

Whipsnade - Kensworth - Studham Walk

approx 6 miles - allow 4 hours

The first section of this walk (Whipsnade to Kensworth) is described in detail on the previous page. For the energetic that have decided to continue their walk from Kensworth to Studham and return to Whipsnade.. here goes - but it does involve long stretches of road walking.

1 After looking at Grape Cottage, retrace steps, cross Common Road and head up Clay Hall Road, past an interesting looking house on right. Continue along road, over Buckwood Road and straight on, as road becomes Byslips Road. **(take care, no path)!**



Grape Cottage

2 Look out for footpath on right, shortly after Hill Farm and opposite number 24. Go over stile through hedgerow. Follow footpath through field and follow path downhill, with hedgerow to left. Go over another stile and follow path round field towards stile in top right hand corner. Go over stile, straight across field and over second stile. Continue to a third stile, keeping hedgerow on right. Follow path with fence on left and hedgerow on right, until reach Dunstable Road.

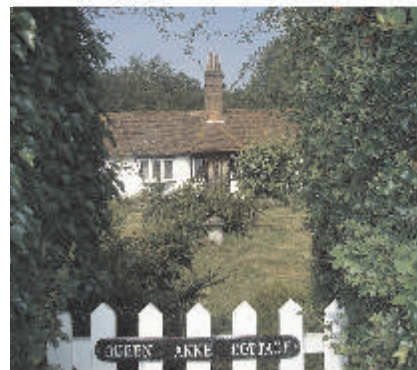


Thatchers Cottage

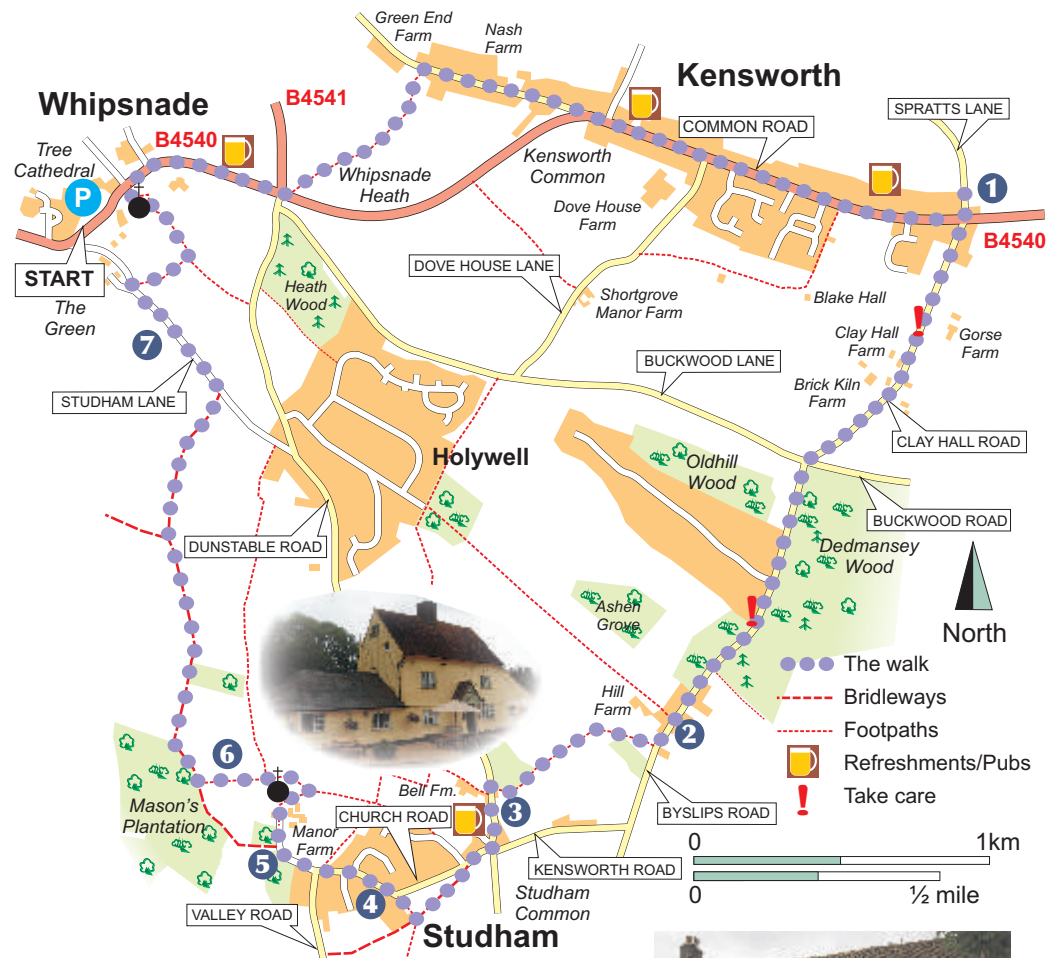
3 Turn left on to road and head into village of Studham, past The Bell, Thatcher's Cottage and Studham Cottage.

4 Head towards war memorial clock and the Common. Follow bridle path along bottom of common, past small wood on left, through area of rough grass and towards the Old School House. Turn right on to road and at top turn left on to Church Road. Continue along Church Road.

5 On left, close to junction of Valley Road and Church Road, is Queen Anne Cottage. Continue right along Church Road, signed Church only, (good view of rear of Queen Anne Cottage) and follow road to St Mary the Virgin Church. Look out for seventeenth century Manor Farm House on right before Church.



Queen Anne Cottage



6 Bear left through graveyard and follow path out of top left hand edge of graveyard, then turn left. Go over stile into field; continue through field and over another stile. Follow bridle path to right, with Mason's Plantation on left. Continue along bridle path, ignoring any adjoining footpaths, along edge of field, and then between fence and hedgerow.



Studham Cottage

7 At end of bridle path, turn left on to path signed Icknield Way Trail. Follow path. Where it widens into a road, take right-hand branch, before taking next footpath on right, signed Chiltern Way. Go through gate and continue along path through field. At top of field go through gate. Turn left, go through another gate and continue towards St Mary Magdalene Church. Go through gate into churchyard; bear left, through gate ahead, on to road. Turn left and proceed back to Tree Cathedral. Before returning to car park, walk short way to the left to Yew Tree Cottage, before retracing steps to car park.