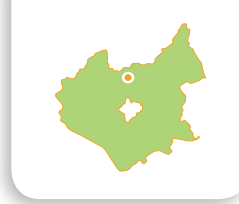




Local Walks

AROUND HATHERN



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Hathern is a village and parish approximately 2 miles north-west of Loughborough. It stands on a gentle rise overlooking the plain of the Soar Valley.

The village is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Avederne and by 1258 had changed to Hawthirne, probably due to the protective hawthorn hedge surrounding it. The Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul is a 14th century building of Charnwood stone with evidence of 12th century building, shown by the Saxon-Norman font and Norman capital preserved

inside the Church.

Hathern Cross stands in the centre of the village, probably 14th century, it would have been a Christian monolith, a site from which sermons would have been preached. It became a convenient place for meetings and business and it is thought that markets were held beneath it.

You can combine some or all of Walks 1-5 into longer circular walks up to 16 km (10 Miles).

There are also other bridleways, footpaths and permissive paths marked on the maps and by signs on the routes which can be incorporated to

extend or shorten your walk.

In and around Hathern are a number of Geocaches, visit www.geocaching.com and find out more and combine some cache hunting with your walk?

A book entitled "A Walk Around

Hathern" published by Hathern Local History Society can be obtained at the Hathern Post Office and Stores for £2. This describes a historical and architectural walk of about 2.5 Km (1.5 miles) around the heart of the historic village.

START: Hathern Cross, Cross Street, Hathern LE12 5LB.

PARKING: Please park where the streets are wide and please don't obstruct gates or driveways. Alternative Parking at Pasture Lane opposite the new school.

GETTING THERE:

Plan your journey on foot, by bike, public transport or car by visiting www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk or calling Traveline on **0871 200 22 33** (charges apply) for the latest public transport information.

REFRESHMENTS AND TOILETS:

There are several pubs in the village and the Hathern Post Office and Stores sells filled rolls etc. Oakley Grange serves meals and is located off Shepshed Road. There are no public toilets in the village.

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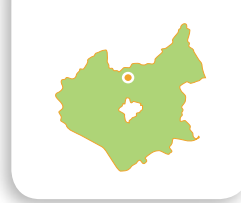
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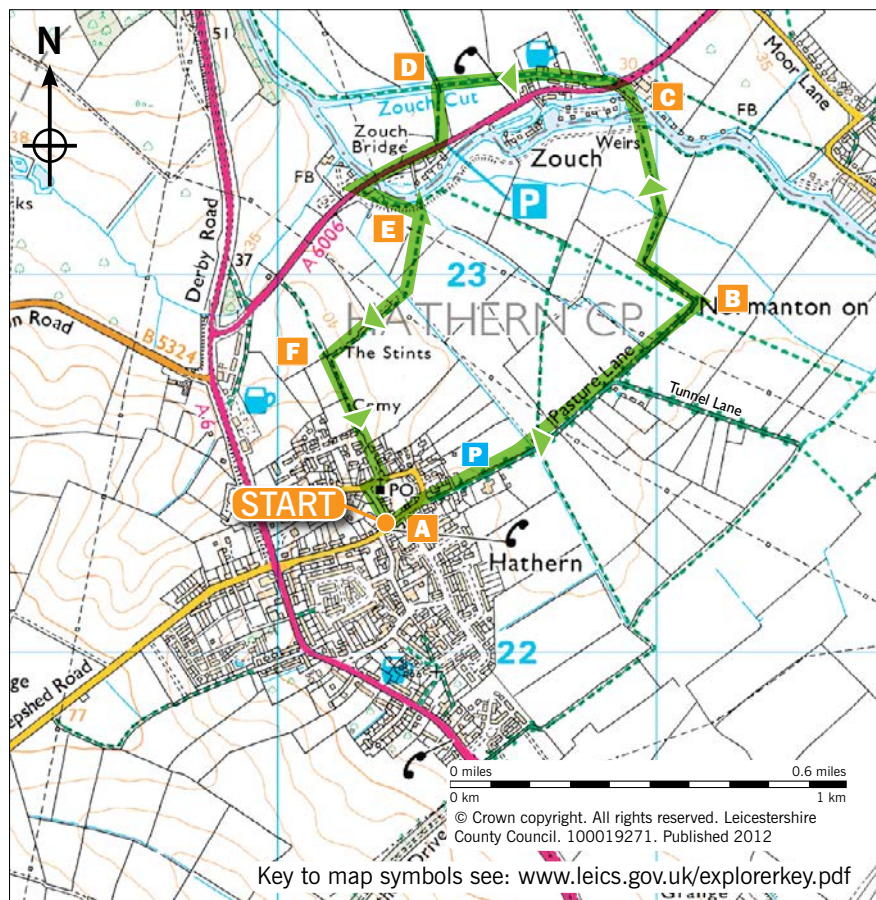
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Walk 1: A very pleasant hour's circular walk from the village cross to the river / canal and back which can be combined with other walks to make a longer circuit.

START: Hathern Cross, Cross Street, Hathern LE12 5LB ~ SK5030322379 / SK52B Lat: 52.79662 Lon: -1.25539



Key to map symbols see: www.leics.gov.uk/explorerkey.pdf

A. Start Hathern Village Cross, head east on Cross Street toward The Green and bear right onto Pasture Lane.

B. Continue along Pasture Lane and turn left at the very bottom north towards a gateway at the end. Go through and bear right until you cross a bridge over a small dyke (locally called Pike Dyke) and continue toward the two weirs diagonally ahead.

C. Cross the flood relief radial gate, the two weirs and continue until you reach the western end of the canal bridge. Cross over the bridge (taking great care on this busy road) to the right to reach the towpath on the opposite side, you are now in Nottinghamshire. Continue along the towpath until you reach the Sutton Bonington bridge.

D. At this point, you can turn right and head toward Sutton Bonington village. To continue on this walk, turn left over the bridge.

E. Cross the field and look out for a gate which will re-join the road and turn right towards Hathern and head toward County Bridge. Cross the road (take great care!) to the footpath, go over the stile just on the south side of the bridge abutment, down the slope and follow the path straight ahead until you reach a field gate and stile at the end of a drainage dyke. At these, look toward Hathern using the church tower as a guide and follow the path going diagonally through the fields until you reach a gate. Continue ahead and over the bridge at a common dyke (locally called Comma Dyke) and carry on up the path to the top of the hill passing farm outbuildings to your right.

F. At the junction marked with a finger post, turn left onto the farm track, pass the cemetery on your right and continue along Green Hill until you reach the church. Turn right and immediately left onto Church Street and continue until you arrive back at Hathern Village Cross.



Easy



1 hour



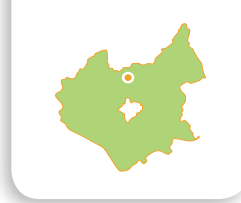
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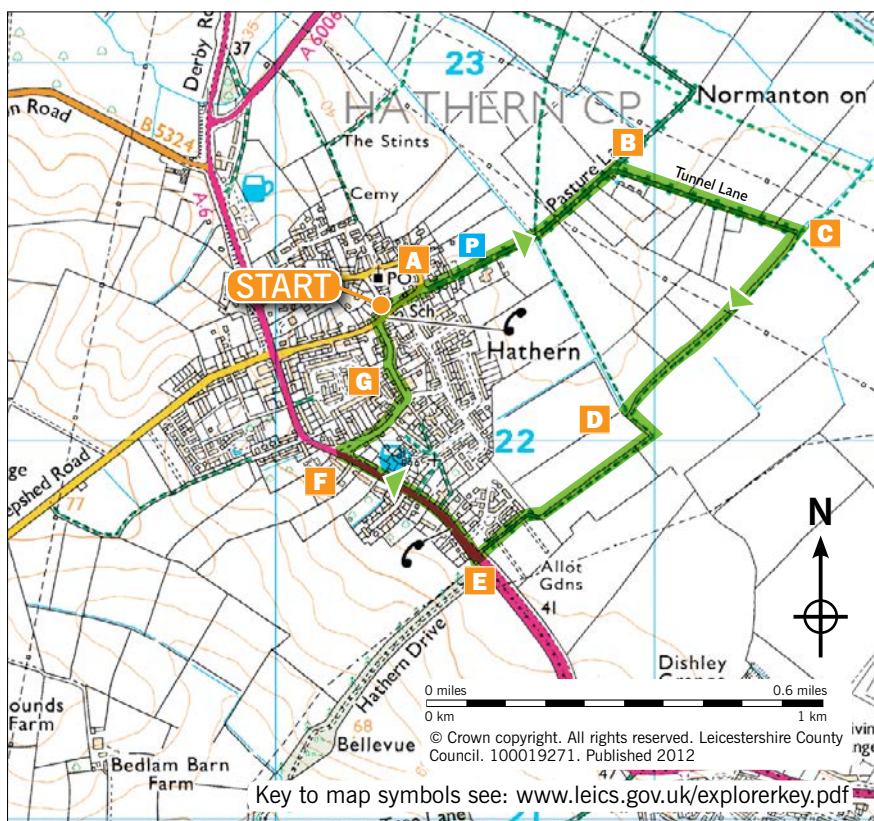
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Walk 2: A good hour's circular walk from the village cross through some of the extensive farm land passing the Anchor Inn on the main A6 and then through part of the historic part of the village.

START: Hathern Cross, Cross Street, LE12 5LB ~ SK5030322379 / SK52B Lat: 52.79662 Lon: -1.25539



A. Start at Hathern Village Cross, head east on Cross Street toward The Green and bear right onto Pasture Lane passing the Anchor Inn on the main A6 and then through part of the historic part of the village.

B. Take this track. (This first part of the walk along the length of Pasture Lane is particularly attractive in the early Spring as there are lots of snowdrops planted by a resident some years ago (Amy Burrows) and augmented by the Parish Council in the last few years to form a snowdrop walk.)

C. Continue along Tunnel Lane and turn right at the end following the footpath until you see a footbridge in the corner of the field, (D).

D. Turn left and then right following the hedge line.

Turn right and immediately left along the edge of the allotments until you reach the A6 (E).

E. Turn right and follow the footpath (shared with cyclists) past the Anchor Inn, continue to Wide Street and see there the Hathern Village sign, the Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Chestnut tree and the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Oak tree and garden.

F. Turn right down Wide Street (F) and then left into Dovecote Street, (G).

G. Look for one of the oldest houses in the village on the right and note the unusual "s" curved frontage of the cottages. Reaching the end of Dovecote Street turn right to arrive back at Hathern Cross.



Easy



1 hour



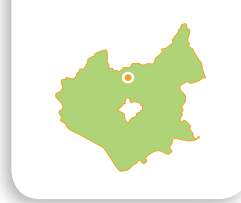
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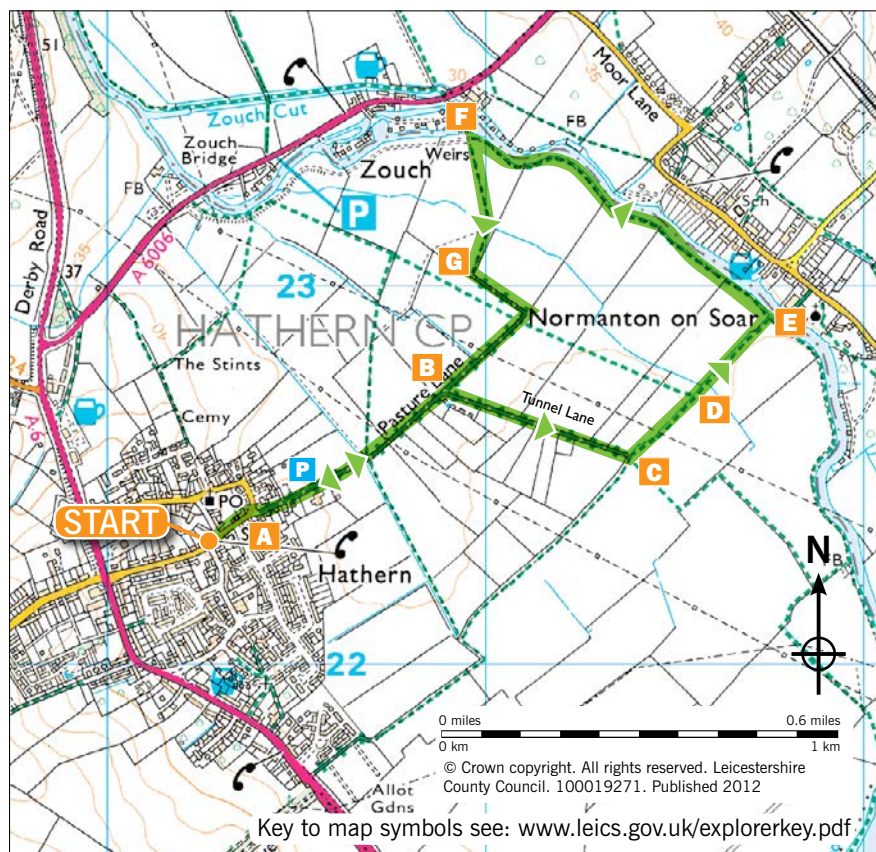
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Walk 3: A good hour's circular walk from the Village Cross through some of the extensive farm land, following the River Soar for a short distance and then returning to the village. Radar route.

START: Hathern Cross, Cross Street, LE12 5LB ~ SK5030322379 / SK52B Lat: 52.79662 Lon: -1.25539



A. Start at Hathern Village Cross, head east on Cross Street toward The Green and bear right onto Pasture Lane passing the alternative car parking (P) and continue along this lane until you meet a track off to the right, called Tunnel Lane (B).

B. Take this track. (The first part of the walk along the length of Pasture Lane is particularly attractive in the early Spring as there are lots of snowdrops planted here).

C. Continue along Tunnel Lane and turn left at the end, (C), following the footpath until you reach a footbridge slightly to the right, (D).

D. Cross the bridge turn left and then immediately right following the dyke line towards the river Soar. Note the remains of several very old pollarded willow trees probably used for making locally made baskets etc at Hathern and Zouch.

E. Turn left after going through the small gate and follow the river path through a series of kissing gates until you reach the flood relief Zouch Radial Gate.

F. Turn back left towards the village going diagonally back across the field, through a gate over Pike Dyke and then to the gate at the end of Pasture Lane.

G. Go through the gate and follow Pasture Lane turning right at the end of the first leg to return to pass the junction with Tunnel Lane (B) and follow Pasture Lane and via Cross Street back to Hathern Village Cross.

NOTES:

While not all routes are suitable for people with disabilities Walk 3 is suitable for "all terrain utility scooters" (e.g. Trumper type) with a slight modification and care particularly in winter or following bad weather. All the gates on this route are either fully opening or kissing gates operated by RADAR keys.

The only modification is at map point F where you should turn back just before the last riverside kissing gate.

Additionally nearly the full length of Pasture Lane is also suitable for most mobility scooters and wheelchairs with care as it has a hard surface.



Easy



1 hour



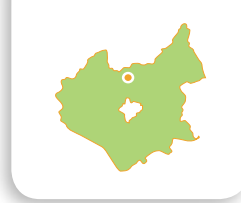
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2.1 mile

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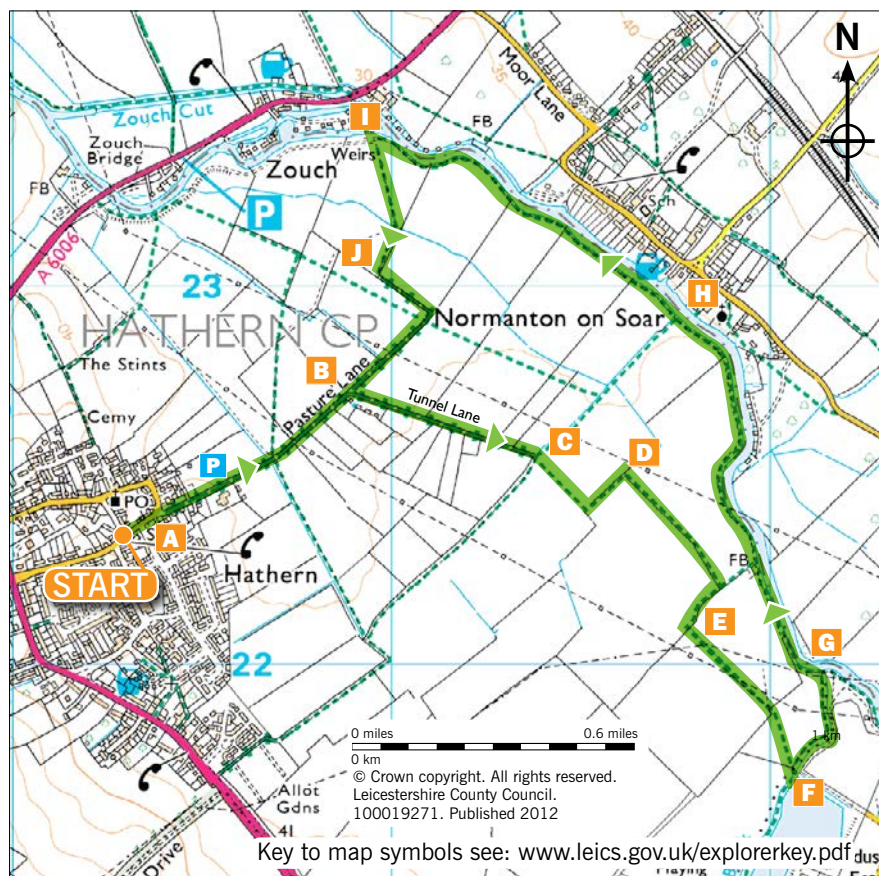
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Walk 4: A good two hour's circular walk from the Village Cross through some of the extensive farm land to Dishley Pool returning by following the river Soar and Pasture Lane to the village.

START: Hathern Cross, Cross Street, LE12 5LB ~ SK5030322379 / SK52B Lat: 52.79662 Lon: -1.25539



A. Start at Hathern Village Cross, head east on Cross Street toward The Green and bear right onto Pasture Lane passing the alternative car parking (P) and continue along this lane until you meet a track off to the right, called Tunnel Lane (B).

B. Take this track. (The first part of the walk along the length of Pasture Lane is particularly attractive in the early Spring as there are lots of snowdrops planted here).

C. Carry on straight ahead at the end of Tunnel Lane crossing the field, turn left at the footpath sign and follow the hedge line to turn right at a gate and footbridge.

D. Go straight ahead until you reach the corner of the field and then turn right (E) and then left.

E. Follow this path straight ahead and don't deviate from this path to eventually reach (F) Dishley Pool.

F. (Do take some time out to enjoy the views and observe the wildlife. Dishley Pool is an important wildlife reserve and sustains several species of

dragonflies and damselflies as well as waterfowl. Please do not disturb nesting birds and keep dogs on a lead.)

G. Turn left towards the River Soar and on reaching the riverside path (G) turn left along the river. This is a fine stretch of river scenery, twisting and turning across the landscape, look out for the Normanton Chain Ferry and St James' Church on the opposite river bank.

H. Follow the river path through a series of kissing gates until you reach the flood relief Zouch Radial Gate.

I. Turn back left towards the village going diagonally back across the field, through a gate over Pike Dyke and then to the gate at the end of Pasture Lane.

J. Go through the gate and follow Pasture Lane turning right at the end of the first leg to return to pass the junction with Tunnel Lane (B) and follow Pasture Lane and via Cross Street back to Hathern Village Cross.



Easy



2 hours



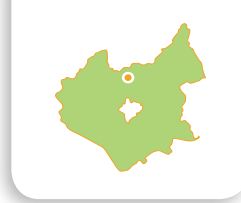
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5.5 miles

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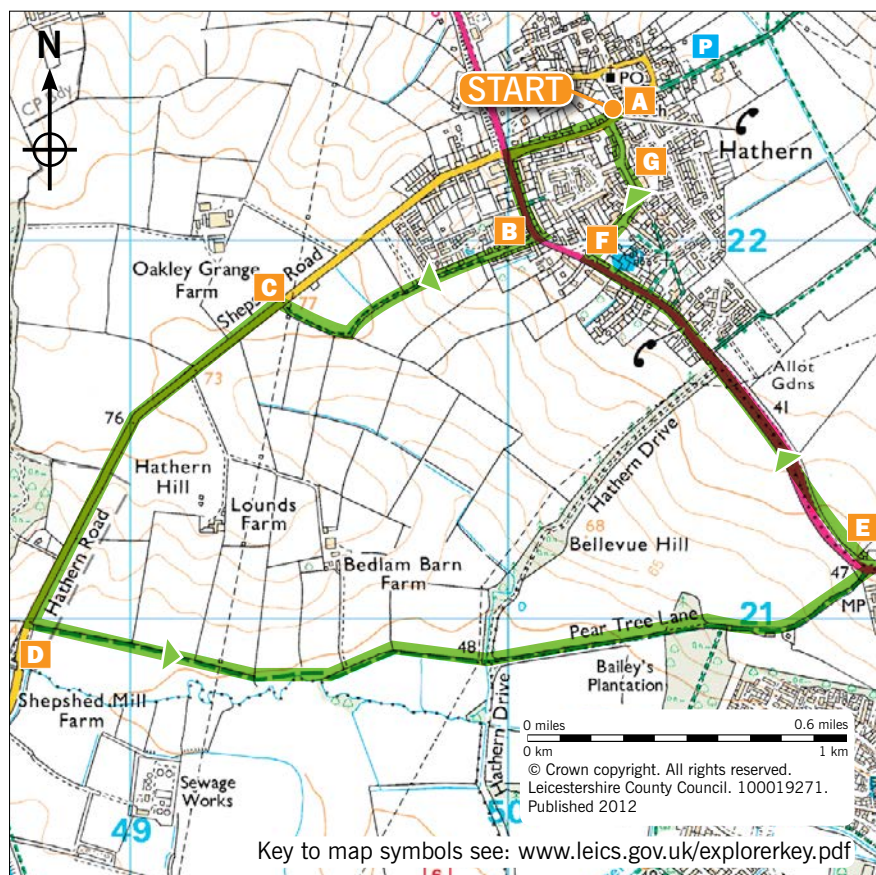
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Walk 5: A good two hour's circular walk from the Village Cross through some of the extensive farm land to the West of the village, visiting the Black Brook and the extensive Garendon Estate.

START: Hathern Cross, Cross Street, LE12 5LB ~ SK5030322379 / SK52B Lat: 52.79662 Lon: -1.25539



A. Start at Hathern Village Cross, head west going up Narrow Lane, cross the A6 (please take care as this is a very busy road) and turn left along the A6 and then right into Golden Square (B) just by the Dew Drop Inn.

B. At the top of Golden Square take the footpath up the hill passing the allotments on your right. At the top of the hill, where the path turns to the right, take time to appreciate the views over Shepshed to The Beacon, Mount St. Bernard's Priory and the twin radio masts at Copt Oak.

C. Follow the path to the Shepshed Road (C) and turn left following this roadside path down the Hathern Hill towards Shepshed.

D. At the bottom of the hill look for the bridleway to the left and take this to eventually meet and follow the Black Brook for a short distance through the extensive farmland of the Garendon Estate. After approx. 1.5km at a gate cross straight

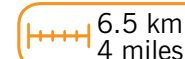
over another track and carry on through some woodland on a slight rise to eventually join Pear Tree Lane and descend this lane to the A6. (Take care as this lane opens straight onto the busy A6).

E. Cross the A6 and turn left along the roadside cycleway and footpath back towards Hathern with views down to the right over the River Soar flood plain.

F. Having passed the Anchor Inn turn right down Wide Street (F).

G. Turn left into Dovecote Street (G) and follow this interesting street back to the Village Cross.

NOTES: Refreshments and Toilets: There are toilet facilities and alternative parking at Oakley Grange (turn right at map point C and look for entrance drive on the left across the road) where there is an organic shop and cafe.



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