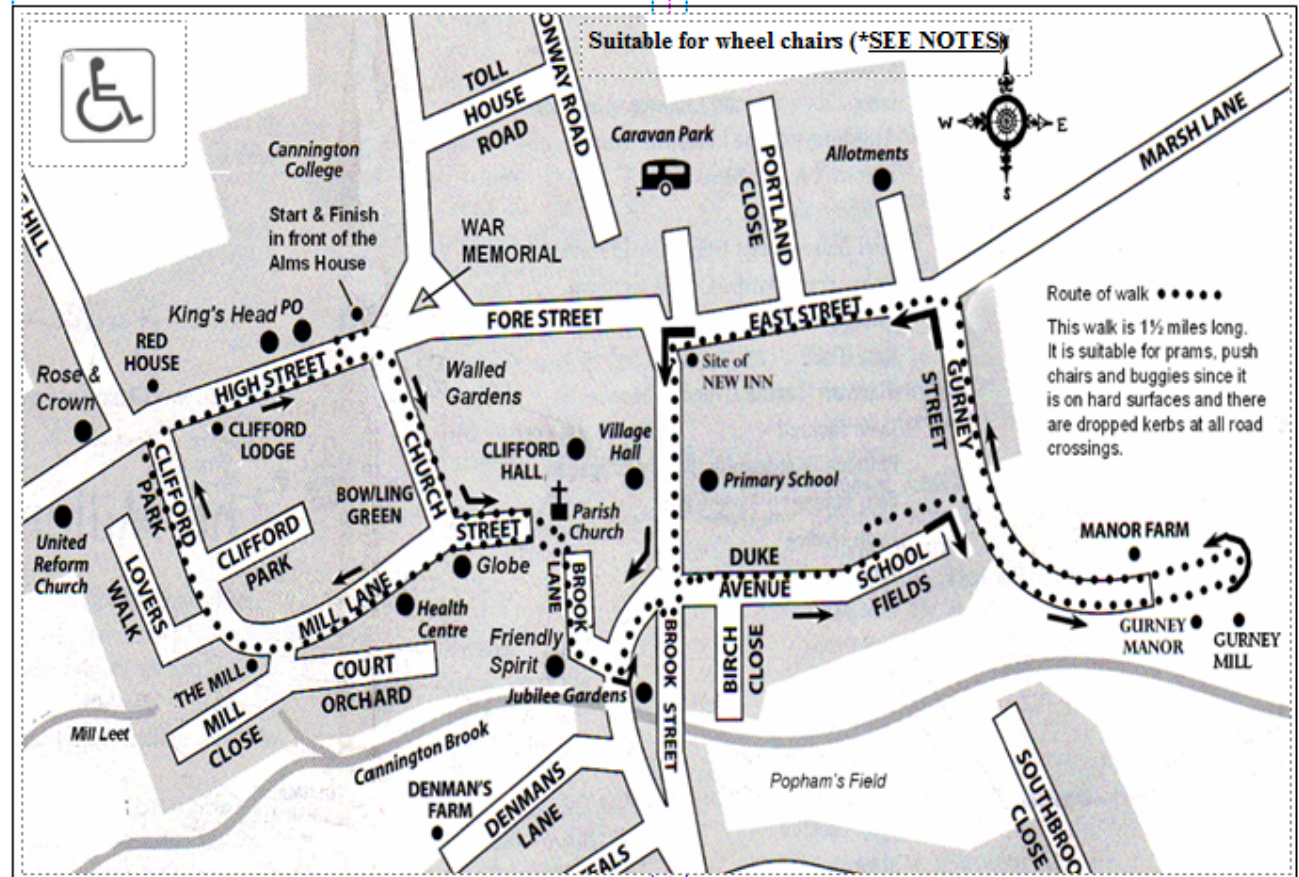


## WALK No: 8 AROUND CANNINGTON

The walk starts at Henry Rogers, almshouse, just to the west of the War Memorial. Cross the High Street at the light controlled crossing, turn left for a short way and then right into Church Street. (bowling Green). On your left is the entrance to the Walled Gardens of Cannington Court. There is a tearoom here that could be welcome after the walk. Cannington Court is itself becoming a training centre for EDF Nuclear staff.

Walk towards the Globe Inn. Turn left to view the Parish Church, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary & first referred to in a record dated 1336. Proceed through the gate into the Churchyard. The interior of the church is magnificent. The nave was built in the 15th century to replace an earlier nave. The original roof line is still visible on the tower's interior wall and curiously the nave is at a slight angle to the tower. There is a garden of remembrance by the east wall of the Church & a garden of rest through the archway in the hedge opposite. Follow the path which runs diagonally across the churchyard through the gate which leads to Brook Lane. On your right is the old vicarage built about 1879. Further down the lane is the public house formally known as The Old Blue Anchor & is now known as the friendly Spirit. This name came from the friendly ghost of Maude de Merriett one of the three nuns who in the 14th century transgressed their vows and was severely beaten and died. Her body is supposedly buried in the vicinity of the now Friendly Spirit. Her ghost is reputed to haunt the upper rooms of the Inn today. In front of you is Cannington Brook with the Pack Horse Bridge. The original road bridge and the later bridge which is now the main road through the village, can be seen from this point. There is also an elegant information board beside the brook.

Turn to your left & head for the pedestrian crossing. After crossing turn left & then turn right into Duke Avenue and on to School Fields Turn left in between bungalows numbers 8 and 9. Proceed through the iron gate and turn right, the School playing field is on your left. Follow the path through the gate & into Gurney Street where you turn right. This road leads to a track (\*access around the cattle grid is available but may be tight for motorised buggies at this point) until you arrive at Gurney Manor on your right. This manor formally named after its earliest owners has now passed to Landmark Trust which has carried out a restoration programme. Further on from Gurney Manor is Gurney Mill. There are records of the mill existing on this site from around the 1200s. →



Route of walk ●●●●●  
This walk is 1½ miles long. It is suitable for prams, push chairs and buggies since it is on hard surfaces and there are dropped kerbs at all road crossings.

→ Retrace your steps along Gurney Street and continue to the junction with East Street. Turn left along East Street, known not so long ago as Frog Street. Notice the original thatch roofing on one of the houses.

Stay on the left of the road and turn left into Brook Street. Walk to the light controlled crossing, cross and retrace your step through the churchyard and past the Globe Inn. Now turn right along Mill Lane, walk to the end leaving the Mill to your left and follow the road round to the right into Clifford Park. The road here runs over the site of the Mill House, destroyed by a bomb in the second world war. At the end of Clifford Park turn right into High Street past the site of the original Clifford Lodge. Cross the road at the crossing and end your walk at the Almshouse that was originally built in 1500.

**Please be warned** this walk may have diversions due to the construction of Hinkley Point Power Station. Also all roads will have heavy traffic due to the same reason. Please use pedestrian crossings whenever possible

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Henry Rogers Almshouse

