

another stile into a field/paddock and follow the left hedge to a fence/stile and cross on to Hardy Lane **11**.

Opposite, cross over a stile with concrete steps and go straight ahead up a field following the right hedge. Go through a gate into a steeper field and continue straight on up, on the same bearing. At the top, head to the right of a wooden rail fence. Cross a stile and immediately go through the kissing gate you used earlier then retrace your steps to Olveston Stores, (CAUTION where there is no pavement).



Walks in the series

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This walk uses public rights of way across private land. Please:

- clean up after your dog and keep dogs under effective control
- keep to the path
- take your litter home



OLVESTON PARISH WALKS

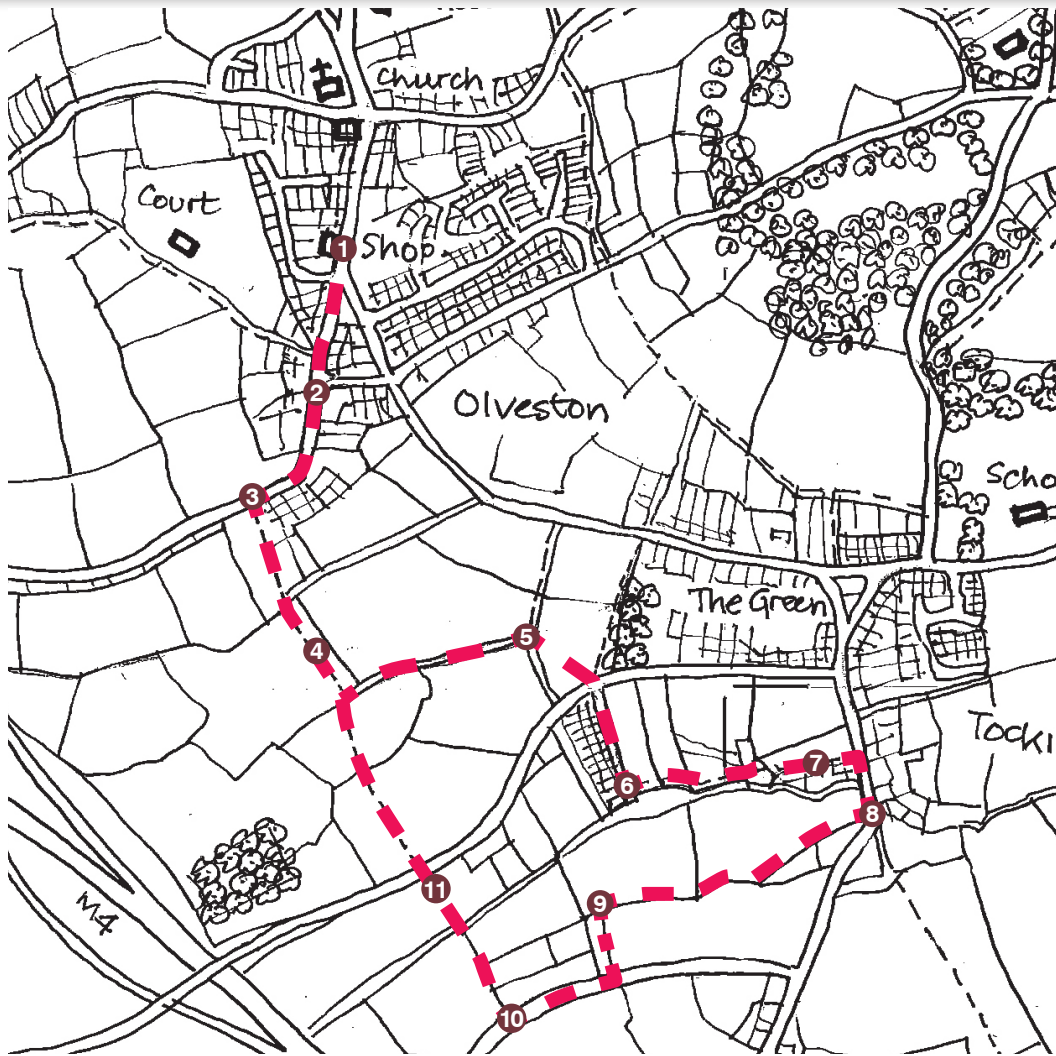
WALK 5

About 2 miles

BETWEEN OLVESTON AND TOCKINGTON



An easy walk including some little-used footpaths. It takes you past Tockington Mill Rhine, the most important waterway in the Parish for commerce from the River Severn in the old days. Be extra careful when crossing the often busy road in Lower Tockington.



NB. Dogs. This walk requires dogs to be lifted over stiles on Lower Tockington Road and Hardy Lane. Before you start, stand with your back to Olveston Stores on The Street **1** and observe that this road and The Green on your right lie more or less in a straight line. The old route to Tockington was along these two roads, then up through Port Farm and round to the brow on the current road near the

duck pond on Catherine Hill comes next (where the road included a ford until about 1930) and then Port Farm **3**. Turn left into the farmyard and walk up the track past horse-boxes, straight on over a stile next to a farm gate and straight on up the field, following the fence on your right.

At the brow **4**, take in the magnificent panoramic view before descending a short distance to a new

entrance to 'Westfield' residence. New Road, where the butchers and garage are now situated, was constructed in the 19th Century to provide a better route for horse-drawn traffic to Aust Ferry. To start the walk, go 15 yards to the road junction, cross the top of Denys Court and proceed along The Green, passing first Green Court and in about 200 yards an old water pump and covered well on the remains of the old Green **2** (which was an open space until the Enclosure Award of 1842) (CAUTION: no pavement ahead).

Carry on ahead past Hill House and The Old (Quaker) Meeting House on the left. The

kissing gate. Then turn immediately left, over a stile and follow the track (originally 'Port Lane') down between hedges. At the sharp bend in the track **5**, cross the stile and bear right across the field towards the far corner.

Go through the kissing gate, cross Hardy Lane and go down Mill Lane. At the end **6**, by 'The Old Corn Mill', turn left and follow a short path which ascends old wooden steps before soon dropping down and over a stile into a small field (do not cross the rhine). Go straight ahead and over another stile into a small copse then out into a field and straight ahead. About 50 yards before the end of the field, find a stile in the right hedge which drops down on to the driveway of 'Ivywell' **7**. At this point, observe the old 'Rams well' behind the opposite stone wall. A few families in the parish were without mains water right up to the 1940s and were reliant on such wells. Turn left on to Lower Tockington Road.

Cross the road and turn right down the pavement and continue to a point where you can see traffic approaching the bend from both directions **8**. Cross the road (EXTREME CAUTION) to the grass verge by the house opposite to safely access the 'slab and pipe' stile to the right of the house. Go straight ahead across two fields and then find a slab stile at the far end of the left hedge **9**.

Enter a narrow path between a hedge and equestrian centre. Cross a stile into Moor Lane and turn right (the lane is built on a large peat bed and was known locally as 'Shaking House'). Follow the lane for about 150 yards and find a stile in the right hedge **10**. Cross this stile, and another almost immediately after, and go straight ahead across a field, passing animal shelters. Cross a stile and then a wooden bridge over Tockington Mill Rhine with two kissing gates. Cross