

Whipsnade - Kensworth Walk

approx 3½ miles - allow 2½ hours

P Parking available at the Tree Cathedral.

1 On leaving Tree Cathedral car park, turn left, note on right hand side of road, Whipsnade National School, and further down on left The Old Hunter's Lodge.

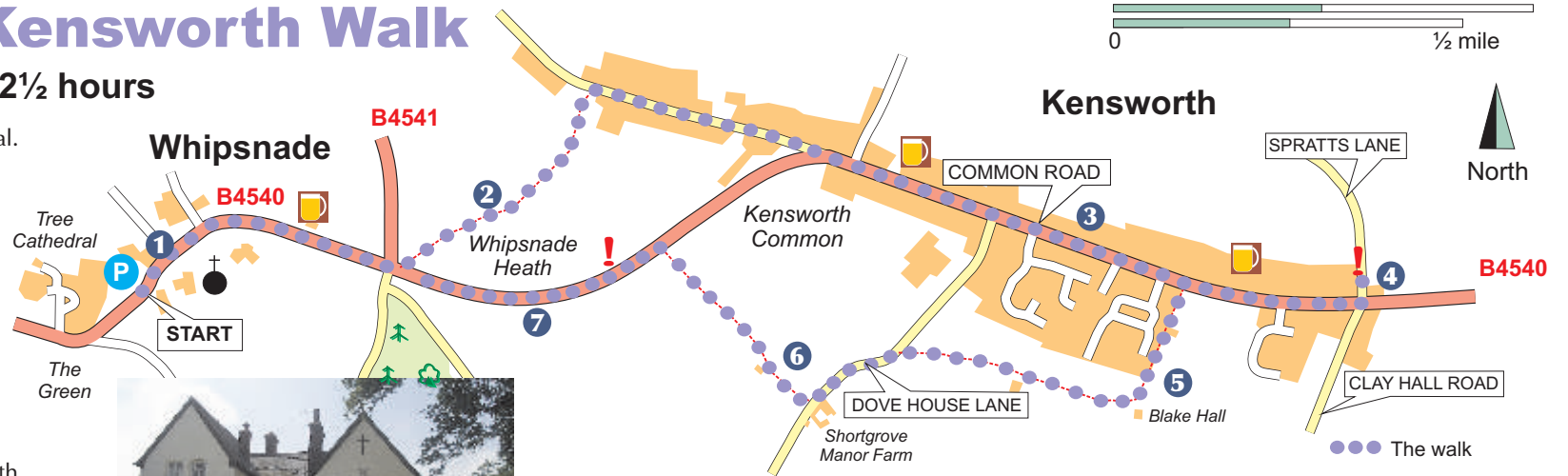
2 Head straight over roundabout towards Whipsnade Heath. Walk through car park and through gate, following footpath up hill through heath. Continue through fence, following footpath with fenced-off field to left. Go through gate and across field to another gate. Go through gate before turning right on to road.

3 Continue along road for some time, past Nash Farm on left. At give way, continue straight towards village, passing the Methodist Chapel, also on left. As you walk along Common Road, look out for other historic and interesting buildings, including thatched and timber framed cottages and a regency villa.

4 Turn left on to Spratts Lane to see Grape Cottage immediately on left **(take care, no path on Spratts Lane)! Retrace steps, cross over Common Road and retrace steps back along Common Road. The longer walk to Studham and Whipsnade starts at this point.** - see next page

5 Take public footpath on left, just after Red Lion Pub and adjacent to driveway for Blake Hall. Proceed down drive; look out for yellow marker post indicating path heading between hedgerows. Continue along path, as it cuts across corner of a field before continuing between a fence and hedgerow.

6 When path meets a track continue along track until it meets the road. Turn left on to road **(take care, no path)! Continue along road until**



National School, Whipsnade



Nash Farm, Kensworth



Kensworth Chapel

Shortgrove Manor Farm on left. Follow footpath immediately opposite farm on right (look out for the yellow marker posts) straight across two fields until you reach the road. Turn left on to road **(take care, no path)! Retrace steps, cross over Common Road and retrace steps back along Common Road.**

7 Continue along road past Whipsnade Heath, straight over roundabout and up hill back into Whipsnade village. Before returning to car park, walk a short way to the left to Yew Tree Cottage, before retracing steps to car park. It is worth sparing a few moments to walk around the Tree Cathedral itself, a peaceful green space set out in the shape of a medieval cathedral.

If you are feeling particularly energetic, the walk can be extended to include Studham. (see next page)



Yew Tree Cottage



Hunters Lodge