

**MENDIP RAMBLERS  
WALKING FESTIVAL  
BATCOMBE**

**2005**



## FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

Leave all gates as found.

Keep to the public footpaths.

Use gates and stiles to cross boundaries.

Leave livestock crops & machinery alone. Keep dogs under control. Enjoy the countryside & respect its life & work.

Leave only your footprints.

Always make sure you have enough food and drink and the proper clothing & footwear when you go out walking.

**The maps in this booklet are rough sketches and are not to scale so it is advisable to take the appropriate map. An O.S. Explorer 142 or O.S. Landranger 183.**

**Mendip Ramblers cannot be held responsible for any accidents or incidents that may occur whilst on these walks.**

### MENDIP RAMBLERS WORKING PARTY

**This year has been busier than last year with a lot more stiles and fingerposts to install. A big thank you must go to the increasing amount of regular workers for their brilliant efforts this year.**

**The total amount of work done here is as follows: —**

**103 Finger Posts.**

**80 Stiles.**

**17 Stiles Repaired**

**8 Bridges**

**Numerous way marking & clearance.**

**We would like to thank all the farmers, landowners and villagers for their help and co-operation throughout the past year. Also a big thank you to the Rights of Way Department of Mendip District Council for their help and faith in our ability.**

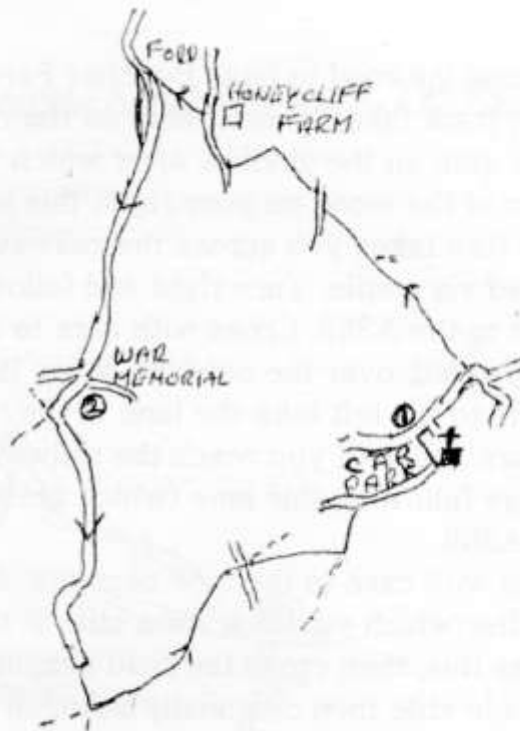
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### **Batcombe, Alham Ford, Batcombe Bottom. 3 Miles.**

1. From the Village Hall car park leave by the entrance, turn right downhill until the road bends to the right, take the path on your left uphill, after the second stile head for the large tree to your left to cross a double stile, then cross two fields via the farm gates to reach a road, turn right, then left into the bridleway. At the bottom turn right along the road until you reach Honeycliff Farm where you turn left through a farm gate, head downhill between the saplings to the bottom right hand corner to cross the stile to your right, then cross a stile behind the large tree to your left and onto the track at Alham Ford. Cross the bridge and turn left to reach and cross another stile back onto the track. Follow this track until you reach the War Memorial at Westcombe.
2. Turn left to go downhill then right into the No Through Road, Bailey's Lane, follow this lane to the end where it becomes a track, continue downhill and look for a gate on your left, pass through this, turn left and follow the river on your right across the field to reach a gate at the end, go through this and the next one and walk the length of this field to cross a bridge on your left, pass through a gate and then on to the stile on your right. Cross this, the road and the stile opposite, take the right hand path, cross this field to a bridge leading you through a small wood and at the T-junction turn left to pass between the cottage and the garage to cross a stile. Follow the hedge on your left uphill to a stile, cross this onto the road and turn right. Follow the road back to the Church and the end of the walk.

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FAMILY WALK  
3. MILES.



## **Batcombe, Alham, Wanstrow. 7 miles.**

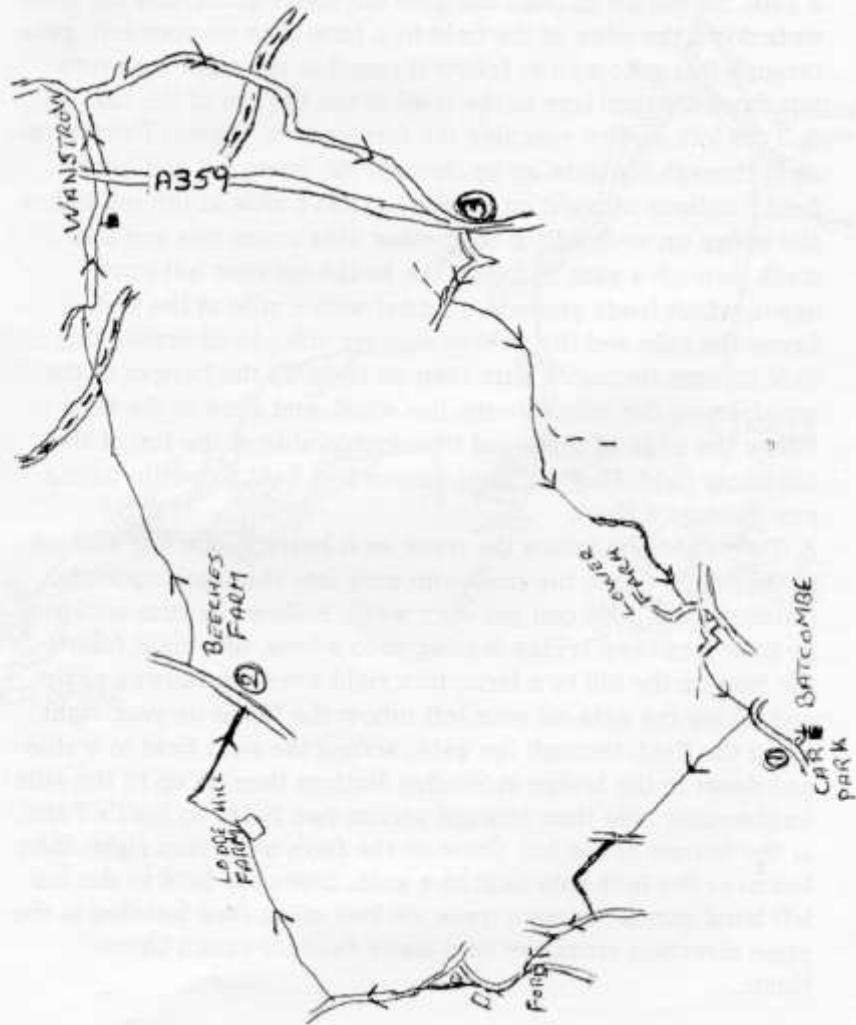
1. Leave the Village Hall car park by the entrance, turn right following the road downhill and where the road turns right take the path to the left (this can be wet!). Climb up the hill and after the second stile go half left towards the large tree. Cross the double stile then straight across two fields via the farm gates to reach a lane, turn right then left into the bridleway (this is steep in places!). At the bottom turn right along the road and at Honeycliff Farm go through the gate on the left, follow the path between the saplings to the bottom right hand corner then take the stile on your right and then a stile behind the large tree to your left, which takes you onto a lane next to a ford. Turn right, follow the track uphill and at the last barn on your left and before the bungalow, turn left through a gate and aim for a stile approx. 400m along the fence at the top of the field. Once on the road turn left and after 150m take the byway on your right, follow this through two gates into a field then aim for Lodge Hill Farm at the top of the hill. Pass the farm on your right and continue along the drive until you come to a road.

2. Turn left along the road to pass Beeches Farm on your right, then after the farm track take the next stile on the right, then go half left aiming for the gate on the skyline, after which you aim for the bottom corner of the wood on your right, this leads you round to a stile which in turn takes you across the railway. Cross the next field to reach a road via a stile. Turn right and follow the road through Wanstrow out to the A359. Cross with care to the road opposite. Follow this downhill, over the old ford which is usually dry, and as the road bends to the left take the lane to the right, follow this ignoring all turnings until you reach the railway, go straight ahead, over the bridge following this lane (which gets very wet!) for 3/4 mile to reach the A359.

3. Again cross with care to the lane opposite, follow the lane round to the right after which you look for a stile at the top of the bank on your left cross this, then cross the field keeping the wood on your right to a double stile then diagonally downhill to the bottom corner. Pass through the edge of the wood and still in the same direction cross the next field through a gate ignoring the path to the left, cross this field to find a well-hidden stile at the bottom. Cross a small field, go over the next stile then follow the hedge on your right round to go through a gate on your right, cross the track to a stile and still following the hedge on your right go downhill to reach \*Lower Farm. Pass through the farmyard and out onto the road closing the gates behind you! Turn left, then right up a steep lane and at the top turn right. Follow the track round to where it bends to the right, go through the gate straight ahead, turn right uphill to cross a stile, turn left and follow the hedge round to pass through a farm gate. Follow the track down to the road then go straight up the road ahead to return to the car park.

\*At Lower Farm there is a permissive path taking you around the farmyard if you would rather use it.

Batcombe, Alham, Wanstrow. 7 Miles.



## **Batcombe, Studley Bottom, Upton Noble, 5.5 Miles.**

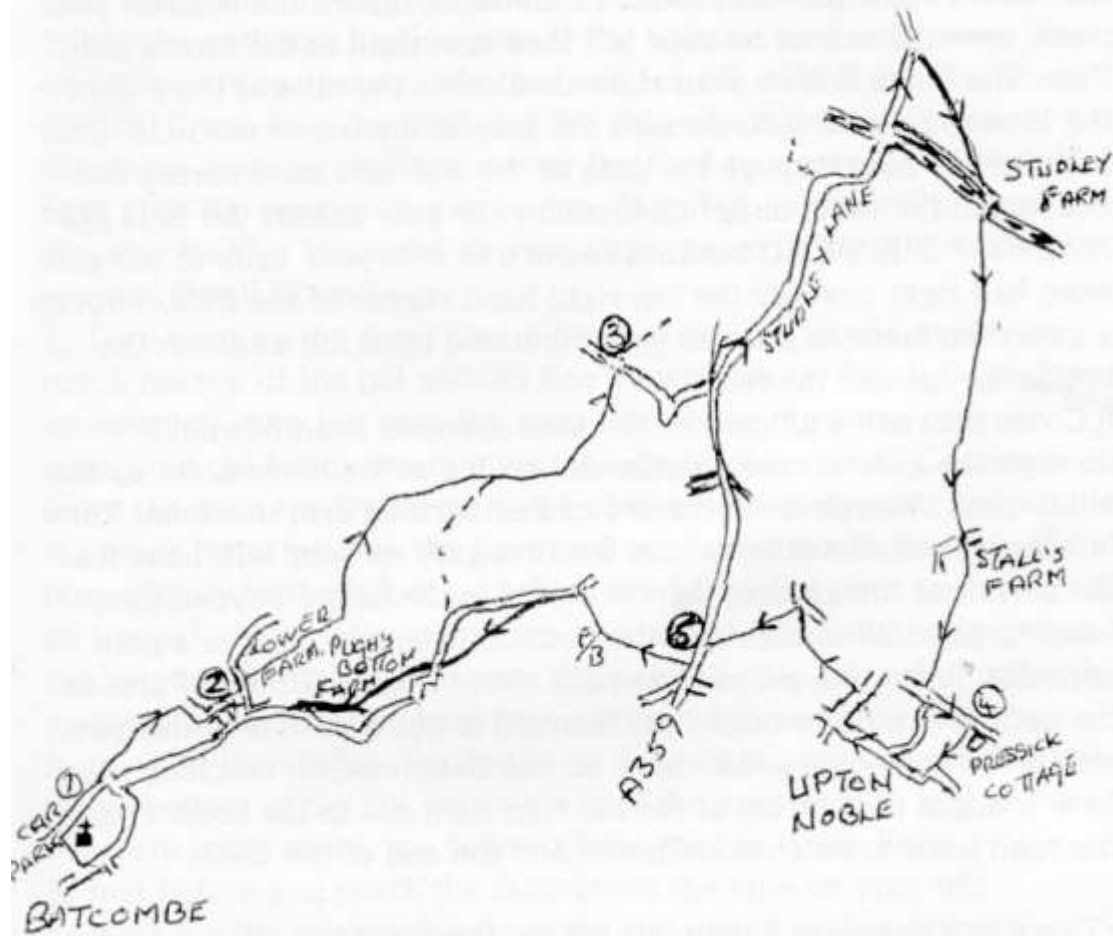
1 Leave the Village Hall car park by the entrance, turn right and walk downhill until the road bends sharply to the right, continue straight ahead up the side of the driveway into a field via a farm gate, follow the fence round the dogleg, ignoring all the stiles until you come to the end of the field where you are faced with a gate, Do not go through the gate but turn right, cross the stile, walk down the edge of the field to a farm gate on your left, pass through this onto a lane, follow it round to the right then turn left down another lane to the road at the bottom of the hill.

2 Turn left, and on reaching the farmyard of \*Lower Farm turn right through the gate go up through the farmyard and into a field, continue straight on uphill to cross a stile at the top follow the hedge on your left up to another stile cross this and the track through a gate to follow the hedge on your left once again, which leads you into a funnel with a stile at the end. Cross the stile and the field to another stile, head across this field to pass through a gate then on towards the bottom of the wood, cross the stile through the wood, and once in the field follow the edge of the wood to a double stile at the top of the hill into a field. Head straight across this field to a stile taking you down to a track.

3. Turn right and follow the track as it bears to the left and out to the A359. Cross the road with care into the track opposite (Studley Lane, this can get very wet!). Follow the lane until you go over a railway bridge leading onto a lane, turn right follow the lane up the hill to a farm, turn right over the railway again and taking the gate on your left follow the fence on your right along the field, through the gate, across the next field to a stile and down to the bridge in Studley Bottom then on up to the stile on the other side then straight across two fields to Stall's Farm at the bottom of the hill, Once on the farm track turn right, then left over the first stile next to a gate, cross the field to the top left hand corner, cross a track via two stiles then heading in the same direction cross the next three fields to reach Upton Noble.

4. Turn left downhill until you come to Pressick Cottage on your right, go into the gravel drive passing down the right hand side of the cottage, (cottage on your left) to a stone stile then a wooden one, cross the field to a double stile and bridge, cross another field through two gates, cross the next field to a farm gate taking you onto the road. Follow the road round to the right, ignore the road on your right, pass the school on your left then turn right at the crossroads. Pass The Lamb Pub on your right then cross the stile at the end of the houses on your left, through the gate at the top of the field, then half right to pass through the gate at the top right hand

Batcombe, Studley Bottom, Upton Noble, 5½ Miles



corner and keeping in the same direction head for the gate across the field DO NOT EXIT THE FIELD but turn round and with your back to the gate head half right towards the top right hand corner of the field, through a gate then take the stile on your right and head for a stile in the bottom hedge and the A359.

5. Cross the road with care to the stile opposite head downhill through the gate to cross a stile and bridge at the bottom. Go up the hill to pass through the farmyard of Eastcombe Farm to a lane. Turn left for a short distance to take the first gate on your left, head for the corner of the garden, then to a stile in the hedge beyond keep heading downhill to a gate at the bottom. Cross the lane to a gate opposite, follow the permissive path above Pugh's Bottom Farm as the definitive path through the farmyard is not a good one, this path also gives you some good views across Batcombe, on reaching the farm track at the bottom of the hill turn right out to the road. Follow the road back to Batcombe Church and the end of the walk

There is a permissive path around the farmyard here if you would rather use it.



## **Batcombe, Small Down Knoll, Evercreech. 10 Miles.**

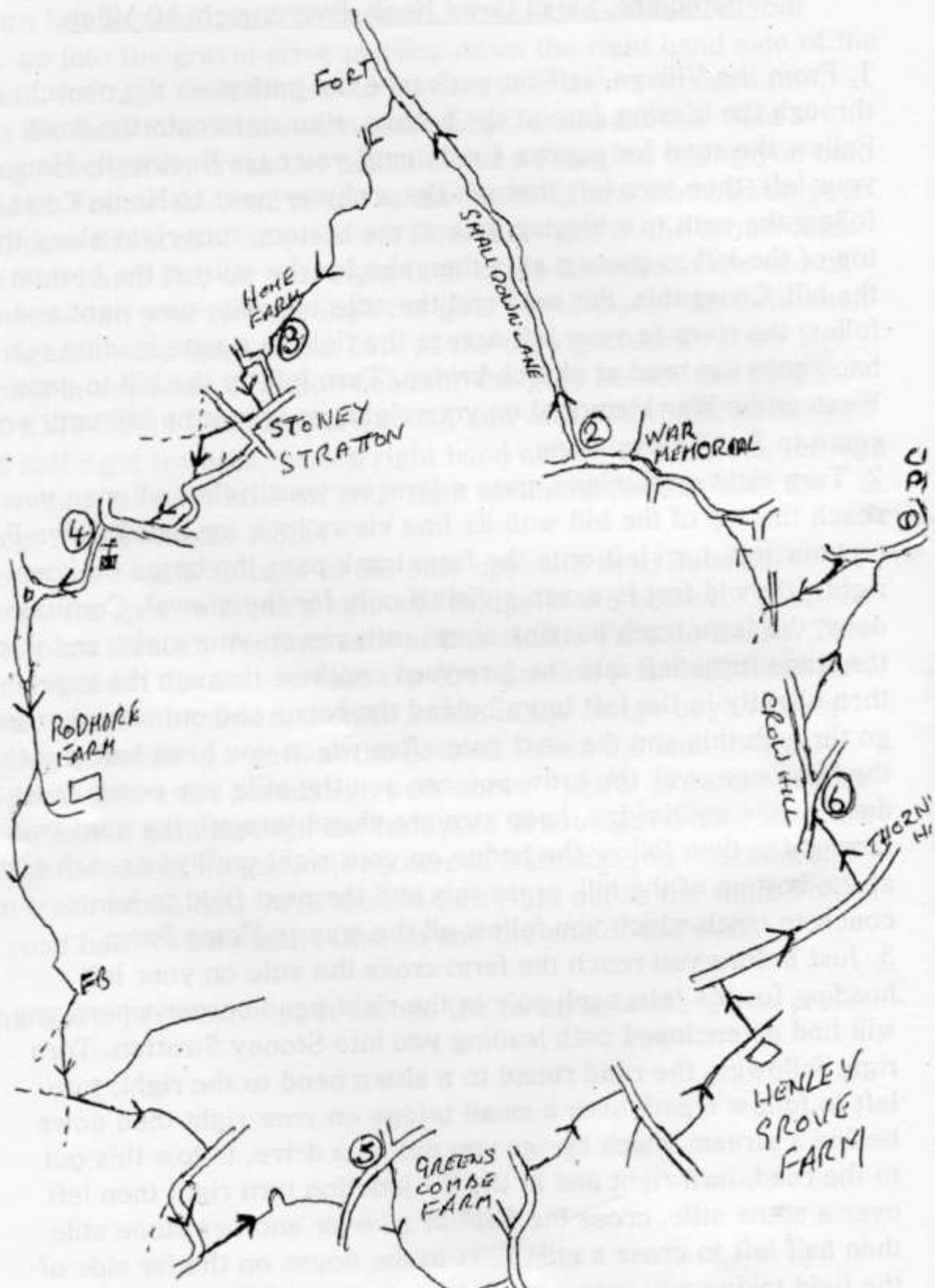
**1.** From the Village Hall' car park take the path pass the church, go through the kissing gate at the bottom, turn right onto the road. Follow the road for approx. - mile until you pass Rockwell's House on your left, then turn left through the archway next to Home Cottage, follow the path to a kissing gate at the bottom, turn right along the top of the hill to cross a stile then aim for the stile at the bottom of the hill, Cross this, the road and the stile opposite turn right and follow the river to your left across the field to a gate leading you back onto the road at church bridge. Turn left up the hill to pass Westcombe War Memorial on your right, go on up the hill until you come to Small Down Lane,

**2.** Turn right up the lane, pass a farm on your right and once you reach the top of the hill with its fine views look for Small Down Farm on your left, turn left onto the farm track pass the barns on your right, (the old fort is worth a visit if only for the views). Continue down the farm track passing some cottages on your right, and where the track turns left into the farmyard continue through the gate ahead then slightly to the left to go behind the barns and onto another gate, go through this and the next gate after which you head half right up the hill, once over the brow you can see the stile you need, cross this double stile and bridge, keep straight ahead through the next two farm gates then follow the hedge on your right until you reach a stile at the bottom of the hill, cross this and the next field to join a concrete track which you follow all the way to Home Farm.

**3.** Just before you reach the farm cross the stile on your left heading for the telegraph pole in the right hand corner where you will find an enclosed path leading you into Stoney Stratton. Turn right following the road round to a sharp bend to the right, turn left to follow a path over a small bridge on your right then down beside a stream which brings you out on a drive, follow this out to the road, turn right and at the T-junction turn right then left over a stone stile, cross the field to go over another stone stile then half left to cross a stile next to the house on the far side of the field taking you onto a road, turn right and follow the round to the left then go through a kissing gate on your right, follow this path to another kissing gate back onto the road where you continue towards Evercreech

**4.** Pass the church on your left, turn left and follow the road round to the right until you reach Rodmore Road on your left (off of Oxford Street). Follow this road over the cattle grid and on towards Rodmore Farm. When you meet a hedge coming in on your left, leave the lane heading for a large tree across the field to your right. Ignore the stile on your right but cross the one next to the gate in front of you. Keep in roughly the same direction across five fields, crossing a stream in the third. At the bottom of the fifth field you will cross a bridge over the River Alham

Batcombe, Small Down Knoll, Evercreech. 10 Miles.



after which you turn right to cross a stile, take the left hand of the two paths heading for the gate in the hedge ahead, pass through this gate and onto the gate at the top right hand corner. Go through this and ignore the path on your right to continue straight ahead through a gate pass a barn and onto a large bridle gate at the top of the field which takes you into an enclosed bridleway. At the top turn right onto the road and follow it round a sharp left hand bend and where the road turns sharply to the right turn left into the bridleway and a steep climb. At the top of the hill go through the bridle gate and straight down across the field to another bridle gate at the bottom.

5. Turn left up the road, and at the junction turn right onto the bridleway which now heads slightly to your right to go over the top of the hill and down the right hand side of Green's Combe Farm. At the bottom of the hill head for a gate leading you onto a track, turn left towards the farm and when you reach a fork, take the path on your right, follow this round to a gate after which you turn right up a very steep hill, at the top ignore the stile on your left but take the one straight ahead into the field and cross this to reach a road. Turn right downhill and at the bottom you will find a gate on your left taking you through Whaddon Woods to a stile at the end, cross this and follow the stream on your left to a double stile and bridge, cross and turn right following the fence on your right into the farmyard. At the T- junction turn right and follow the drive out to the road, turn right then left at the next stile, follow the hedge on your right to exit this field onto a road.

6. Turn right and take the road signed to Westcombe, proceed downhill pass some houses. Halfway down look for a track leading you into a field on your right and once in the field head slightly to the right downhill to pass through a gate, then head towards the church. At the bottom you will find a track leading you to a stile after which you pass between the cottage and a garage to cross another stile then go up the edge of the field to the road at the top. Turn right, this takes you back to the church and the end of the walk.

## **Batcombe, Honecliff, Spargrove, Batcombe Vale. 6 miles**

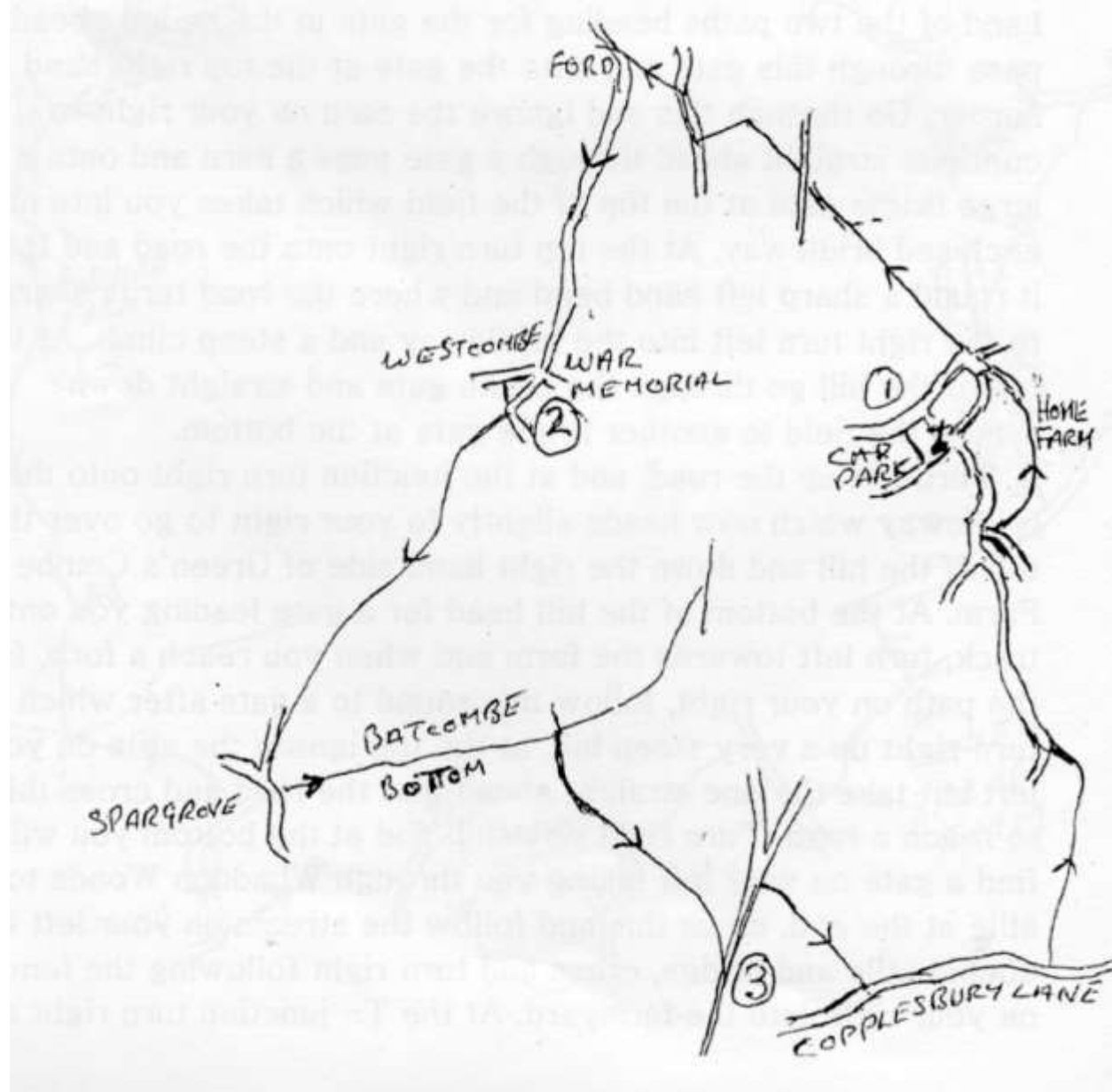
**1.** Leave the Village Hall car park by the entrance, turn right following the road downhill and where the road turns right take the path on the left. Climb uphill and after the second stile go half left towards the large tree, cross the double stile then straight across two fields via the farm gates to reach a lane, turn right then left into the bridleway. At the bottom turn right along the road and when you reach Honeycliff Farm on your right go through the gate on the left, follow the path between the saplings to the bottom right hand corner then cross the stile on your right and then the stile behind the large tree on your left which brings you out to a ford. Cross the bridge, turn left to cross a stile back onto the track now follow the track until you reach the War Memorial at Westcombe.

**2.** Turn left along the road then right into the No Through Road, Baile<sup>y</sup>'s Lane, and as the road bends to the right cross the stile straight ahead, cross over the field to cross the next stile then a little to the left to pass through a gate in the far corner. Follow the hedge on your right until you reach a gate, go through this and turn left still following the hedge, (now on your left) to pass through another gate, then head for the hedge at the bottom where you cross a walkway and a double stile into another field, head straight across this to a stile leading onto the road. Turn left and cross the bridge, then turn left again down the side of the old mill to a kissing gate after which you head a little to your right to cross the next two fields via concrete bridges. Cross the third field to a stile go over this then turn right over a bridge to immediately turn left following the river to the end of the field, Go over the bridge ahead and turn right, cross the stile then follow the fence on your right, as you approach a house, go a little uphill to skirt the trees and onto a gateway in the hedge beyond, go over the stile and then head towards the gate at the end of the silver birch trees on your right where you will find a stile in the rails next to the gate. Here you join the drive to Batcombe Caravan Park. Turn left and follow the drive uphill to join the road, turn left and follow it to the junction ahead.

**3.** As you reach the junction turn right over a stile and follow the hedge on your left across the field to reach a stile at the end, cross this and turn right along the road for approx. ½ mile until the road bends slightly to the right, turn left over the stile and follow the hedge on your left. When this ends keep straight ahead through a gateway and across the next field to cross a stile then downhill to a well hidden stile near the bottom right-hand corner of the field. Cross the narrow field to enter an enclosed track via a stile, (this can get very overgrown). At the bottom of the track turn right onto the road and follow it until you reach the junction at the bottom. Turn right then right again into Saite Lane and go through the gate just a few metres up the lane to follow the hedge on your left over the stile at top of the hill then head straight on to reach Home Farm. Ignore the stile on your left, but go

through the gate on the left leading you pass the farm and out down the drive to reach the road at Batcombe. Turn left uphill to return to the church and the end of the walk.

Batcombe, Honeycliff, Spargrove, Batcombe Vale, 6 Miles.

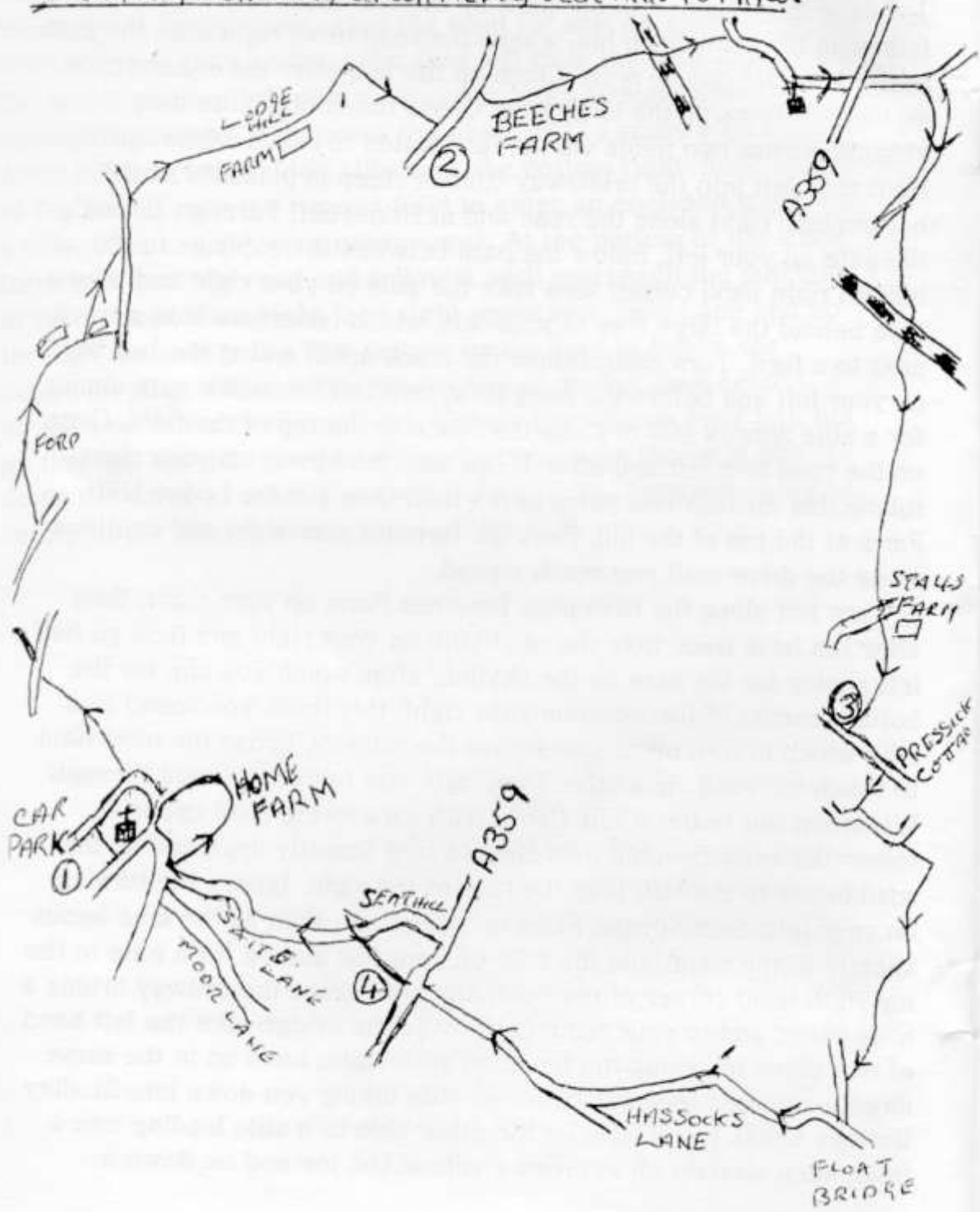


## **Batcombe, Wanstrow, Upton Noble, Seat Hill. 10 Miles.**

**1.** Leave the Village Hall car park by the entrance, turn right following the road down hill, where the road turns right take the path to the left (this can be wet). Climb up the hill, after the second stile go half left towards the large tree. Cross the double stile then straight across two fields via the farm gates to reach a lane, turn right then left into the bridleway (this is steep in places!). At the bottom turn right along the road and at Honeycliff Farm go through the gate on your left, follow the path between the saplings to the bottom right hand corner then take the stile on your right and then a stile behind the large tree to your left, which takes you onto a track next to a ford. Turn right, follow the track uphill and at the last barn on your left and before the bungalow, turn left through a gate aiming for a stile approx. 400 m along the fence at the top of the field. Once on the road turn left and after 150m take the byway on your right, follow this through two gates into a field then aim for Lodge Hill Farm at the top of the hill. Pass the farm on your right and continue along the drive until you reach a road.

**2.** Turn left along the road pass Beeches Farm on your right, then after the farm track take the next stile on your right and then go half left aiming for the gate on the skyline, after which you aim for the bottom corner of the wood on your right, this leads you round to a stile which in turn takes you across the railway. Cross the next field to reach the road via a stile. Turn right and follow the road through Wanstrow out to the A359. Cross with care to the road opposite, follow the road downhill over the old ford (usually dry), and as the road bends to the left, take the lane to the right. Ignore the turning on your left, pass Sturton Farm on your right, then as the lane bends slightly to the right take the stile on your left aiming for a gate in the top right hand corner of the field, and onto cross the railway bridge a little ahead and to your right. Once over the bridge take the left hand of two gates following the fence on your right, keep on in the same direction across the next field to a stile taking you down into Studley Bottom. Cross the bridge, up the other side to a stile leading into a field, keep straight on to cross a stile at the top and on down to

Batcombe, Wanstrow, Upton Noble, Seat Hill. 10 Miles.



Stall's Farm at the bottom. Once on the track turn right then take the first stile on your left next to a gate, cross to the top left hand corner to cross a track via two stiles. Head straight across the next three fields to reach a lane at Upton Noble.

**3.** Turn left downhill, ignore the road on your right, until you come to Pressick Cottage on your right, go into the gravel drive keeping the cottage in your left and follow a narrow path down the side of it to reach a stone stile, then a wooden stile, onto the next stile and bridge then onto two gates, cross the next field to reach the road via a farm gate. Turn left down the road and where the road turns sharp left take the stile straight ahead, follow this path across two fields then at the end of the third field turn right passing through the gate at the end, then head diagonally left to the far corner of this field, cross the two stiles, turn right following the fence to the end of the field, ignore the gate on your right, pass through the one straight ahead to cross a double stile and bridge on your right, cross the next field heading for the stile in the fence which leads to a lane. Turn left to reach the road where you turn right to follow the lane uphill to reach the A359.

**4.** Cross the road with care to the stile next to a gate a little to your right, head straight up this field to cross the double stiles at the top and admire the view, then head across the field to the next stile which will take you sharply downhill slightly to your right to another stile, then onto a farm gate on your right and the road. Turn left and follow the road down the hill to a T-junction. Just as you reach the junction turn right through the gate on your right following the hedge on your left to cross a stile at the top of the hill, follow the path down towards Home Farm, ignore the stile on your left, but take the gate through the farm itself passing the house to follow the drive out to the road where you turn left following the road back to the church.



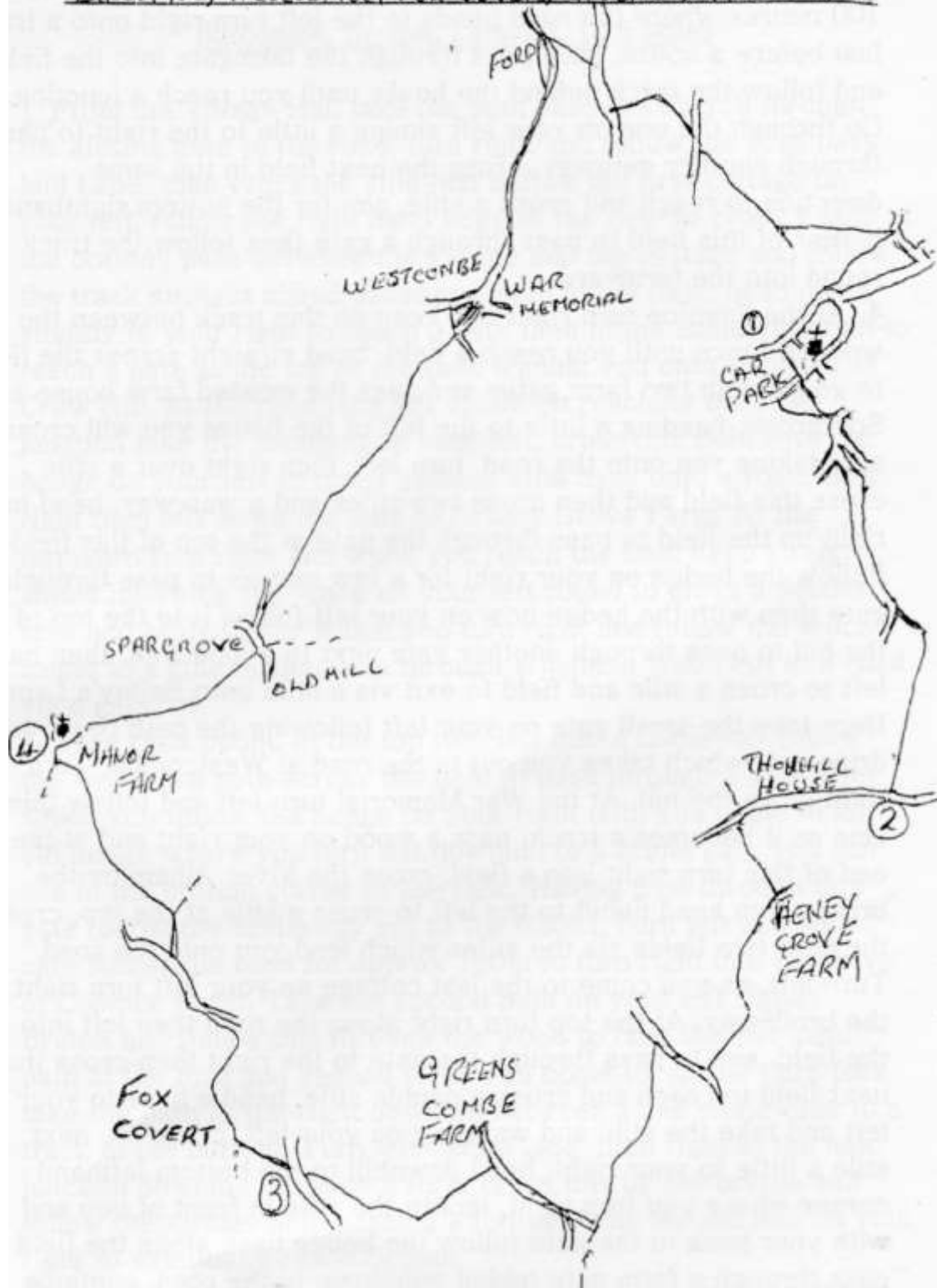
## **Batcombe, Westcombe, Fox Covert, Green's Combe. 8 Miles.**

**1.** From the car park take the path pass the church through the kissing gate to the road, turn right and follow the road, at the end of the houses on your left take the footpath through the farm gate on the left downhill, pass behind the houses to cross a stile next to a gate at the bottom, turn right onto the road and take the second turning on the left Moor Lane, As the road bends to the right follow the enclosed track a little to your left then cross a stile at the top and a narrow field and then onto cross another stile into a field. Head uphill to cross the stile on the skyline, straight across this next field to pass through a gateway, aim to meet the hedge coming in on your right and follow this down the field to cross a stile at the bottom onto Copplesbury Lane.

**2.** Turn right and follow the road for a mile and just pass Thornhill House on your right turn left into the drive to Henley Grove Farm. At the bottom turn right through the farmyard and into the field where you follow the left hand fence to cross a double stile and bridge after which you turn right and follow the fence round to a stile leading through Whaddon Wood and out to the road via a gate. Turn right uphill and at the top turn left into a bridleway, follow the well worn path across the field to pass through a gate after which you follow the hedge on your right until you come to an old hedge where you turn left downhill. As you come towards the bottom turn right and aim for a wooden farm gate leading you onto a track, turn right, soon you come to a similar gate on your left pass through this and head down the field to pass through the gap in the hedge at the bottom then climb the hill ahead, at the top turn right to follow the hedge /fence along the top of the ridge to reach a large bridle gate taking you onto the road.

**3** Cross the road, go through the bridle gate opposite and head straight up the middle of this field to reach a crossroads of paths, turn right and follow the fence round to the left and at the top of this field you cross a stile in the right-hand corner. Go straight across this next field to cross a stile then head slightly left downhill, on reaching the hedge at the bottom t<sup>u</sup>rn left and with the hedge on your right follow it round until you find a stile taking you onto the road. With care proceed down the road. After approx. 100 metres where the road bends to the left turn right onto a track just before a house, then pass through the farm gate into the field and follow the track behind the house until you reach a junction. Go through the one on your left aiming a little to the right to pass through another gateway, cross the next field in the same direction to reach and cross a stile, aim for the bottom right-hand corner of this field to pass through a gate then follow the track round into the farmyard.

Batcombe, Westcombe, Fox Covert, Green's Combe. 8 Miles



4. At the junction turn right and keep on this track between the wooden fence until you reach a field, head straight across the field to go through two farm gates and pass the moated farm house at Spargrove, heading a little to the left of the house you will cross a stile taking you onto the road, turn left, then right over a stile cross this field and then cross two stiles and a walkway, head half right up the field to pass through the gate at the top of this field. Follow the hedge on your right for a few metres to pass through a gate then with the hedge now on your left follow it to the top of the hill to pass through another gate next to a lone tree, then half left to cross a stile and field to exit via a stile onto Bailey's Lane. Here take the small gate on your left following the path round to a driveway, which takes you out to the road at Westcombe. Turn right down the hill. At the War Memorial turn left and follow this lane as it becomes a track, pass a wood on your right and at the end of this turn right into a field, cross the River Alham by the bridge then head uphill to the left to cross a stile at the top, cross the next two fields via the stiles which lead you onto the road. Turn left, as you come to the last cottage on your left turn right up the bridleway. At the top turn right along the road then left into the field, aim to pass through the gate to the right then cross the next field to reach and cross a double stile, head a little to your left and take the stile and walkway on your left, cross the next stile a little to your right, head downhill to the bottom left-hand corner where you turn right, ignore the stile in front of you and with your back to the gate follow the hedge back along the field to pass through a farm gate taking you down to the road, continue straight ahead uphill back to the car park and the end of the walk

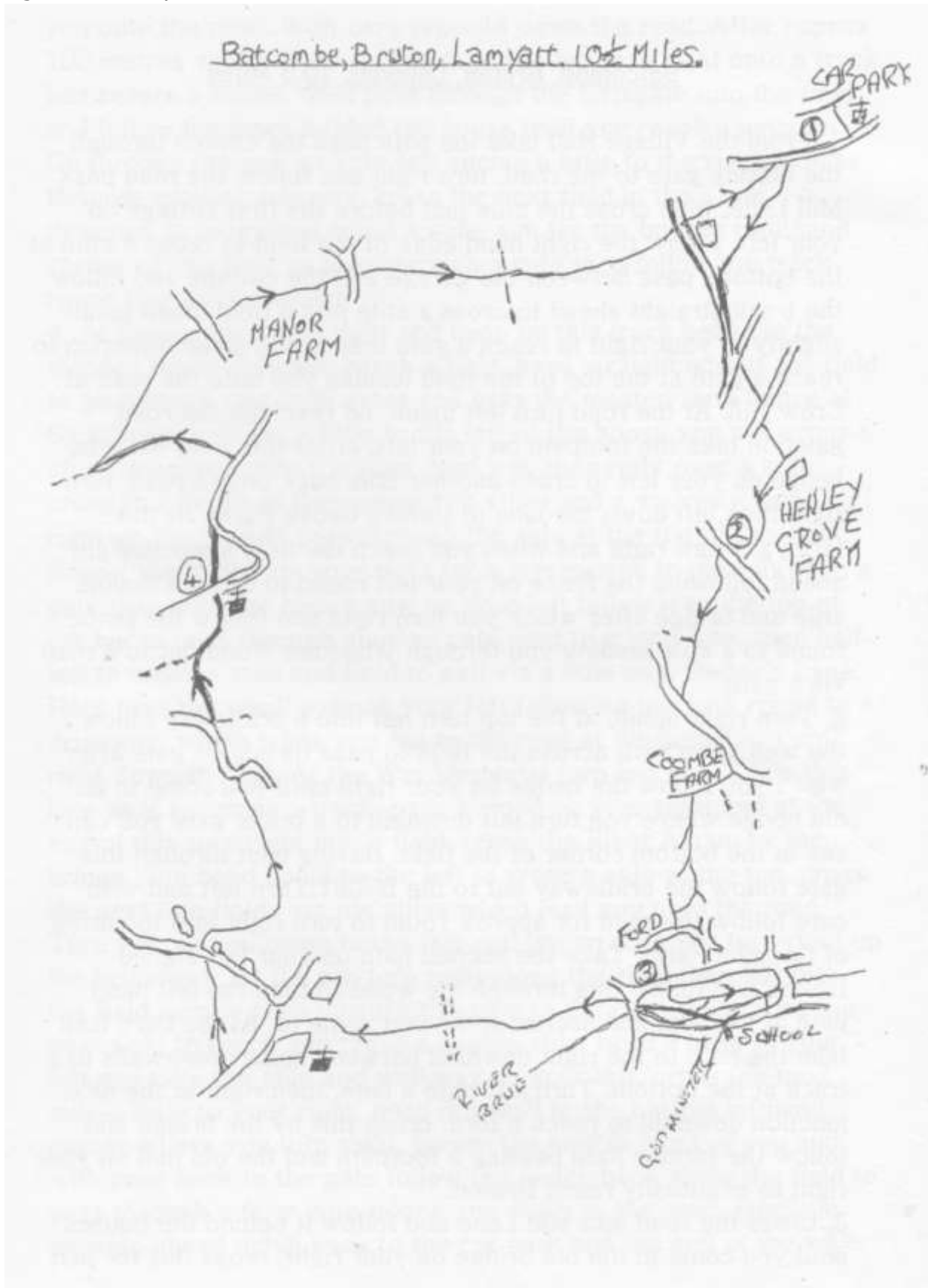
## **Batcombe, Bruton, Lamyatt. 10.5 Miles**

**1** From the Village Hall take the path pass the church through the kissing gate to the road, turn right and follow the road pass Mill Lane, then cross the stile just before the first cottage on your left, follow the right hand edge of the field to cross a stile at the bottom, pass between the garage and the cottage and follow the track straight ahead to cross a stile into a field, head uphill slightly to your right to reach a gate then in the same direction to reach a gate at the top of the field leading you onto the road at Crow Hill. At the road turn left uphill, on reaching the road junction take the footpath on your left, cross this field with the hedge on your left to cross another stile back onto a road, turn right then left down the lane to Henley Grove Farm. At the farmyard turn right and when you reach the field keep straight ahead following the fence on your left round to cross a double stile and bridge after which you turn right and follow the fence round to a stile leading you through Whaddon Wood out to a road via a gate.

**2** Turn right uphill, at the top turn left into a bridleway follow the well worn path across the field to pass through a gate after which you follow the hedge on your right until you come to an old hedge where you turn left downhill to a bridle gate you can see in the bottom corner of the field. Having passed through this gate follow the bridleway out to the B3081. Turn left and with care follow the road for approx. 150m to turn right into the drive of Coombe Farm. Take the second path on your left signed Bruton and follow this through the wood to take the left hand path at the first and second forks you come to. At the third' fork take the path to the right downhill between some stonewalls to a track at the bottom. Turn left onto a lane, then Turn right uphill, at the top turn left into a bridleway follow the well worn path across the field to pass through a gate after which you follow the hedge on your right until you come to an old hedge where you turn left downhill to a bridle gate you can see in the bottom corner of the field. Having passed through this gate follow the bridleway out to the B3081. Turn left and with care follow the road for approx. 150m to turn right into the drive of Coombe Farm. Take the second path on your left signed Bruton and follow this through the wood to take the left hand path at the first and second forks you come to. At the third' fork take the path to the right downhill between some stonewalls to a track at the bottom. Turn left onto a lane, then right at the next junction downhill to reach a ford, cross this by the bridge and follow the tarmac path passing a footpath and the old mill on your right to eventually reach Bruton.

**3** Cross the road into Mill Lane and follow it behind the houses until you come to the old bridge on your right, cross this (or just before the bridge there are stepping stones for the adventurous!) At the main road turn

right and follow it pass the school and at the turning to Godminster turn right into the park and



follow the path straight ahead pass some houses to exit via a bridge onto

the road again. Cross the road and turn right, then just before the corner turn left into Trendle Lane. Follow this enclosed footpath over a stile to eventually reach a field, keep straight on until you come to a stile on your right, cross this and turn left, walk straight downhill over another stile and then two more that cross a concrete track, head towards the buildings on your left to cross a stile in the hedge onto a lane. Turn left, then right through the farm gate, head towards the houses at the top of the field crossing the left hand of two stiles. Cross the road turn left then right over a stile, then half right up hill to cross a stile in the hedge, cross this field heading half left to reach a lane via a stile. Walk straight on up the lane to reach a house, keep straight on over the stile by the side of the house and head downhill to the bottom of the field. Look for a stile on your right at the bottom leading you through the wood into a field then turn left to Lamyatt Church.

4. Exit the churchyard, cross the road into the field and head for the top left-hand corner back onto the road, follow it round to take the bridleway on your left through the gate at the bottom, turn right and follow this bridleway across six fields to reach the B3081 at Milton Clevedon. Go straight across the road and follow the lane into Manor Farm, follow the path along the track straight through the farmyard passing the church on your left and on out to a field. Go straight across this field to pass through two farm gates, and then pass Spargrove moated farmhouse on your right. At the far side of the field cross the stile and follow the path out to the road. Turn right, then left at the mill and onto a kissing gate after which you head a little to the right to cross a concrete bridge, (please replace the chain cattle proofers). Then continue in the same direction to cross another bridge and on to the stile after which you turn right over yet another bridge then turn left. At the end of the field continue straight on over a bridge take the path on your left to Batcombe, go over another bridge, skirt the bottom of this field to reach a farm gate at the end, pass through this and the next one, then walk the length of this field to cross a bridge and pas through a gate, then cross the corner of a field to a stile on your right. Cross this road and the stile opposite, then take the left-hand path uphill to cross a stile to walk along the top of the hill to a kissing gate. At the end go through this a follow the enclosed path out to the road. Turn right and follow the road back to the church and the end of the walk.

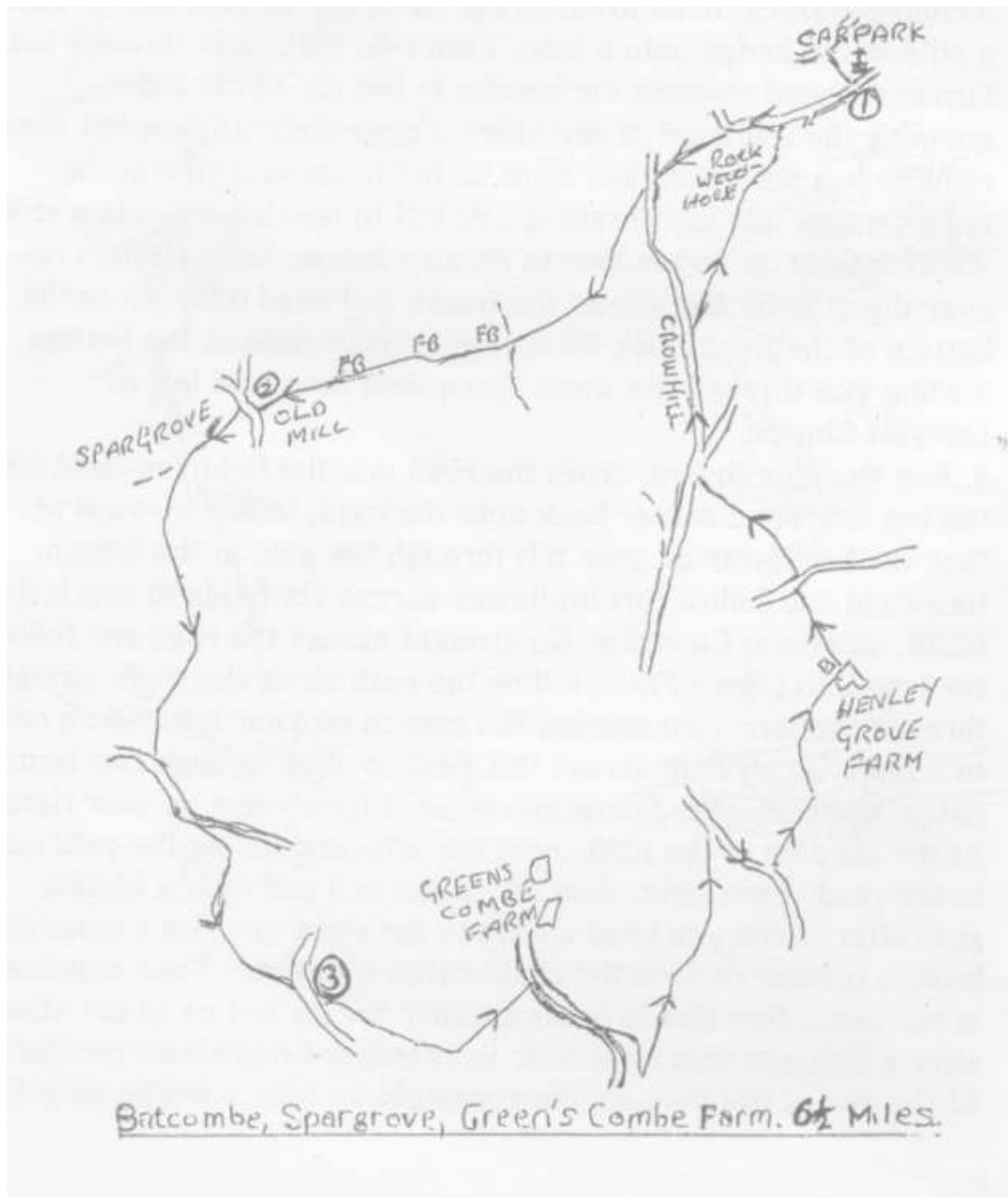
### **Batcombe, Spargrove, Green's Combe Farm. 6.5 miles.**

1. From the Village Hall take the path pass the church to a kissing gate onto the road. Turn right and follow the road until you pass Rockwells House on your left, after which you look for an archway on your left adjoining Home Cottage, pass through the archway following the path to a kissing gate at the bottom, turn right, and follow the fence on your right to cross a stile then head left downhill to the stile at the bottom of the field. Cross this, the road and the stile opposite and head to your left to go through a farm gate then turn right to follow the river. At the end of the field pass through two farm gates, the river is now on your left, keep in the same direction to the end of this field to cross two bridges and ignoring the path on your left continue with the river on your right to cross a bridge and still heading in the same direction cross over the stile ahead, the river is now on your left again. Pass over a concrete bridge with chain cattle proofers (please replace). Go straight ahead to another bridge then onto a kissing gate next to the old mill and out onto the road.

2. Turn right then left over the stile on the bridge to reach a field. Pass the old moated farm house at Spargrove heading half left to pass through two farm gates into the next field, then half left to a well hidden stile and on uphill to go through two fields, then across the corner of the third field through a gate heading for the top of the next field to pass through another gate onto a track. Follow the track up the hill to a farm gate on your right and out onto the road. With care walk up the road to a stile on your right, approx. 100m, follow the path up the hill as it runs parallel with the road then slowly climb to your right to reach the top of the hill and a stile. Cross the next field a little to your right to go over a stile, turn left and follow the edge of the wood on your right until you reach a bridlegate, (ignore this gate) but turn left across the field to reach the road via another bridlegate, cross the road and go through the gate opposite. Below you will see Green's Combe Farm.

3. Head for the telegraph pole, then follow the fence on your right round the top of the ridge until you can see a large gap in the hedge at the bottom of the valley, pass through that gap, follow the hedge on your right and where this ends turn right up to a gate onto a lane, turn right and when you come to a gate on your left go through this keeping straight ahead to an old hedge after which you turn left up the hill. At the top turn right and walking with the hedge on your left you reach a gate, go through this and straight along the well worn bridleway to the road. Turn right down the hill and at the bottom you will find a gate on your left, go through this and follow the path through the woods to a stile after which you follow the stream on your left round to cross a double stile and bridge, turn right and head into the farmyard turning left at the T junction to go up the drive to the road. Turn right, then left over the next stile, follow the

hedge on your right to reach another road, turn right taking the left hand fork (Crow Hill), signed to Westcombe, pass the houses on your left and halfway down



the hill look for a gate up a track on your right. Go through this and into the field, head slightly down the hill passing through a gate and on towards Batcombe Church. At the bottom find a track leading you to a stile, pass between the house and the garage to another stile then follow the edge of the field up to the road at the top, turn right and back to the church.



## **Batcombe, Chesterblade, Stoney Stratton. 7.5 miles.**

1. Leave the Village Hall car park by the entrance, turn right following the road downhill and where the road turns right take the path to the left. Climb up the hill and after the second stile go half left towards the large tree, cross the double stile then straight across two fields via the farm gates to reach a lane, turn right, then left into the bridleway. At the bottom turn right along the road and at Honeycliff Farm go through the gate on the left, follow the path between the saplings to the bottom right hand corner then take the stile on your right and then a stile behind the large tree to your left, which takes you onto a lane next to a ford. Turn right, follow the track uphill and at the last barn on your left and before the bungalow, turn left through a gate and aim for a stile approx. 400m along the fence at the top of the field. Once on the road turn left and follow it pass Higher Alham Farm. Where the road bends uphill to the right take the stoney track on your left, follow this uphill to a crossroads, take the lane opposite and at the next T-junction turn left to walk down through Chesterblade.

2. At the T-junction turn left signed Evercreech then after approx. 1/3 mile after going downhill look for a cottage on your right, here you turn left into the entrance of Mill House Farm. Follow this path pass the farmhouse over a stile in front of you and into a field. Keeping in the same direction cross three fields to cross a double stile and bridge then head for the gate across the next field to enter an enclosed path down to a stream over a stone bridge then step across the stream onto a concrete walkway, follow this all the way to the end to \*cross back over the stream to the walkway on the other side. (Beware the concrete is very slippery in the stream bottom). Once over the other side follow the walkway to cross a bridge next to a ford and onto the road at Stoney Stratton.

3. Turn left and where the road turns sharp left continue ahead to find a path on your right over a small bridge and then to a path on your right over a small bridge and then to a path alongside a stream which brings you down a drive to a road. Turn left then right at the first path on your right go through the barrier then take the middle of three gates along an enclosed path over the stile at the end, cross the field go through the gate next to a barn then straight ahead, crossing two more fields to reach a metalled lane, cross this and a field to cross a bridge in the hedge and on up towards Manor Farm, pass between the church and a barn. At the junction turn left and follow the track to reach a field, continue straight across this to pass through two farm gates, on your right is the moated farmhouse of Spargrove, cross this field slightly to your left to cross a stile on the far side and out to the bridge.

Turn right onto the road then left in front of the mill to pass through a kissing gate. Head a little to your right to a concrete bridge with chain cattle proofers (please replace them). Keep on in the same direction to cross another concrete bridge then continue over a stile at the end of the third field, turn right over a bridge to immediately turn left. 4. At the end of the field ignore the farm gate on your left and go over the bridge ahead to a junction of three paths, turn left over another bridge into a field, skirt the bottom of the hill with the river on your right to reach a farm gate pass through this and the next gate, the river is now on your left, follow it until you reach a bridge with a farm gate on the other side, cross this into a field then head half right to a stile leading onto a road. Cross this and the stile opposite and take the lower path to cross this field to a bridge, cross and follow this path to a T-junction, turn left between two buildings to cross a stile into a field. Go up the side of this field to a stile at the top, turn right onto the road then walk back to the church and the end of the walk.

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