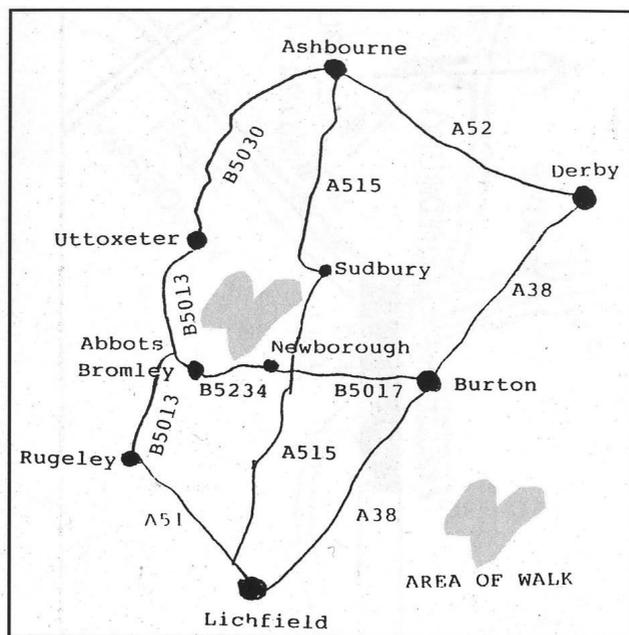


Over the stile and diagonally right across the field to the stile just left of a holly tree leading on to Thorney Lanes.

Turn right here for 3/4 mile past Holt Hall Farm on the right to Craners Lodge on the left and immediately past the house, go left over the stile next to the gate and into the field.



Follow the hedge for 25 yds. then as it begins to curve to the left bear a little to the right across the field making for a solitary oak tree to the left of the woodland. At the field corner next to the oak tree, climb the stile next to the gate. Go diagonally right between the corner of Dunghill Plantation and the first of the line of 3 electricity power poles and continue forward on rising ground making for the field corner over the brow.

Cross the stile to the left of a gate and follow the hedge around to the right with the spire of All Saints Church coming into view away on the left. At the field corner climb the stile and make for the top of the rise and the stile to cross over the B5234.

Here, climb a half hidden stile and keep the hedge on your left, as you walk down the field to a kissing gate behind the former Buffalo. Turn left into Yoxall Road to complete the 9 miles back to the village square.



- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- Take your litter home.
- Help to keep all water clean.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Make no unnecessary noise.
- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.
- Guard against all risk of fire.
- Fasten all gates.
- Keep your dogs under close control.
- Keep to public paths across farmland.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.

**TAKE NOTHING BUT PHOTOGRAPHS,  
LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS.**

You may find the following maps useful:-  
O.S. Pathfinder Sheet: SK02/12  
O.S. Landranger Sheet: 128

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**OVER THE BORDER**



A 9 mile circular walk linking the Parishes of Newborough and Abbots Bromley

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WALK LEAFLET NO. 4**



## WALK DESCRIPTION

The walk comprises the already established 5 mile Newborough Circuit but on reaching the approximate 2/3rds distance point at Thorney Lanes, there is a new 4 mile loop going off west at Three Lane Ends into Abbots Bromley Parish before returning to Thorney Lanes and picking up the remainder of the Newborough Circuit making 9 miles in all. Allow approximately 4 hours. Refreshments are available at the two pubs in Newborough but not along the route of the walk. However, just after Harts Farm at the junction with Radmore Lane and the 3 way finger post (5 mile point) where the route of the walk goes left, it is possible for walkers to turn right for 12 miles into Abbots Bromley where there are pubs, and afterwards retrace their steps to rejoin the route. Fine views of Staffordshire countryside are to be seen together with the opportunity to observe wildlife and wild flowers.

The walk follows public rights of way throughout and the paths are well waymarked, however, you may find the Ordnance Survey Pathfinder map (Sheet No. SK02/12) and Landranger Sheet 128 useful. It can be muddy especially after rain, and strong footwear is recommended. Cars may be parked at the Red Lion, where walkers are welcome. Please keep dogs under close control and follow the Country Code.

## ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

From the church in the village square, take care crossing over the busy B5234 Abbots Bromley to Burton road and go along Hollybush Road. Pass the shop and in 20 yds. take Elton Lane on the right, over the River Swarbourn and turn left up the farm track with high hedges on either side to Elton Covert farm. Note the Duchy of Lancaster stone plaque set into the wall of the building, then climb the stile by the gate, from here you have a fine view to the left of Hollybush Park and its lake. The path is straight ahead for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile hugging the edge of Elton Covert. Easy level walking through five fields with footpath signposts and stiles along the way, the path deviates from a straight line just once when it passes round a seasonal pond. Just beyond the edge of the woodland cross over the fence using a stile on your left next to a gate then continue in the same direction as before, keeping the post and wire fence on your right until you reach the footpath signpost on the A515.

The footpath then doubles back towards the corner of the woodland you have just left along the faint line of an ancient ditch to an old tree trunk with waymarkers, a few yards from the trees. Turn right and go down the field keeping the remains of a straggly hedge on your right. Just before the brook you will see on your right the brick base remains of an old windpump. At one time it pumped water from a spring to a reservoir situated above Eland Lodge and provided the farm with its water supply.

Walk across the bridge over Eland Brook then head straight up along the path and follow the post and wire fence on your right up to a waymarker and gate. Go through the gate past the house and shops then over the stile by a gate and follow the track to meet Newborough Road where you turn left.

Keep to the road for 150 yds. only, then fork right at two cottages, straight over minor crossroads then ahead down a private road to Agardsley Park. Where the track turns right in front of the house, go left over a stile next to a cattle grid with a footpath sign. Other footpaths meet at this point. Follow the one to the right, parallel to the houses on the right, and on the line of a tractor track across the field. Over another cattle grid into the next field with a dried-up pond just off to the left. The track becomes less distinct and curves right to a gate. Go through the gate and the footpath is straight ahead to the distant right hand field corner where hedgerows meet. Head diagonally across the next field and in the centre of the field beyond there is a clump of trees surrounding a pond. Go forward, left of the fenced off pond to the open gateway in the hedge. Cross into the next field and with properties in Thorney Lanes coming into view, aim ahead to the farm buildings to the right of the white house (Daisy Bank) in the middle distance and as you reach the hedgerow which comes into view on the right, follow it down, keeping it on your right to pass over a stile set back from the lane. Turn right up Thorney Lanes.

Go past Daisy Bank Farm on the left and in  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, at 3 Lane Ends junction, go left over the stile opposite the farm. Head diagonally down the field to the oak tree in the hedge and the bottom left hand field corner. Cross the stile, ditch, second stile then to the second waymarked gate in the corner of the field. Go through the gate then up the bank and over the steps in the fence into the next field.

With the hedge on the right, proceed up the field then, as you

approach the second power line pole which is close to the hedge. turn left across the field to where there once was a pond (now grassed over). Keep to the short length of hedge on the left and cross the four rail fence by the flight of three steps in the corner. Ahead for a few yards to another stile, sleeper bridge and into the field beyond. Straight down this field aiming for the middle one of the three pylons directly ahead on the skyline to the field corner and a stile. Cross over the junction of water courses which marks the boundary of Newborough and Abbots Bromley Parishes and enter the field.

The right of way turns left up the field side keeping to the edge of Blakes Plantation as far as the post and wire fence at the end of the field. Go through the fence and over a sleeper bridge. Maintaining direction, head across the field making for a point midway between the second and third pylons from the left and a white topped post which marks the entrance into Harts Coppice.

Enter by the small wooden gate and follow the path through the woodland to the gate at the other end. Go up the side of the field you have just entered, under power lines to the field corner, which can be boggy, go into the next field and follow the farm track leading across two fields via two equally boggy gateways. Farm livestock and dogs are about in this area and it is essential for dogs to be under close control on a lead. Take care to fasten all gates. Pass through the farm buildings of Harts Farm leading to a metalled track and to the junction with Radmore Lane and a 3 finger post.

Turn left, pass by Park Farm 300 yds. ahead on the right. Carry on down the farm road passing under the power lines and then, when the track next turns right, go left at a finger post over a ditch and stiles into a field. A red brick farmhouse is on the skyline. Aim a little to the right of it and to a gap in the hedgerow trees ahead and cross the field to reach a double stile and steps going down a bank, cross straight over this field to the new foot bridge over Pur Brook. Cross the brook and back into Newborough Parish.

After the brook go diagonally left across the field, over the stile and follow the hedge on the left up to the field corner. go through the gateway into the next field, up and over the hill making for the further-most field corner which eventually comes into view.