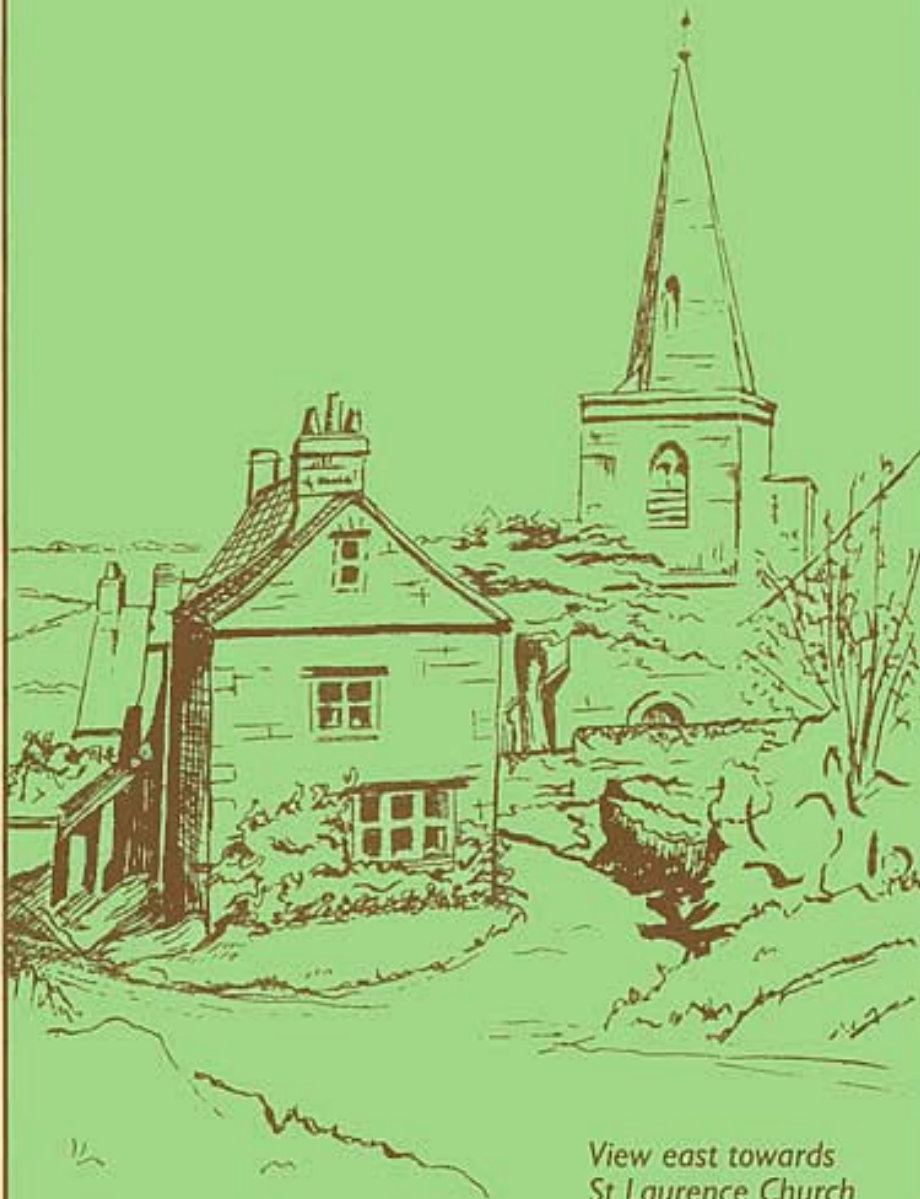


SHOTTESWELL



*View east towards
St Laurence Church*

WALKS IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE

All walks start from the Pedestrian Gate at the front of the Village Hall in Shotteswell, where an illustrated map of Shotteswell and surrounding parishes is portrayed. There are five basic footpaths which are Public Rights of Way and two Permissive Footpaths, which may be combined together to create a singular long circular walk or as starting points for visits to neighbouring villages.

Walk A - Towards Hanwell

3 1/2 miles return walk to Hanwell, part of walk is across ploughed fields.

1. Turn left from Village Hall and follow the road to the right for 30 yards, turn left at footpath sign and pass through two metal gates into a field and keeping the hedge on your left, head towards two aircraft hangers.
2. Cross stile and pass to the left of two aircraft hangers. Continue, keeping the hedge on your left, for 250 yards until you reach a stile on your left. (Be aware of light aircraft taking off and landing).
3. Cross over, turn sharp right and now keeping the hedge on your right, pass through a metal gate and continue past farm buildings on your right hand side for 250 yards until you come to a stile.
4. To go directly to Horley, cross stile and follow Walk B.
5. Do not cross stile but continue straight on for a further 200 yards with hedge on your right, then cross over a stile.
6. Continue along with hedge on your right hand side for 150 yards, then pass through a gap in the hedge which has a direction marker and walk diagonally half left across field towards right hand edge of copse.
7. Pass through gap in hedge and turn sharp right, following the hedge on your right for 300 yards to corner of field, turn left again and continue with hedge on your right until you see a way marker, turn half left across field to join farm track (although this is the correct route it is not always waymarked and so continue ahead to farm track) then turn right and continue straight ahead for 80 yards.
8. You now have two choices - a) continue straight ahead keeping hedge on your left, cross stile in corner of field and go straight over the B4100 and follow minor road into Horley or b) follow farm track to road by Village Hall and turn left into Hanwell and follow road to visit the Moon and Sixpence (on the right hand side) where snacks, meals and drinks may be purchased.

Walk B - Towards Horley

3 miles return walk, part of walk is across ploughed fields.

1. Follow Walk A paragraphs 1, 2, 3 & 4 and walk straight across field (be aware of light aircraft taking off and landing) to stile on side of B4100, turn left for 40 yards, cross road to gateway.
2. Follow direction marker half left across field towards left hand edge of trees on skyline (when returning follow marker half left across field and when 4 trees appear on skyline keep to the left of them towards gateway).
3. Turn right and keeping the hedge on your left follow edge of field until you reach direction marker, turn left and walk down steps, cross over bridge and continue up bank to stile.
4. Cross over and follow path half right to gateway, pass through and now head towards metal gate by the side of stables, pass through and turn right onto road for Horley, where refreshments can be found at the Red Lion.



Walk C - Towards Horley and Warmington and return to Shotteswell

5 1/2 miles return to Warmington. The walker will encounter downhill/uphill and some wet and muddy sections.

The first part of this walk takes you to the Sor Brook where you have two choices - a) continue to Horley, or b) walk to Warmington. From Warmington a circular walk route will return you to Shotteswell.

1. Turn right from Village Hall and follow Coronation Road to Village Green passing it on your right hand side and bearing left along First Shotteswell turn to main road B4100.

2. Turn right for 70 yards passing milestone, cross road and then cross over stile. Head half right keeping barn on right. Continue straight ahead to gate in corner of field, cross over stile and walk with hedge on your right for 80 yards.

3. Cross over stile and head half left across field, bearing about 10 yards right of electricity pole and when you reach this point you will see stile in hedge. Cross over and head diagonally across field, towards marker post at the gap in the hedge to the right of the field corner.

4. Cross bridge, turn sharp left and keep straight ahead to bridge over Sor Brook.

Go straight across field to stile and bridge, cross over bridge.



Long Tailed Tit

5. You now have two choices -

a) for Horley turn left across fields and follow waymarked path to Horley, or
b) for Warmington turn right.

6. For alternative b) follow hedge, keeping it on your right, cross over the bridge and continue with hedge on your right to a stile. Cross over, turn sharp left and cross field to stile, cross over and follow reservoir on your right hand side.

7. Past the reservoir bear half right to stile in fence, cross over, turn right and keeping the hedge on your right follow to the end of the field. Turn sharp left for 35 yards, cross over stile and head straight to mound.

8. Follow arrows round mound across to stile in right hand corner of field, cross over.

9. Turn right for Warmington. Walk up farm track through 2 gates passing Farm buildings on your right and Fir Tree Farm on your left, to join Camp Lane. Turn right for a short distance and cross B4100.

10. Here you have two choices -

a) for Warmington turn left and follow the B4100 past St Michael Church, then turn right into Church Hill and proceed downhill into Warmington Village, where you will find the Plough on your left. Further along is the picturesque Village Green and Duck Pond.

Alternatively b) to return to Shotteswell, turn right, walk past the Herb Centre and turn left into the Wobbly Wheel car park (why not stop here for some refreshments) and then immediately right to signposted path (behind pub sign).



Goldfinch

11. Cross field diagonally towards left-hand side of Dutch Barn. Turn right and keeping Barn on your right, follow hedge keeping it on your left. At the end of hedge keep straight ahead across field towards oak trees.

12. On reaching corner of hedge turn half left and walk diagonally across field towards end of left hand row of houses to stile, cross over and head half left, following sign to gate. Pass through, turn right onto track and pass through another gate over cattle grid. Follow road with garages on right to the end. Turn left and then immediately right into Coronation Lane and return to Village Hall.



*View southwest towards
Shotteswell from Mollington Road*

Walk D - Towards Warmington

3 1/2 miles return walk

1. Turn right from Village Hall and follow Coronation Lane past bus shelter, bearing right passing Village Green on your right and straight ahead towards garages. Pass through metal gate over cattle grid and after 25 yards pass through gate on left hand side.
2. Turn half right and walk up hill across field towards stile in fence by side of electricity pole. Cross over stile and walk half left towards trees on edge of field.
3. Follow track straight ahead across field towards Dutch Barn, veering right to pass it on your left and then head half left towards signpost of Wobbly Wheel.
4. Why not stop here for some refreshments. At this point you have two choices - a) walk to Warmington, b) return to Shotteswell via Walk C in reverse.
5. For a) leave the Wobbly Wheel car park, turn right and keeping to the verge follow the B4100 passing the Herb Centre and St Michael Church on your right hand side.
6. Turn right into Church Hill and proceed down hill to Warmington village. The Plough can be found on your left hand side and almost opposite is the attractive Duck Pond overlooking the Village Green.

Walk E - Towards Mollington

5 1/2 miles return walk to Mollington, parts of which can be wet and muddy near Motorway

1. Turn left from Village Hall then turn left again into Chapel Lane and continue down to join Middle Lane bearing right and then bearing left down hill. As road descends, turn sharp right between two houses following footpath sign.
2. Pass through gate and head straight across field to left hand side of sewerage farm, keeping hedge on your right.
3. Cross over the stile ahead and turn right keeping hedge and stream on your right for about 650 yards to stile. Cross over and keeping hedge on left, continue to corner of field. Turn right and again keeping copse on your left continue across bridge and turn sharp right and then left to follow stream to bridge where you cross over brook.
4. Pass up through copse to steps and cross bridge over M40 Motorway.
5. You now have three choices - a) continue to Mollington, or b) and c) walk to Great Bourton.
6. For a) Mollington, turn sharp left and follow side of Motorway passing over 3 stiles before turning right and keeping trees on your left hand side for 800 yards turn left and follow D'Arcy Dalton Way path to Mollington. This footpath from Shotteswell to Mollington is part of the D'Arcy Dalton Way and is waymarked. The D'Arcy Dalton Way is 63.8 miles long and runs from Wormleighton Reservoir to The Ridgeway Path at Wayland Smithy.
7. For b) walk ahead to hedge and then left, keeping hedge on your right. Turn left and right keeping hedge on your right and walk uphill to Thickthorn Farm.
8. For c) walk ahead to hedge, cross over bridge and stile and then turn half left to Bourtonfield Farm.

*View northeast towards
Shotteswell Village Hall*



Walks F and G - Circular Walks around Shotteswell using Permissive Paths

There are two footpaths in the village both of which are permissive -

F - The Roger Peel Millennium Footpath and G - The Jim Page Memorial Footpath.

We are indebted to Mr & Mrs Roger Peel and Mrs Page for permission to construct them. Permissive Paths are not Public Rights of Way. These paths may be walked on their own, or combined with others to make longer walks.

Walk F - The Roger Peel Millennium Footpath

Return walk a) 2 1/2 miles

or circular route b) combined with Jim Page Memorial Footpath, 4 miles.

1. Turn left from the Village Hall and left again to follow down Chapel Lane bearing right where it joins Middle Lane and then keeping left follow this road down the hill to join the Mollington Road.
2. Where you turn right and continue past concrete entrance to field, turn right at waymarker to pass over bridge and stile keeping the hedge on your right until you reach stream.
3. Turn left and keep stream on your right for about 650 yards until you meet a stile (DO NOT GO OVER STILE).
4. Bear left then almost immediately right and continue with the hedge/stream on your right to a copse. Turn left and continue to follow edge of copse until you come to a concrete bridge over brook. Route is waymarked.
5. Cross the bridge and follow path to stile, cross over stile and keeping the copse on your left, walk through a plantation for 500 yards (keep your eyes and ears open as you may see deer, muntjak and herons) until you reach a stile on your left.
6. Cross stile and bridge, turn right and follow stream to enter copse, walk up path to bridge over ditch to rejoin Mollington Road. You now have two choices - a) turning left you can walk back to Shotteswell along the road or b) turn right and proceed 440 yards along Mollington Road past Valley Farm Riding Stables to join the Jim Page Memorial Footpath.

Walk G - The Jim Page Memorial Footpath

Walk a) returning via Mollington Road - 2 1/2 miles or

circular route b) combined with the Roger Peel Millennium Footpath - 4 miles.

Would dog walkers please note that young horse riders also use the footpath and to prevent dogs frightening the horses please keep them on leads.

1. Follow Walk D paragraphs 1, 2 and part of 3 until you reach Dutch Barn. Instead of going half left across the field to the Wobbly Wheel continue along farm track keeping the hedge on your right hand side and walk towards the corner of field.
2. At the gap in the hedge at the corner of the field turn right and follow the farm track keeping the hedge on your right.
3. At this point you have a lovely view of the countryside with the National Herb Centre on your left and Warmington Fox Covert across a small valley. You may be lucky and see deer in this area.
4. Follow the farm track for 350 yards before turning right for 30 yards and then left again and continue down hill keeping the hedge on your right hand side until you come to a farm gate.
5. Turn sharp left and keeping the hedge on your right hand side, before turning sharp right and again keeping the hedge on your right hand side, walk towards the stile and bridge over into Mollington Lane.
6. Here you have two choices - a) turn right and walk back to Shotteswell or b) walk for 440 yards and turn left over a bridge to join the Roger Peel Millennium Footpath.

WALKS IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE OF SHOTTESWELL

		Route in Leaflet
		Permissive path
		Other footpath
		D'Arcy Dalton Way
		Viewpoint

0 Mile 1/2



Follow The Country Code

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.
- Guard against all risk of fire.
- Fasten all gates.
- Keep your dogs under close control.
- Keep to public paths across farmland.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- Take your litter home.
- Help to keep water clean.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Make no unnecessary noise.
- LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS
- TAKE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHS

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St Laurence Church
 The ancient church of St Laurence has evidence of Saxon origins though much of the present structure dates from the early years of 1100.

There are massive Norman pillars in the north arcade with arches that must be some of the earliest in the country. The pillars of the south arcade were built around two centuries later when the church was enlarged. At this time the tower and the chancel were also added, the chancel being unusually narrow. Some time later the spire was built. The stonework provides a wonderful example of the best of both eras of construction spanning as they do nearly three hundred years.

The interior of the church also benefits from notable and fine woodwork. Some of the carvings date from the 14th century, with the pulpit, pew ends, altar rails and screens being particularly impressive. The rector's stalls were obviously relocated from another building, but they represent superb examples of the woodcarver's skill.

The church has a fine set of six bells, the oldest being the tenor cast locally in 1625.

