

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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### *Relevant OS maps for this walk:*

OS Explorer 169 and OS Landranger 173.




## Walks in and around the Parish of Purton

(Updated 2017)

# Walk 7 THE TWO CHURCHES

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.

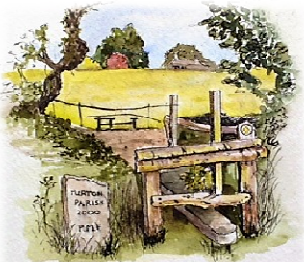
| WALK 7. TWO CHURCHES |   |
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| Stiles               | 14 <b>Total Ascent</b> 45m                                  |
| Conditions           | Paved paths and field walking. Mostly firm.                 |
| Refreshments         | Angel Inn; Pips Café; Purton Club and Laura's Café          |
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## Remount Depot

During the Great War a Remount Depot was established at Manor Hill & Manor farm. Staffed entirely by civilians led by William Robson who lived at Diana Lodge (Collins lane) they re-trained problematic horses & mules from across the Southern Area Command from 1915-18



**All Saints Church**  
All Saints church is a Grade II listed building dating from the 14th century, possibly built on the site of a pre-Norman church. A Norman font from the mid 12th century is the oldest internal feature. The tower houses 6 bells. Outside in the small grounds there is a churchyard across the shaft of which is thought to be Saxon.



300m

## Cricket Field

The Purton Cricket Club, founded in 1820, is believed to be the oldest club in Wiltshire. The cricket field was given to the club by Squire John Sadler for a token rent of £7 per year, which can never be increased!

There are lovely views of Purton House and the lake from the field.

## The Dingle

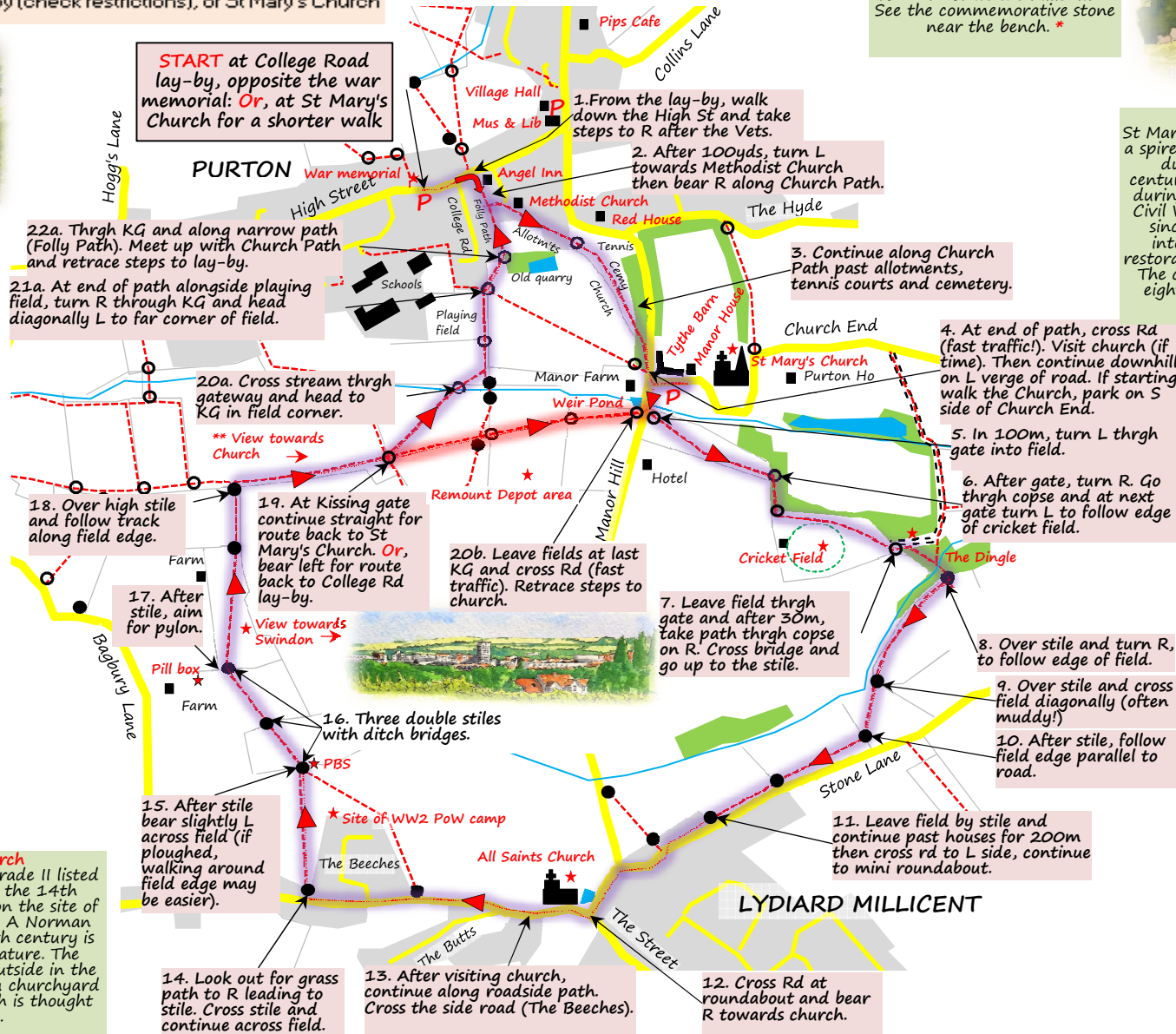
Adjacent to the Cricket Field, another field was given to the parish by Squire James Sadler for the cricket club to keep a horse to pull their mower. This area, known locally as the Dingle has a small tree plantation developed to commemorate the Millenium. See the commemorative stone near the bench. \*



St Mary's Church (from SE)

St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church is unusual in having both a spire and a tower. It was built in stages during the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries. Despite suffering some damage during the time of the Reformation and Civil War, the structure is little changed since the 15th century. Much of the interior, however, reflects Victorian restoration work in the late 19th century. The church is Grade 1 listed. There are eight bells in the west tower with the oldest dating back to 1598.



**KEY**

Road

Track

## Railway

Right of Way -----

Large building

### Village housing

Wood

Lake

Stream

Canal

| Feature                            | Value             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Age                                | 34                |
| Gender                             | Male              |
| Marital Status                     | Married           |
| Education                          | High School       |
| Occupation                         | Software Engineer |
| Income                             | \$75,000          |
| Household Size                     | 3                 |
| Number of Children                 | 2                 |
| Home Ownership                     | Rent              |
| Commute Time                       | 45 minutes        |
| Health Insurance                   | Yes               |
| Life Insurance                     | No                |
| Auto Insurance                     | Yes               |
| Credit Score                       | 720               |
| Debt-to-Income Ratio               | 0.25              |
| Employment Status                  | Full-time         |
| Years of Experience                | 10                |
| Current Residence                  | Urban             |
| Neighborhood Safety                | High              |
| Proximity to Schools               | Close             |
| Proximity to Public Transport      | Close             |
| Property Taxes                     | High              |
| Home Age                           | 15 years          |
| Number of Rooms                    | 4                 |
| Basement                           | No                |
| Parking Space                      | Yes               |
| Appliances                         | Stainless Steel   |
| Energy Efficiency                  | Low               |
| Water Hardness                     | Medium            |
| Internet Speed                     | Fast              |
| Cellular Service                   | Good              |
| Local Climate                      | Moderate          |
| Neighborhood Amenities             | Good              |
| Crime Rate                         | Low               |
| Property Condition                 | Good              |
| HOA Fees                           | None              |
| Pet-friendly                       | Yes               |
| Proximity to Parks                 | Close             |
| Proximity to Shopping              | Close             |
| Proximity to Restaurants           | Close             |
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Stile

Gate (all types)

Bridge

Railway crossing;    0 : gates  
                             1 : stiles

$KG$  = Kissing Gate

**PBS** = Parish Bdry St.