



COUNTRYSIDE CODE

Respect other people:

Consider the local community, farming practices & other people enjoying the outdoors

Leave gates and property as you find them and keep to the paths

Give farm animals/horses plenty of space

Protect the natural environment:

Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home

Keep dogs under effective control and wormed regularly.
Clear up after them

Enjoy the outdoors:

Plan ahead and be prepared
Follow advice and local signs

Produced by 'The Walkers, Riders and Cyclists Group' - a working group of the Parish Council

People walk at their own risk. The Parish cannot be held responsible. No Liability can be accepted in the event of any loss or accident and/or injury however caused. The representation on this map of any road, track or path is no evidence of the existence of a right of way

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CIRCULAR WALK 3

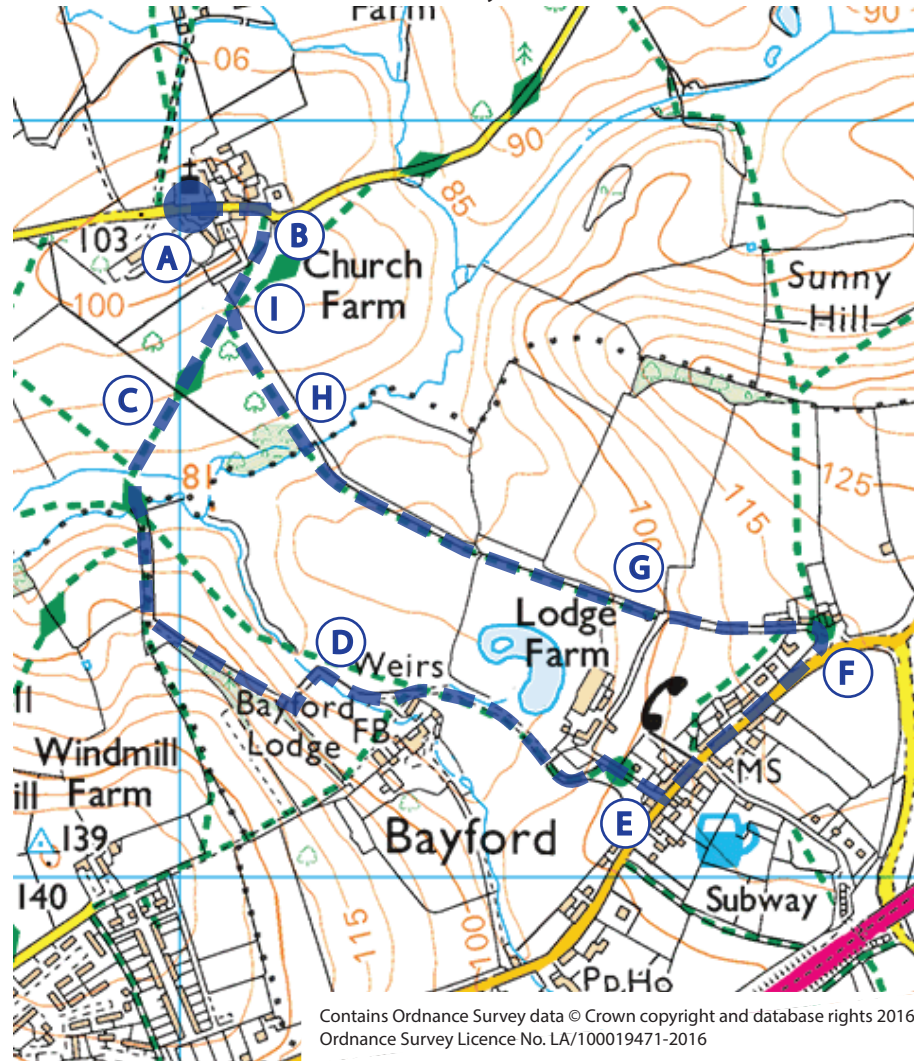
ST STEPHENS CHURCH WALK 1: Takes approx 45 mins

(WALK 2 can be linked to this walk at point C)

Parking/Start - St Stephen's Church, Rectory Lane

Terrain - Gentle quiet and good underfoot. Dog friendly stiles.

Refreshments - Pub, Unicorn Inn, Bayford



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A medieval village was originally near St Stephen's church, which dates from the 13th century. William Arnold (1595-1637), a master mason, lived in the village and was a church warden. He designed Montacute House.

A With the church on your left, go along Rectory Lane, heading away from the Race Course.

B On the second bend go over a stile on the right. Then head right diagonally across the field to the next stile.

This is where the Monarch's Way joins the path - this is a 615-mile long-distance footpath that approximates the escape route taken by King Charles II in 1651 after being defeated in the Battle of Worcester. It runs from Worcester via Bristol and Yeovil to Shoreham in Sussex.

C Continue to the next stile passing a new lake that was created approximately 8 years ago. Diagonally down the next field to another stile in a hedgerow which is a double stile. *(The old mill leat crosses the path here. It used to feed water to Burton's Mill which is along the river to the right.)* Head straight down to cross the footbridge over the river and up the steep bank. At the top turn left on to a concrete track.

D Follow the track down and round past a large house on your right and another on your left. Where the track joins a small lane turn right up to the main road in Bayford.

E Turn left in Bayford and pass the Unicorn Inn (a dog friendly pub) on the right. *(The Unicorn Inn used to be called The Peacock in the 1700's. Bayford seems to have housed some of Wincanton's cloth makers. Thomas Light, linen manufacturer, had a yarn barton here in 1807).*

F After a couple of hundred yards, the road bends and a small lane called Love Lane goes off to the left - take this.

G After some cottages on the right, the lane turns into a track and where it bends to the left, there are 3 gateways. Go straight on down a fenced grassy track. At the bottom there a footbridge which crosses the river. Watch children as it is narrow with only one hand-rail.

H After the bridge follow the path ahead and slightly round to the left and over the stile. Go up the bank and you are by the side of the new lake.

I Follow the right-hand fence up the field until you reach a stile. Go over the stile and diagonally across to the left to go back the way you came. Go over the stile and turn left back up Rectory Lane to return to St Stephen's church.