

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

Purton Parish has a network of 146 Footpaths and 21 Bridleways, totalling 46 miles (73.6 Kilometres). The Footpaths Team is a group of volunteers who are responsible for maintaining this network; this includes keeping the pathways clear, mending stiles and kissing gates and checking paths have clear signage.

Alongside our Footpaths Team we have a Ramblers Group who also help to maintain footpaths within the Parish of Purton

If you are interested in joining the Footpaths Team, or to report any problems with Footpaths in the Parish, contact the Council on 01793 772646 or email admin@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk. Please also contact us if you are interested in sponsoring a kissing gate to replace a stile. A sponsored gate can have a plaque in memory of a loved one.

COUNTRY CODE FOR WALKERS

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
 - Keep dogs under effective control
- ### Enjoy the outdoors
- Plan ahead and be prepared
 - Follow advice and local signs

REPORTING OF PROBLEMS

While you are out walking and you see any problems with the paths, stiles or kissing gates then please report these to the Parish Council by email admin@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk

It is always a good idea if you go out for a walk to take some secateurs with you, so that you can trim back any brambles that have overgrown onto a path, stile or kissing gate.

All Walks in this series are accessible by following public Rights of Way (RoW), as indicated on the accompanying maps. However, walkers should be aware that the exact route on the ground may not always be on the RoW shown on the map. For example, a farmer may have provided a stile some metres away from its correct location. In addition, individual farmers may put in place a temporary diversion across any of their fields depending on the time of year and the needs of their livestock/crops. Walkers are requested to respect such deviations and report to the Parish Council any that are not clearly signed or accessible.

A map showing all the Public Rights of Way in the Parish of Purton is now available to look at in Purton Library and copies can be purchased at the Parish Council Office.

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OS Explorer 169 and OS Landranger 173.



Walks in and around the Parish of Purton

(Updated 2016)

Walk 4 RINGSBURY CAMP AND GREENHILL

This Walk Leaflet is one of a series intended to update the Walk Booklets previously published in 2002 (Book 1) and 2007 (Book 2). All the details of previously published walks are being checked and enhanced and some new Walks created.

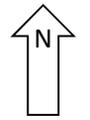
WALK 4. RINGSBURY CAMP and GREENHILL

Distance	8.8 km (5.3 Miles) of which 2.5 km on road.
Stiles	15 Total Ascent 105m
Conditions	Mostly good; can be wet/boggy around Brockhurst.
Refreshments	Royal George Inn
Parking	College Rd Lay-by; Royal George Inn



Rambling Gate near Dom's stone

Path 161
A track running NW across the field at the top of Hoggs Lane was used as a footpath for at least 50 years but was not designated a formal right of way until recently. The designation, as **Path 161**, followed a long local campaign culminating in a public enquiry in March 2016.



300m

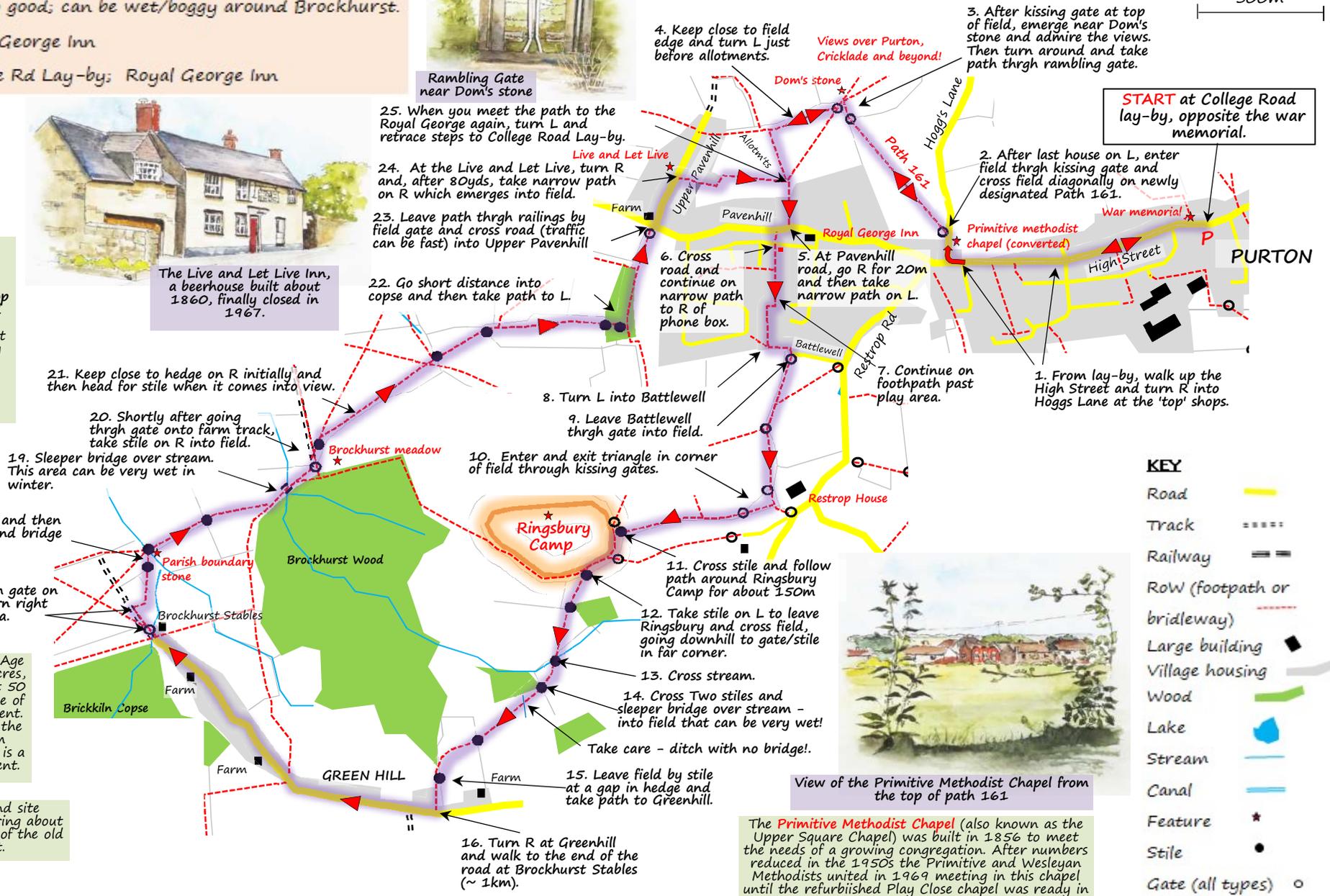


The Live and Let Live Inn, a beerhouse built about 1860, finally closed in 1967.

Brockhurst meadow is a wildlife rich meadow. Together with Brockhurst Wood and other adjacent meadows it forms the Restrop Farm and Brockhurst Wood SSSI. This 140 acre site exhibits a diversity of habitat types from unimproved hay meadows and permanent pasture, through mature hedgerows and scrub to ancient woodland.

Ringsbury Camp is an Iron Age hill fort covering about 8 acres, thought to date from about 50 BC, though there is evidence of an earlier Neolithic settlement. It is a double-banked fort, the banks being formed from limestone. Ringsbury Camp is a scheduled Ancient Monument.

The ancient woodland site **Brockhurst Wood**, covering about 43 acres, is a remnant of the old Braydon Forest.



START at College Road lay-by, opposite the war memorial.

KEY

- Road
- Track
- Railway
- Row (footpath or bridleway)
- Large building
- Village housing
- Wood
- Lake
- Stream
- Canal
- Feature
- Stile
- Gate (all types)
- Bridge



View of the Primitive Methodist Chapel from the top of path 161

The **Primitive Methodist Chapel** (also known as the Upper Square Chapel) was built in 1856 to meet the needs of a growing congregation. After numbers reduced in the 1950s the Primitive and Wesleyan Methodists united in 1969 meeting in this chapel until the refurbished Play Close chapel was ready in 1973. The Upper Square chapel then became redundant and is now a private house.