

There is an interesting gazebo also part of Brewery House that, along with the one on Bath Road was thought to be part of an earlier larger residence.

At the end of North Street, turn left onto Chivers lane, known locally as “Bloody Lane” as it was the site of the Monmouth Rebellion battle fought in 1685. This remains the penultimate battle on English soil. The rebellion was finally put down at Sedgemoor as week later.

Proceed down the hill to the crossroads at Lyde Green. A short diversion to the left will take you to a Tudor dovecot (now in private hands and part of Pond Barton). Return to the crossroads and follow the lane down the hill. At the turn in the road pass two cottages and take the path right after Burrigate Cottage signposted to Hassage. The path rises quickly and after 250 metres take the field gate to the left just after the last bungalow in Springfield. Take the field path following the left hedge and turn left behind the houses in Ringwell. Views of the village

open to the east. Follow the path running behind the houses until the road is met. *[Short cut: If muddy the field path behind Springfield and Ringwell can be avoided by following the road]*

Turn right and follow lane to the main road. Taking care crossing this road and proceed to the right past three cottage to pick up a footpath to the left.

This path traverses the gravel path of Hurley House crosses a stile and then follows a straight line to a stile in Vicarage Lane.



[Alternative: Here it is well worth taking the opportunity to divert left to visit the 14C parish church which is usually open during the daytime. Histories of the church are available to purchase. Of particular interest are the references to a visit by Samuel Pepys and the monument to the “Fair maids of Foscott”.

If you wish to shorten your route you can cross Churchmead to return to the George Inn, otherwise return to the original path].



After about 50m turn left through metal gate. The three new houses to the left are not yet marked on the map. Cross the field following the path passing to the left of the three ponds and take the small cut between the houses into Fortescue Fields. Turn left and walk through new houses and past the Co-op store to the main road. *[Alternative: Here is a further opportunity to shorten the walk by returning to the George by turning left and walking down the High Street]*

Cross the road turning right up the hill past Town End and turn left into Tellisford Lane. Straight ahead (to the left of The Barn) cross stile into large field known as Shepherds Mead. Take reasonably obvious path to the left to a stile that takes you into Upper Farm Close. Follow footpath across the road into a short cut that brings you out into Town Barton and back to the main road. Turn left and return to the George Inn.

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Recommended resources for other local walks:

Where Wiltshire Meets Somerset. By Roger Jones. £7.95

Hardington Vale Trail hardingtonvale.org.uk

Other local walks hardingtonvale.org.uk

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Walks in and around NORTON ST PHILIP

A circular walk around Norton St Philip

- a circumnavigation

A short easy walk around the village, usually easy going unless very wet.

Approx 1.6 miles - 40 minutes plus time to stop and stare.

Start and end point: The George Inn



From the George Inn turn down the hill and enter North Street. This, as the name suggests heads north and was the original road to Bath before the current road was created in the 19C. Of interest is the water pump outside Brewery House. Locals remember this still working in the 1950's.