

Barton-le-Clay Walk

approx 2½ miles - allow 2 hours

On street parking available, but please park considerately.

1 Begin the walk on Church Road. This is reputed to be the area in which the village first began as the nearby springs offered an abundant water supply. Walk along Church Road, towards Hexton Road, noting in particular, number 8 and number 4 - Lodge Gate Cottage



Lodge Gate Cottage

2 At the junction, turn right and cross over on to Manor Road, taking in Elm Tree Cottage on the corner. Continue down Manor Road, past a number of historic buildings including No 154 Plum Tree Cottage, No 142 Walnut Tree Cottage, Manor Cottage, Wayside Cottage and The Manor House.



The Manor House

3 At the cross roads go straight over into Mill Lane, noting number 2 with its eyebrow windows, and several cottages opposite. Continue along Mill Lane until it becomes a footpath. Carry on along the footpath crossing Grange Road, noting the lovely thatched cottages with their old English gardens, in the centre of the new housing development.

4 Continue along footpath with the cottages on your right. Cross over the A6 **! (please take care as this is a busy dual carriageway)** and take the public footpath into The Olde Watermill Shopping Village (facilities available). Ignoring other footpaths, go straight across the car park towards a wooden gate leading into fields, behind disabled parking. Once through the gate take the footpath to the left through trees. Follow footpath keeping the grounds of the watermill on your left. Turn left at bridge and cross-stream, then turn right along footpath. Keeping stream on your right follow path past two yellow marker posts then turn left up steps. At top of steps, Sharpenhoe Road, take in views of Sharpenhoe Clappers to the right and Barton Hills to the left.



Barton Mill

5 Turn left and follow the road back into the village noting a number of historical buildings including The Cottage, and The Old Bakery.

6 At the mini roundabout turn right, cross over Bedford Road and follow the path along the left hand fork in the road taking in number 7. Continue along the left hand footpath until the zebra crossing. Cross here, past Gale Court and onto Old Road. After a few yards cross the road and enter the recreation ground. Walk diagonally towards the tennis court and go through a wooden



gate just past them. Take the footpath back to Church Road noting the rear and side views of number 8 Church Road.

This walk can be extended from this point to take in the picturesque Barton Hills and Barton Springs. **7** For Barton Springs turn right onto Church Road, follow the road to the end then take the path straight on past the cemetery on your right. Keep straight on this path until you reach The Springs. **8** For a more strenuous walk to the top of the Hills take the footpath to the left just before the cemetery, next to the horse paddock and follow the path to the foot of the Hills. Go through gate, continue up hill, up three sets of steps, and through another gate. There are many paths across the Hills. Once at the top take in the beautiful views across Barton-le-Clay and beyond. Both of these extensions can be combined to make a circular walk. NB: At certain times of the year horses roam the hills.



7 Bedford Road