 330m           |

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| 1.34 |   | Follow the track between the farm buildings and, after you pass a house and garden on your left, turn right into a field. Bear left and cross the field diagonally into the opposite corner.  | 360m |
| 1.70 | ② | In the corner of the field enter the woods through a gap next to the alarming sign declaring "ATTENTION Game Shooting Here". Turn left and, keeping the fence to your left and with the hill sloping away to your right, follow the path to a small wooden gate at the end of the woods. Carry straight on into the field.  | 180m |
| 1.88 |   | Cross the top of the field to a small metal gate in the corner leading into the woods. Follow the path through the top of the wood which slopes down steeply to your right until you reach another small metal gate on your left. Turn right and downhill to a stile about 40m to the left of the field corner.<br><br>Drop down through the hedge into the next field and, keeping the fence on your right, descend to a field gate. Bear left and continue to descend into the corner of the field and a farm track.  | 690m |
| 2.57 |   | The Rights of Way in this area are not well maintained with infrastructure missing and a lack of signs. Where it's impossible to follow the precise course of the RoW I've provided instructions to keep you as close to it as possible.<br><br>Bear right down the track passing some farm buildings and a cottage on your right. When the track bends sharply to the right continue straight on over a gated bridge into a field. Turn right and keeping the stream (River Simene) on your right and head for the corner of the field. Negotiate the field gate.  | 510m |
| 3.08 | ③ | Turn left up the Public Bridleway with the stream and a house (Filford Farm) on your right. When you reach a house (Barn Cottage) at the top of the path turn left.<br><br>Go through the field gate and cross diagonally to another field gate through the fence on your right. Cross the farm track and go through the field gate opposite.<br><br>- OR -<br><br>Alternatively you can follow the farm track as it bends right and then left keeping the farm buildings on your right, then follow the track for about 200m to a field gate on your right.<br><br>Once through the field gate turn right and follow the field perimeter, past a field gate, to the point the hedge turns sharp right. | 610m |
| 3.69 | ④ | At this point you have rejoined the Right of Way and you need to turn left, across the field, rising up gently over the brow of the hill and then head to a small metal gate, keeping the bottom of a dip in the field to your left.<br><br>Keeping the hedge on your right cross a narrow field and then head uphill. When you reach the corner of the field turn left and still keeping the hedge on you right head to a field gate which leads out onto a farm track.  | 560m |
| 4.25 |   | Once again the Rights of Way in this area are not well maintained and the following instructions keep you as close to the defined RoW as is practical.<br><br>Turn left and follow the farm track until you pass some apparently abandoned agricultural machinery and a caravan to your right. Take the second field gate on the right and drop down to a gap in the hedge to the left of an oak tree and small pond.   | 220m |
| 4.47 |   | Bear left and head towards the far corner of the field. About ten metres before the corner there's a gap in the hedge although not in the wire fence.   | 190m |
| 4.66 |   | Climb over the wire fence and go through the gap, descending to the field below. Turn right and follow the field perimeter past one gateway and then go through the second one in the corner of the field. Bear left and, keeping a line of oaks trees on your right, cross the field to a stream (River Simene). Turn left and follow the stream.  | 310m |

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| 4.97  | 5 | <p>There should be a footbridge across the stream but in my experience that varies from nothing at all to a single railway sleeper laid from one bank to the other.</p> <p>If you can, cross the footbridge, turn left and keeping the stream on your left head towards a cottage. When you meet the farm track turn left and cross the stream once more via the gated bridge. Turn right.</p> <p>- OR -</p> <p>If you cannot find a footbridge, keeping the stream on your right, continue into the corner of the field. Find a gap through the two single-wire fences and a grown-out hedgerow into the next field. Continue with the stream on your right.</p> <p>Keeping the stream on your right head for the corner of the field. Negotiate the field gate.</p> | 450m |
| 5.42  | 5 | Take the road opposite uphill with the entrance to Filford Farm on your left. The road climbs and undulates. Just after the third crest look for a small metal gate on your left.   | 770m |
| 6.19  |   | If you want to cover all the parish paths you'll need to go through the gate, into the trees and uphill over the brow of the hill. Follow the line of old trees downhill to a small metal gate in the fence on your right. Retrace your steps back up the hill to the road and turn left.   | 430m |
| 6.62  |   | Continue along the road as it climbs once more. Just before it bends to the right take the first of two field gates on your left. Head downhill with the hedge on your right.   | 460m |
| 7.08  |   | At the bottom of the hill carry straight on over the stream into the next field. Bear right as you climb over the brow. Descend following the fence on your right to a field gate in the far corner of the field. Carry straight on along a concrete track that takes you into a dip.   | 440m |
| 7.52  | 6 | Continue on, up out of the dip, and go through a field gate on your right at the top of the track. Keep on in the same direction with the hedge on your left to a stile through a hedge and continue with a fence and then a farm (Lower Monkwood Farm) and a river (River Char) on your left to a field gate in the corner of the field and a road   | 520m |
| 8.04  |   | Turn right and follow the road. After a sharp left-hand bend look for the entrance to Glitney Farm on your right. The tarmacked track (Public Bridleway) and features a cattle-grid and wooden field gate. Follow the track until approx. 50m after a second cattle-grid & gate where you pass through the double wooden field gates on your left.  | 760m |
| 8.80  |   | <p>Follow the bridleway uphill to the right-hand gate of a pair of field gates then bear right and drop downhill with initially a fence and then a hedge on your right to the bottom of the field and a small wooden gate.</p> <p>Cross the stream (River Simene).</p> <p>Climb up from the ford to a small metal gate into another field and then with a hedge on your right continue to the top corner and a field gate.</p>  | 520m |
| 9.32  |   | Follow the track uphill with the hedge to your left to the top of the field. Pass through a field gate and follow the lane up over the hill and down to the road (B3162).   | 660m |
| 9.98  | 7 | <p>Turn right and follow the road as it bends right and then left to a track just past a house (Strode Manor Lodge) on your left.</p> <p><b>BEWARE!</b> The road is narrow and there are no pavements.</p> <p>Follow the tarmac track with a fence on your left and trees on your right until it bends to the right whereupon you continue straight on to a small wooden gate. Follow the path to a second wooden gate into a field.</p>  | 700m |
| 10.68 |   | Continue straight on with a fence on your left uphill and over the brow and into another field. Descend keeping the ridge to your right under some power-lines to a small metal gate through a hedge. Bear left to a small wooden gate in the corner, over a small footbridge and over a hump into another field.   | 530m |
| 11.21 |   | Bear right, towards a house (Great Strode), and descend to the corner of the field. Go through a gap in the hedge and turn right. Continue to descend to the road keeping a fence and the house on your left.   | 310m |
| 11.52 |   |   |      |

## Walk 9

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| Distance: | 7.8 km       | 4.8 miles   |
| Start:    | OS Grid Ref: | SY 469 995  |
|           | WGS84:       | Longitude -2.7538, Latitude 50.7927               |
|           | Address:     | Tower Hill Cottage, Netherbury, Bridport, DT6 5ND |



| Total Km | Map Ref | Description   | Section Length |
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| 0        | ①       | Take the road West away from the church and towards Whitecross and follow it until the houses run out and, just over the brow of the hill, take the track on your right.  | 710m           |
| 0.71     |         | Follow the track as it bends right then left and sinks below high banks and under the trees. At the bottom it crosses a stream where it can be wet and muddy under foot.  | 340m           |
| 1.05     |         | Continue straight on as the Public Footpath climbs and bends to the right. Go through a wooden field gate into a field and with the fence to your left continue to a second wooden field gate and follow the track as it bends left, crosses a stream and rises up to a third wooden field gate.<br>Follow the path, straight on, into the far corner of the field and through another wooden field gate that leads you towards the farm house (Luccombe Farm). | 490m           |
| 1.54     | ②       | Before you reach the farm turn right and follow the track uphill to a wooden field gate. Continue uphill with a hedge on your left and a field on your right to a field gate leading to a T-junction with another track.  | 460m           |
| 2.00     |         | Turn left and follow the farm track. As it bends gently left and just before it is crossed by some power-lines look for double metal field gates and another track leading off to your right.   | 390m           |

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| 2.39 |   | <p>To cover all the paths in the parish you'll need to continue straight on until you pass a farmhouse on your right (North Bowood Farmhouse) and some cattle sheds and a couple of cottages (1 &amp; 2 Dairy Cottages) on your left. Look for a field gate on your right and a short track leading up through the hedge into a field.</p> <p>Turn right and pass through the double field gates under some tall beech trees at the corner of the farmhouse's garden.</p> <p>Continue across the field to another field gate and into a third field. The footpath bears left, diagonally across this field (but you may prefer to follow the perimeter around two sides) to a small metal gate in the corner which marks the parish boundary.</p> <p>Retrace your steps.</p> | 1950m |
| 4.34 | ③ | <p>Follow the track through the double field gates with the power-lines on your left. After approx. 120m go through the left-hand one of two field gates labelled as a Public Bridleway along a grassy track. Continue as the track passes under the power-lines, turns sharp right and passes under the power-lines again. Keep following the track as it gently descends to a second sharp right bend.</p>   | 760m  |
| 5.10 |   | <p>Continue along the track until it eventually ends at a field gate and passes into a field that drops away to your right. Carry straight on along a descending ridge towards some woods.</p>   | 890m  |
| 5.99 |   | <p>At the bottom of the hill ignore a small metal gate to your right and use the stile which is labelled as a Public Footpath to enter the woods. The path through the woods can be a little indistinct but it takes you over a footbridge, via a gap sawn through some fallen tree trunks, across a seasonal stream and over a second footbridge before climbing and bending left then right to some steps leading up to a small metal gate on your left.</p>   | 200m  |
| 6.19 | ④ | <p>Turn left through the gate and follow the path keeping the fence on your left. Continue through a field gate and carry straight on to a second field gate. Follow the track but when it bends to the right and begins to climb look for a small metal gate on your left. Descend through some trees to a second small metal gate.</p>   | 270m  |
| 6.56 |   | <p>Turn right and follow the path through what is thought to be an old water meadow that was linked to Clenham Mill. When the path turns right and is marked as "Private. No right of way" look to the left for a stile and footbridge leading into the woods. Once over the river (Stoke Water) bear right through the trees and then climb up to a small wooden gate leading into a field.</p>   | 150m  |
| 6.71 |   | <p>Bear slightly left, diagonally up and over the brow of the hill, towards a small wooden gate and a farm track. Turn right and follow the track downhill as it bends to the right.</p>   | 390m  |
| 7.10 |   | <p>Continue downhill and at the bottom go through the double field gates on your right and over a bridge then left and uphill.</p> <p>Continue straight on and up into a field. Bear left and climb to a field gate in the top corner of the field. Turn left on the concrete lane (Norton Lane) and follow it to the road.</p>  | 700m  |
| 7.80 |   |  |       |

## All the Parish Paths Log sheet

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| Age *    |  |
| Gender * |  |

\* Optional and only needed if you want to be considered as a record-holder in categories for which the information would be relevant.

| Walk Number | Date | Start Time | Finish Time |
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I the undersigned do solemnly swear that I have completed all the necessary sections of the walks listed above (including the yellow sections) and that the times and dates are correct.

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| Signed: |  | Date: |  |
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