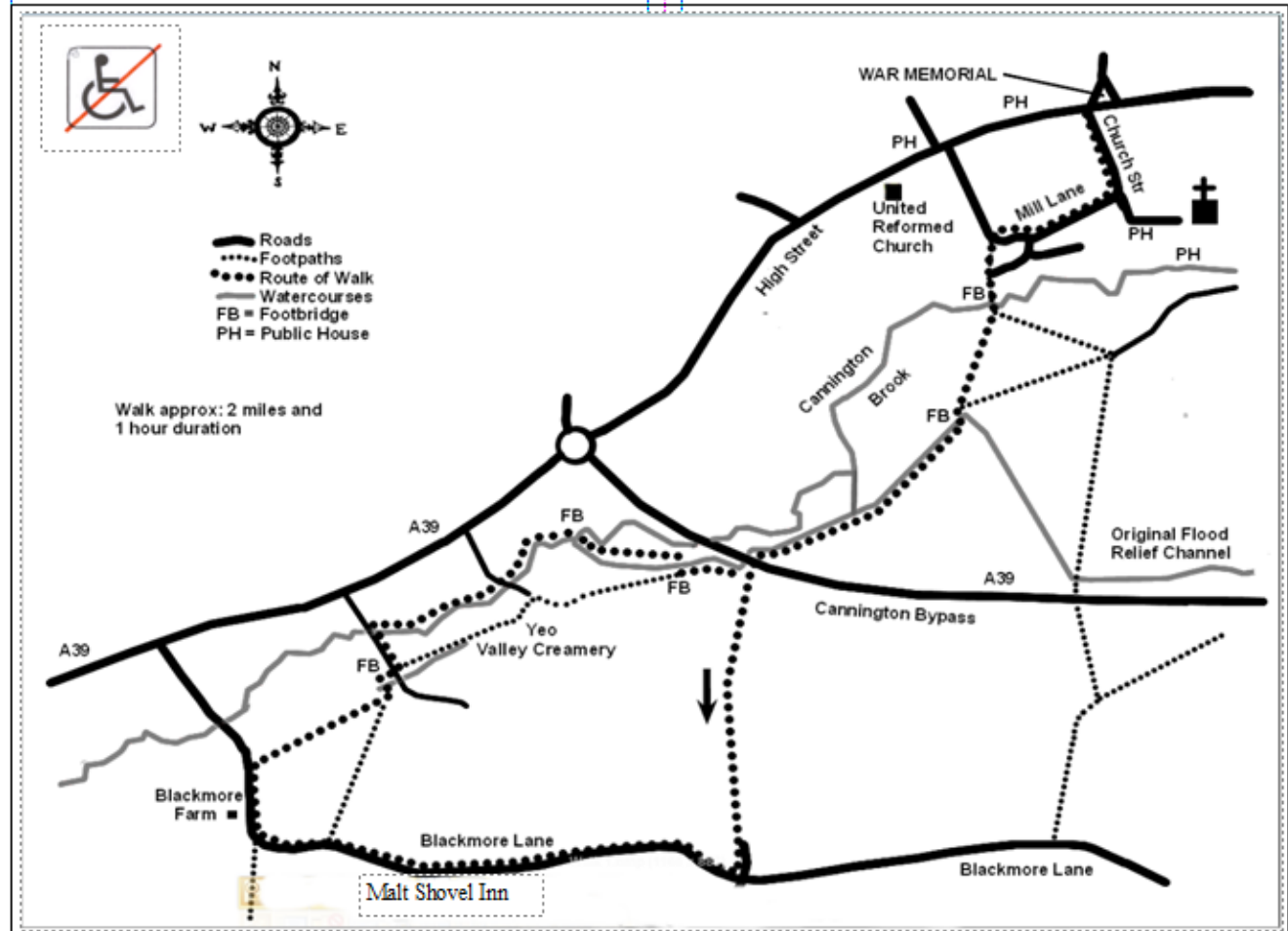


WALK No: 1 BLACKMORE FARM

This walk starts and ends at the War Memorial. Cross the road into Church Street (Bowling Green). At the Globe Inn turn right into Mill Lane. At the end of Mill Lane take the footpath that leads left down towards the brook. Cross the footbridge over the brook and climb the stile. Bear slightly right and head for the stile in the distance. Cross two stiles, and the footbridge over the original flood relief channel. Turn right, follow the path through the field with the channel on your right climb the two stiles and then cross over the by-pass. (TAKE CARE: Fast moving traffic). Follow the finger post to the stile near the centre of the hedge across the field, cross this stile and keeping the hedge and ditch on your right, walk the footpath until it leaves the field onto a track passing two houses into Blackmore lane. Turn right, after five minutes walking you will reach The Malt Shovel, (time for a beer). A further five minutes walk brings you to the 14th Century Blackmore Farm. Notice the superb Gothic window of the family Chapel. The farm has a shop selling local produce, light lunches, cream teas and their own ice cream. Once past the farm pass through the kissing gate on your right into the field. Walk across this field towards the buildings of Yeo Valley Creamery. You will find a footbridge tucked in a fold of the hedge. Cross the footbridge and immediately turn right. This footbridge does not actually cross the brook, but crosses an abandoned water course from the days when the Creamery was a mill called Cooks Mill. Go through the gate and cross the main access road to the creamery. The definitive footpath goes straight on but this walk takes the permissive path avoiding the working areas of the creamery. Turn left and walk along the pavement. Immediately after crossing the brook the permissive path starts at the gate on the right. Go through this gate and head for a gate on the far side of the field. Cross the lane, known as the Green Crossing into the next field. Continue still following the brook to a sturdy footbridge which you cross. The route now follows a watercourse along the right side of the field to a gated bridge. Cross this bridge turn left and follow the path until it joins the outward route. Cross the bypass by the stiles used on your outward trip and retrace your steps via Mill Lane to the War Memorial.

All persons using these walks do so at their own risk and are advised that some areas may be muddy. Please remember to close any gates encountered on the walk Dog owners are reminded that this walk crosses farmer's land. There may be animals either on this land or in adjacent fields. Please ensure that dogs are kept on a lead at all times. Also be aware that it is a fineable offence not to clear up should your dog foul the area.



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