

Kibworth

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Your Parish or Local Community Group may wish to produce a walking leaflet, please contact the Access Officer at County Hall for more information.

It is advisable to wear suitable footwear when walking.

Stout shoes or walking boots are recommended.

Some stretches of the route follow minor country roads. Beware of traffic approaching from both directions. If possible stay on the verge, if not walk in single file on the right hand side of the road.

Enjoy the walks, whilst observing the Countryside Code.

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The information in this leaflet is available in other formats on request.



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4 circular walks

- 1 3kms/2 miles
- 2 6½kms/4 miles
- 3 5¾kms/3½ miles
- 4 6½kms/4 miles



The name Beauchamp is derived from the “de Beauchamp” family who held the Manor by right as Chief Pantelers (banner carrier, dresser, and butler) to the King on the day of his Coronation. The main historical industry of framework knitting developed from a cottage industry to small workshops and finally by the beginning of the 20th century to several factories, the largest of which employed over 400 people.

Walk 1: 3 km (2 miles), allow 1 hour, short, very flat walk through open countryside and the picturesque village of Smeeton Westerby.

P public car park, School Road, Kibworth

From the car park walk down School Road, then left onto High Street. Cross the roundabout and take Weir Road on the right. Walk the length of Weir Road and turn right down a small alley immediately before the entrance to Kibworth Beauchamp Golf Course.

A Follow the hedge on your left down to a stile. Once across follow the waymarker's leading off slightly to your left, over another two stiles and onto a track.

B Turn right and follow the track all the way into the village of Smeeton Westerby.

C Once in the middle of the village, take a right and then

an immediate left down Mill Lane. After 200m turn right down a narrow jitty.

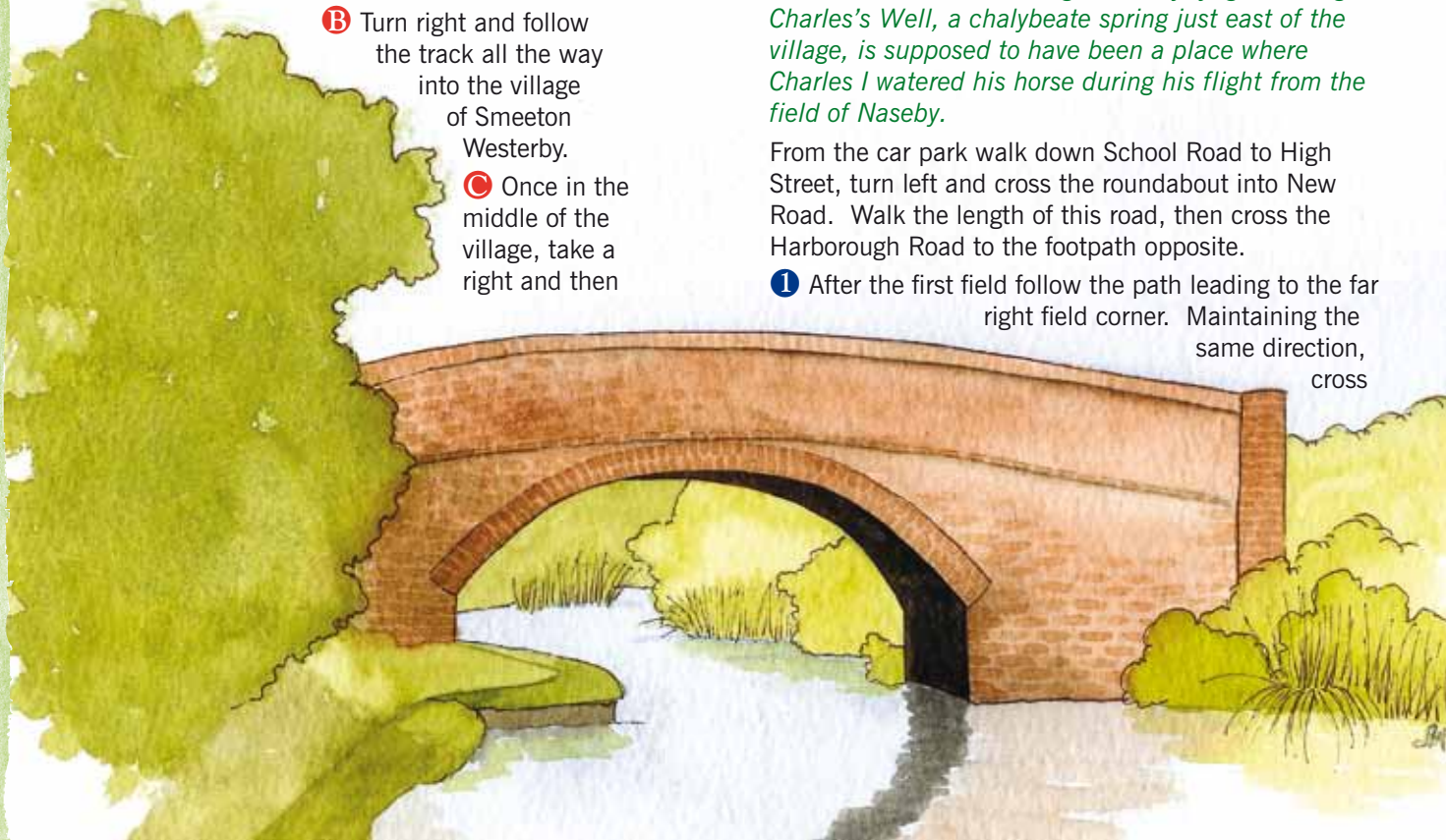
Follow the markers over the fields, then just before you enter the recreation ground, turn right and follow the hedge down to Smeeton Road. Turn left and follow the road back to the car park.

Walk 2: 6½km (4 miles), allow 2 hours, relatively flat through open countryside with lovely views over the Langton's. **P** public car park, School Road, Kibworth

Tur Langton's present name does not appear to have originated before the late 16th century, prior to that it was either called 'Terlington' or 'Tyrlyngton'. King Charles's Well, a chalybeate spring just east of the village, is supposed to have been a place where Charles I watered his horse during his flight from the field of Naseby.

From the car park walk down School Road to High Street, turn left and cross the roundabout into New Road. Walk the length of this road, then cross the Harborough Road to the footpath opposite.

1 After the first field follow the path leading to the far right field corner. Maintaining the same direction, cross



two stiles and follow the way markers to a rough track.

② Follow the waymarkers across the track to another footpath leading up hill along the field edge. The path descends again down to a drain that crosses the path. At this point the route ascends up a fairly steep hill towards woodland. At the top the path almost doubles back on itself, descending to the northern field corner.

③ From here, follow the markers north; cross over a stile and then head for the corner of the hedge in front of you. Cross another stile and walk down through two fields to a tennis court.

④ Halfway up the left side of the court cross into a field and walk diagonally across to another stile. Turn right following the markers through the garden of Meadow View, Tur Langton.

⑤ At the road turn left (*note the Crown Inn is to the right*), then left again into the small lane leading to The Manor.

Cross the stile on the right and follow the path around the northern side of the Manor. Once at the track turn left and follow the bridleway signs across the field.

⑥ At the bottom of the hill, cross a rough track and walk straight on keeping the hedge on your right. Follow the marker posts until you reach a stile; climb this and carry straight on to reach Harborough Road. Retrace your steps along New Road back to the car park.

Walk 3: 5¾ km (3½ miles), allow 1½ hours, easy walking through peaceful countryside and along the Grand Union Canal.

P considerably along Mill Lane

Smeeton Westerby is located 1 km south of Kibworth Beauchamp. Until around the 18th century Smeeton and Westerby were considered two distinct

hamlets, Smeeton to the north-east and Westerby to the south-west. Many of the houses in the village date back to the C18th and have kept many of their original features

Follow the bridle track (Mill Lane) away from the village until it reaches Kibworth Road.

i Cross over and continue on the bridleway through the countryside.

The path crosses through Mill Field Wood, a newly created woodland incorporating local tree species and a Carr (a small wetland wood).

Follow the path down to the canal and over the bridge.

ii Once on the other side, turn immediately right down a small embankment and right again through a gateway onto the Grand Union Canal towpath. Walk under the bridge you have just crossed and along the towpath until you reach the Saddington Tunnel.

iii Walk up and over the tunnel entrance and follow the path straight ahead, over Kibworth Road and on until the path descends to the towpath. At the first bridge take the small path up to the road above.

iv Just up on the left cross a stile and head to the far right field corner. Follow the waymarkers through several fields up a gentle ascent to Mill Lane. Turn right and retrace the bridleway back to the start.

Walk 4: 6½km (4 miles), allow 2 hours. A beautiful walk through open countryside and along the serene Grand Union canal. **P** Wherever possible in the centre of Smeeton Westerby near Debdale Lane.

Walk down Debdale Lane which soon becomes a farm track.

a When it meets a road, turn right and just before the bridge take another right onto the Grand Union Canal towpath. Follow this passing under Gumley Road along the way.

On the left you can see the pattern of ridge and furrow, remnants of old farming technique.

b Eventually you arrive at a sluice on your left then pass over an aqueduct. Shortly after the aqueduct, climb over a stile, passing through the hedge on your right. A permissive path then takes you down to the



track that crosses under the aqueduct.

Walk up the track until it turns sharply left, at this point walk straight on through the field and follow the way markers into Smeeton Westerby.

c Walk up Westerby Lane then take the small jitty on the right which leads to Pit Hill. Cross and continue down through allotments before joining Main Street back to the centre of Smeeton Westerby.

The routes are clearly marked with bold, yellow topped waymarker posts and waymarker discs with the Parish Walks symbol.



Walking - Be fit and well

Walking is a form of exercise that is suitable and enjoyable for all ages. It's a free and fun way for families and friends to get fit together. Just 30 minutes of brisk walking on a daily basis can benefit your health and quality of life.

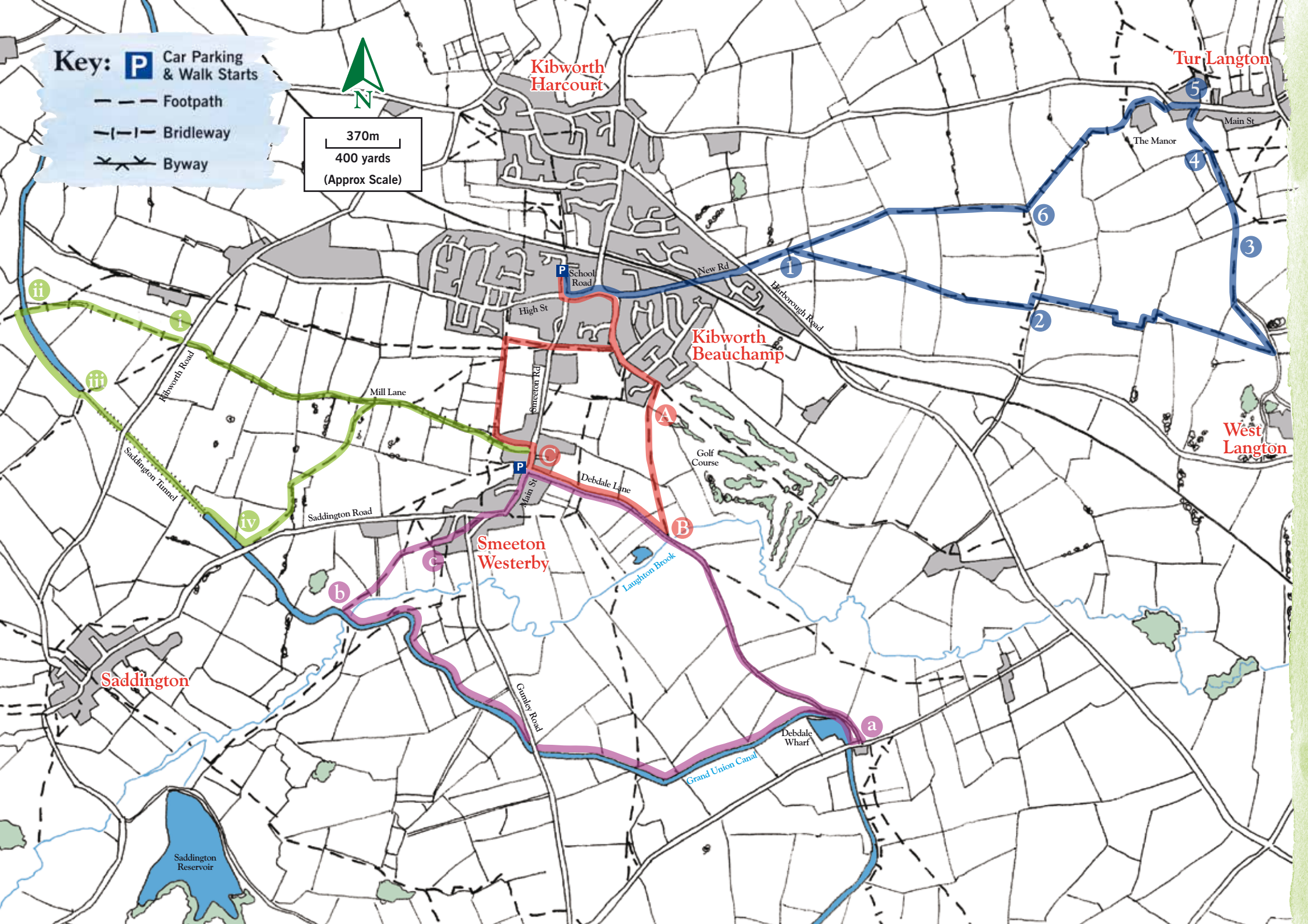
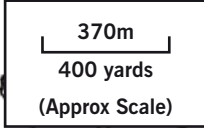
useful information:

Buses: Services X7 Leicester to Northampton via Kibworth & Service 44 Fleckney to Foxton (Mon-Sat).

Refreshments: The Kings Head, Smeeton Westerby, The Railway Arms and various shops in Kibworth Beauchamp, The Crown Inn and The Bulls Head, Tur Langton.

Key: P Car Parking & Walk Starts

- Footpath
- |-| Bridleway
- ⌘ Byway



Kibworth Harcourt

Tur Langton

Kibworth Beauchamp

West Langton

Saddington

Smeeton Westerby

Saddington Reservoir

P School Road

High St

Golf Course

P Main St

Debdale Wharf

The Manor

Main St

Mill Lane

Saddington Road

Debdale Lane

Laughton Brook

Gunley Road

Grand Union Canal

Kibworth Road

Saddington Tunnel

New Rd

Harborough Road