

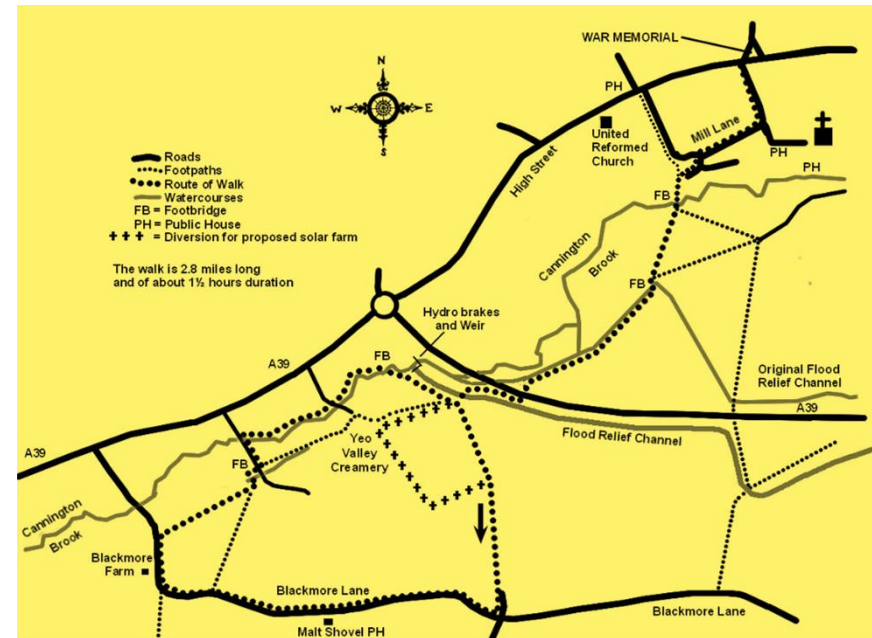
1. Starting at the War Memorial, cross the road into Church Street (bowling green) and then turn right into Mill Lane, then left into Mill Close. From here, take the narrow footpath that leads to the left, then cross the footbridge over the brook. Bear slightly right and head across the field towards the small gate. (this field is full of wild flowers in the Spring, a joy to behold).

2. Go through 2 small gates and cross the footbridge over the original flood relief channel. Turn right, follow the path through the field with the Park and Ride on your left. The field narrows and leads towards two stiles. Cross these then cross straight over the by-pass (**TAKE CARE: fast moving traffic**).

3. Once over the by-pass, go through the gate, turn right and follow the new relief channel towards the four culvert bridge. Cross this bridge, go through the gate and, bearing slightly left, head across the field towards a stile that is located in the opposite hedge between two small trees. If crops obscure the path or the proposed solar farm has been erected, follow the right perimeter of the field to the stile. ***This is shown on the map with cross symbols***. Climb the stile, walk through the field keeping the hedge and ditch on your right. The path leads to a track serving two houses and at the end is Blackmore Lane.



4. Turn right, and after five minutes walking you will reach the Malt Shovel, first recorded as a public house in 1861 (food and drinks are served here). A further five minutes brings you to the **14<sup>th</sup> 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 ice-cream.



5. 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**. If the path isn't obvious, follow the left perimeter of the field then you will find a footbridge tucked away in the fold of the hedge. If you find yourself heading towards the tiled roof of the Malt Shovel, you've passed the bridge!!

6. Cross the footbridge and immediately turn right. This footbridge doesn't actually cross the brook, but crosses an abandoned water course from the days when the Creamery was a mill called **Cook's Mill**. Go through the gate and cross the main access road to the creamery.

7. 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,

(7 cont.) the permissive path starts at the gate on the right. Go through this gate and, following the brook, head for the gate on the far side of the field. Cross the lane, known as **Green Crossing**, into the next field. Continue, still following the brook, to a sturdy footbridge which you cross.

8. You have reached the location where the new relief channel deviates from **Cannington Brook**. The brook passes straight on through three ingenious devices known as hydro-brakes. These provide an absolute limit as to how much water can flow into the village, thus eliminating flood risk.

9. Walk alongside the relief channel, past an information board, and to the four culvert bridge. Cross this bridge, turn right and retrace your steps along the bank of the channel, carefully cross the by-pass and back through **Mill Lane** and to the **War Memorial**.

*This walk first appeared in Cannington Target 37 (Summer 1996) and was conceived by the then editor of the Target, David Hatherley. It appeared in Cannington Reflections and this revision takes account of the new relief channel and the possibility of a solar farm.*

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4. WALK TO THE CONSERVATION TRAIL 2 miles)

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  - ❖ *Please leave gates as you find them*
  - ❖ *Dog walkers please keep dogs on a lead at all times as they may encounter farm animals.*
  - ❖ *Please clear up after your dog*
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