

Ullesthorpe

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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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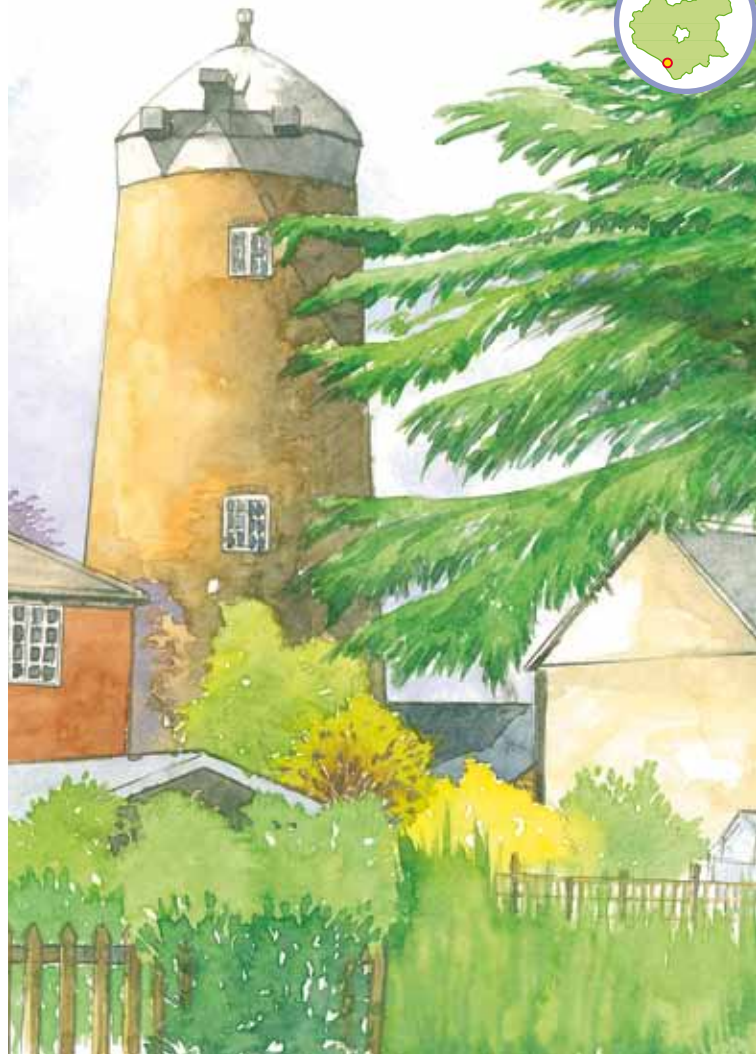
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3 circular walks

- 1 6 kms / 3¾ miles
- 2 7 km / 4¼ miles
- 3 4 km / 2½ miles



Ullesthorpe is situated on the old turnpike road which was the main road from London to Chester. The mill in the village was built by farmers of the area, who subscribed to it. Grain was stored in the granary in Mill Road, now converted into cottages.

P is most convenient in Mill Road, Ullesthorpe and near the church, Claybrooke Parva.

Walk 1: 6km (3¾ miles), allow 1½ hours, relatively flat through open countryside.

Starting from the Post Office in Ullesthorpe, walk up Mill Lane.

A As the lane bends left continue onto the footpath to reach the golf course. Cross the fairway on a surfaced path, then bear left following the hedgeline on the right.

Leave the golf course at the far end and continue along the edge of marshland. *This is recognised as an important wildlife habitat.* The path leaves this land beyond the trees crossing over the embankment. Turn left and cross the field to Frolesworth Road.

B Turn left and walk along the road for 400m where you will find a footpath to the left.

C Cross the first field heading for the far right hand corner then go through the second field aiming for the farm buildings and road.

D Turn left for 200m and turn right onto the bridleway by the County Scout Camp.

E At Claybrooke Mill go over the bridge, across the yard and over the second bridge. Bear diagonally left across the field and follow the bridleway to Claybrooke Parva.

Turn left and follow the road back to Ullesthorpe.

If you wish to continue for a longer walk cross over for walk two from point 1.

Walk 2: 7km (4¼ miles), allow 1¾ hours, along a well defined track and open countryside.

From the Post Office in Ullesthorpe, walk along Main Street out of the village towards Claybrooke Parva.

1 Take the bridleway on the left and alongside the pond. Follow the waymarked path over fields and through the spinney. Continue along the bridleway in a straight line until you reach a bridge near the A5.



2 (*see notes below for shortcut) Bear left under the bridge. On your left is the deserted village of Bittesby. After 100m turn left through a bridlegate. Note the direction of the waymark arrow and follow the path up the hill.

Continue over open farmland until you reach Chuckney Hall Farm and exit by Ullesthorpe Garden Centre.

3 Turn left to return to the village.

(Shortcut 5½km (3½miles) – by the bridge walk up the embankment and follow the permissive path along the dismantled railway line back towards the village.

Rejoin the public footpath at the gate leading into a field of ridge and furrow. Walk up hill towards the farm buildings ahead. The footpath leaves the field just to the right of the farm buildings to emerge on Manor Road, Ullesthorpe.

Follow the road around into Main Street then turn right to return to the start).

Walk 3: 4 km (2½miles), allow 1 hour, undulating arable and pasture land.

Start from the St. Peter's Church, Claybrooke Parva. Walk up the track past the cemetery and onto the footpath.



As the plaque says “This Green Lane – Old Chester Road was Restored by Claybrooke Parva Parish Council in 2001, aided by grants from: Harborough District Council, Leicestershire Environmental Action Fund Ltd (LEAF), Warwickshire Wildlife Trust”.

i At the road turn left, then before the bend turn right into the field and walk with the hedge in the left.

In the next field bear right, cross a stile then follow the path across then down hill. Do not cross the next stile, turn to the right aiming for the field corner with the large farm buildings just visible.

ii Cross two fields, then in the third walk up the hill next to the left hand boundary to reach the road.

iii Cross into Bell Street and then right into Holly Tree Walk following a footpath sign to Claybrooke Parva.

At the road turn left then right past the church to return to the start.

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

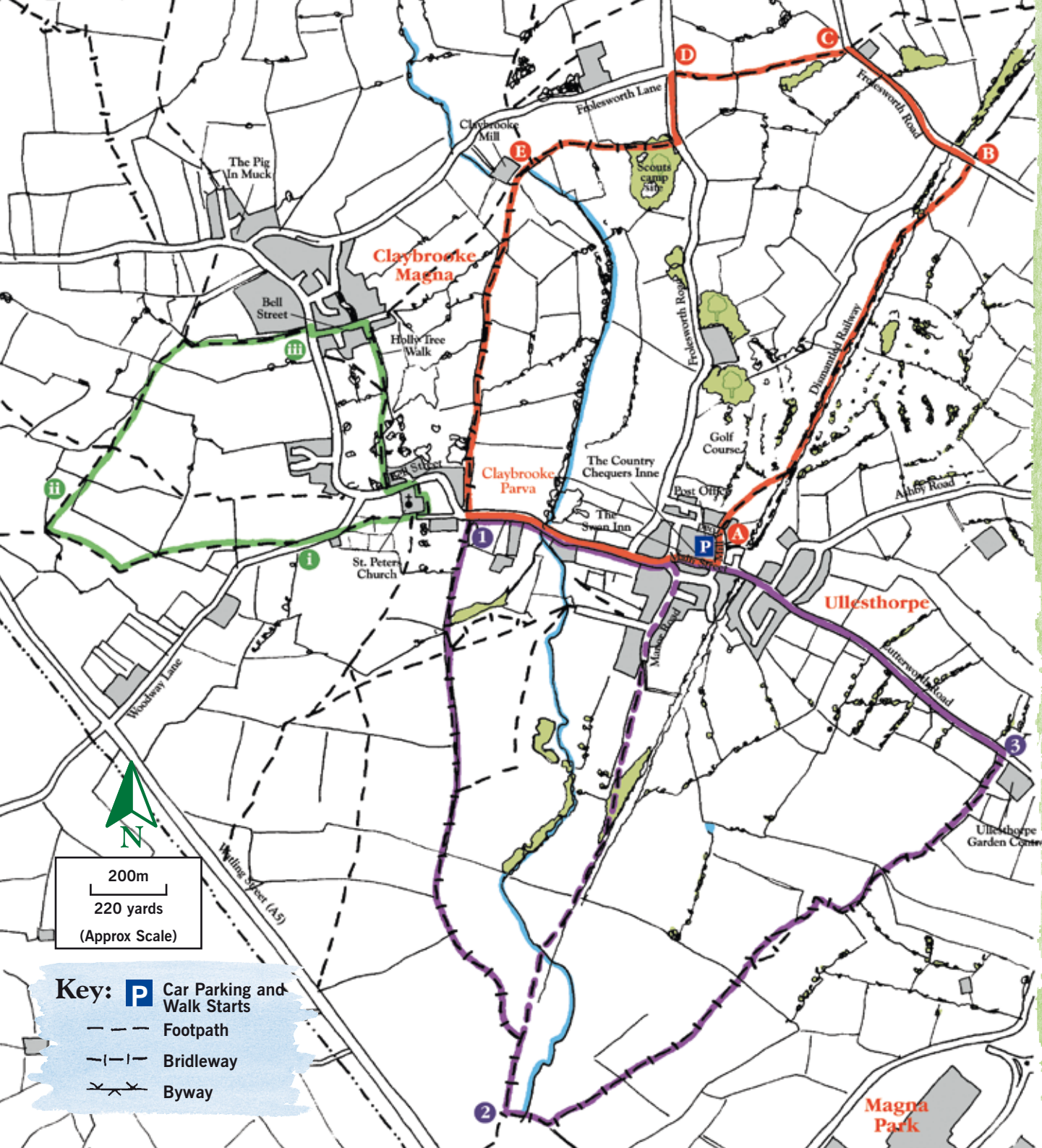


Walking - Be fit and well

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: Service 58 Market Harborough - Hinckley (Mon-Sat)
Refreshments: The Swan and The Chequers Country Inne, Main Street, Ullesthorpe. The Post Office, Ullesthorpe Garden Centre, Lutterworth Road, Ullesthorpe



The Pig
In Muck

Bell
Street

Holly Tree
Walk

St. Peter's
Church

Woodway Lane

Wything Street (A5)

Claybrooke
Mill

Eplesworth Lane

Scouts
camp site

Eplesworth Road

The Country
Chequers Inn

Golf
Course

Post Office

The Swan Inn

Market Road

Abbey Road

Ullesthorpe

Zutterworth Road

Ullesthorpe
Garden Centre

Magna
Park

200m

220 yards

(Approx Scale)

Key: **P** Car Parking and
Walk Starts

--- Footpath

-|-| Bridleway

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