



CIRCULAR WALK 4

ST STEPHENS CHURCH WALK 2: Takes approx 45 mins

(Can be linked to Walk 1 at point E)

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

Terrain - Gentle quiet. One section after Burton's Mill rutted and muddy. Dog friendly stiles.

Refreshments - At point C turn right and left at the main road to Wincanton.

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:

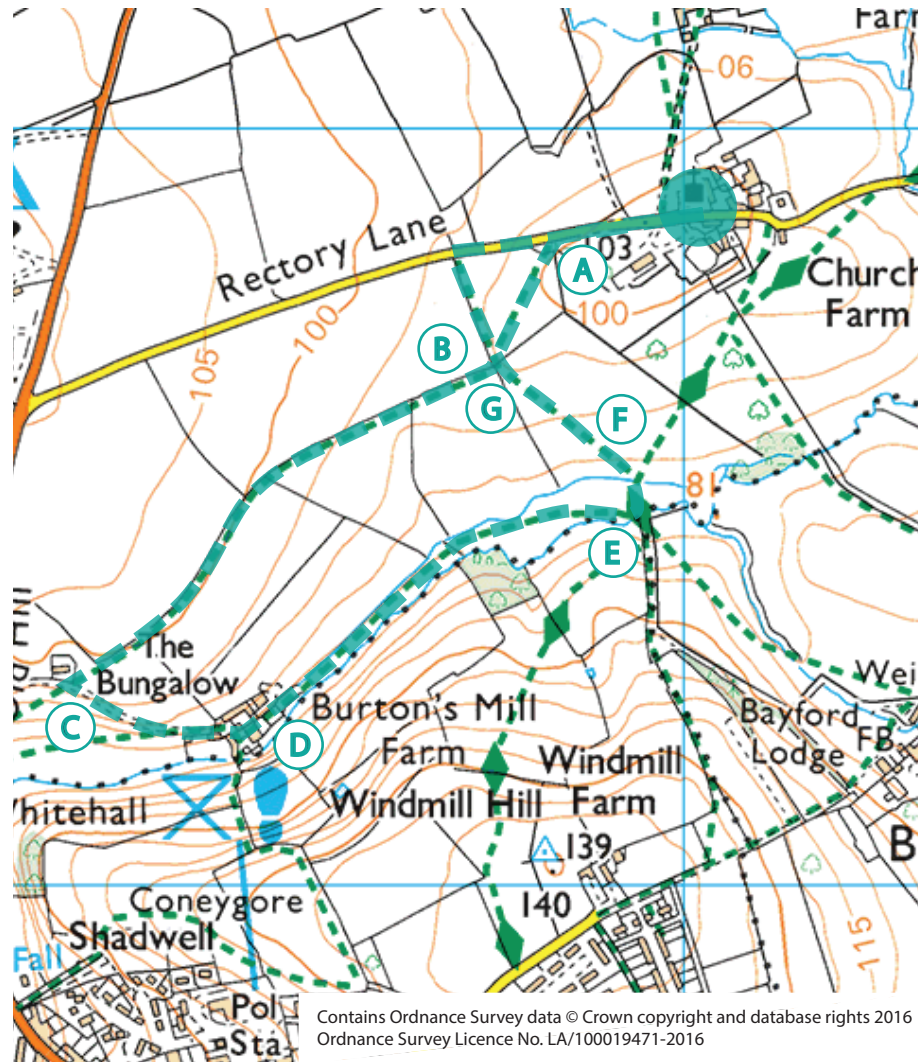
Plan ahead and be prepared

Follow advice and local signs

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

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A With St Stephen's on your right, go down Rectory Lane towards the Race Course. After about 200 yards go over the first stile to your left. Follow route diagonally to the right, over the field to an open gateway at the bottom corner.

B Go through the gateway and turn right over a stile. Follow the hedge over two more stiles and through a gate and you will come to a bungalow and pedestrian gate leading onto a lane.

C Turn left down the lane to Burton's Mill farm.

Barton's Mill was mentioned in 1436 and by 1661 was known as Burton's Mill. The mill leat was diverted from the River Cade and the mill was used to grind corn for cattle feed.

D Follow the marked path through and round the back of the farm Buildings, (watch the steep drop to the river) along by the river, climbing up some steps and over a stile. Turn right and follow the river bank which forms the Parish boundary. The ground can be poached for the initial 100 yards but after that it is a lovely walk by the river side, where you might see kingfishers. *(The old mill leat can be seen on the top left hand side of the field running along by the hedgerow).*

E After several hundred yards, there is a footbridge over the river to your right. To complete the walk turn left here, head up the field and over a double stile which crosses the old mill leat. (For a longer walk turn right over the footbridge and follow the directions for walk 1).

F Head left diagonally up across the big field and through an open gateway in the far corner where you rejoin your steps.

G Either follow the hedgerow to your left and up to a gate with a stile to the left and turn right up Rectory Lane, or go right diagonally across the field the way you came, over the stile and right up Rectory Lane to return to St Stephen's church.

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.