

The Countryside Code

Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs

Even when going out locally, it's best to get the latest information about where and when you can go. For example, your rights to go onto some areas of open land may be restricted while work is carried out for safety reasons, or during breeding seasons. Follow advice and local signs, and be prepared for the unexpected.

Consider other people

Showing consideration and respect for other people makes the countryside a pleasant environment for everyone – at home, at work and at leisure.

Leave gates and property as you find them

Please respect the working life of the countryside, as our actions can affect people's livelihoods, our heritage, and the safety and welfare of animals and ourselves.

Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home

We have a responsibility to protect our countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you don't harm animals, birds, plants or trees.

Keep dogs under close control

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it's every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.

More at: www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

Footpath Society

Abbots Bromley & District Footpath Society lead walks each month which are open to anyone to join. Most of these are circular walks starting and ending at the Butter Cross.

Further information and contact details can be found on the Abbots Bromley village web pages at:

www.abbotsbromley.com/walks

Additional copies of this leaflet and the associated GPS data can also be downloaded from these pages.

This is one of a group of circular walks starting and ending in Abbots Bromley and which vary in length from three to six and a half miles (five to ten and a half kilometres).

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Abbots Bromley Circular Walk 3: Narrow Lane and Radmore Wood

Walk information

Distance:	Approximately 2.75 miles (4.4 km)
Ascent:	90 metres
Terrain:	Mixture of roads, paths and potentially muddy fields with some stiles
Start/end:	Butter Cross, Market Place, Abbots Bromley (SK 0804 2458, WS15 3BP)
Parking:	There is limited free parking on and off road in the Market Place
OS Maps:	Explorer sheet 244: Cannock Chase and Chasewater Landranger sheet 128: Derby and Burton upon Trent
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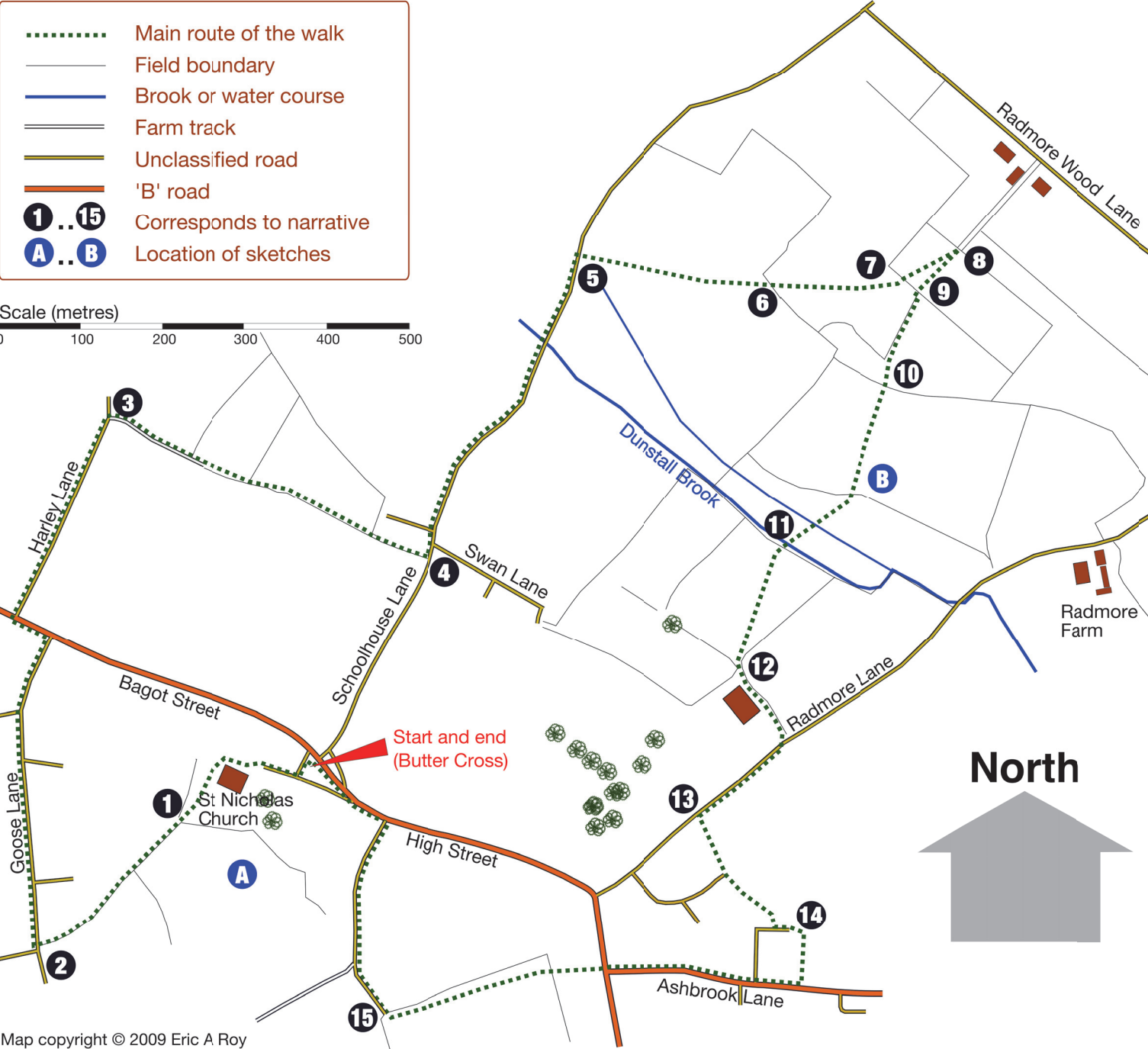
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Corresponds to narrative

Location of sketches



A

St Nicholas Church



B

View from Radmore Wood



Walk 3 start...

From the Butter Cross walk down the slope in front of The Goat, turn right and go ahead through the lych-gate into the churchyard.



Follow the path to the right of the church, noticing the Catholic Church on your right, and go round the end of the



Enter the churchyard via the lych gate

church and down the slope to the kissing gate at the far side of the churchyard and behind a bungalow (1).



Narrow Lane looking towards Goose Lane

Continue along to the end of the tarmac path to the metal pedestrian barrier at Goose Lane where you turn right (2). At Bagot Street turn left and, after 50m, turn right along Harley Lane.

The lane originally led to the Harley Open Field which was enclosed before 1799. It was used as a wartime airfield, later became a storage depot and the buildings are now used as part of a poultry farm.



Turn right off Harley Lane onto a wide track

Just before the top of the hill turn right along a wide track (3) which runs behind the houses and walk to the end. Go through the kissing gate by the entrance to The Gables and, keeping to the right hand side of the fields, follow the path which will lead you behind the houses



Path behind houses to Schoolhouse Lane

to Schoolhouse Lane where you turn left (4). Walk straight ahead and down a steep hill. As you cross Dunstal Brook, a short distance down the lane, look to the right across the sloping field ahead of you to notice a stile in the hedge a few yards along from the corner of the next field and just before two trees.

(If it is very muddy you may prefer to miss out the sloping field after Dunstal Brook and continue for about 600m along Schoolhouse Lane to Radmore Wood Lane where you turn right and right again after 300m by the first barn to walk along the wide track to the stile by the metal gate.)



View across sloping field from stile by metal gate

Go over the stile by a metal gate a little beyond the brook (5) and keep below an isolated tree in the sloping field to find the stile in the hedge. (6) From here aim diagonally across the field, keeping to the right of a tree on the skyline, and make for the stile by a metal gate to the right of the field corner. (7) Continue across the next field towards the two barns to a stile beside another metal gate which is where you join the path to return to the village (8). In the spring you may like to walk the few yards along the wide track to view the display of daffodils in Radmore Wood Lane before turning back.



Stile where you turn back to return to village

Walk 3 continued...

From the stile at the end of the wide track you are now going to walk roughly south-west towards the village. Make for the stile 30m left of the one you previously came over **(9)**. Go over it and also the stile, immediately to the left, beside a water trough.



Follow the hedge on your right

Follow the hedge on your right down towards the village, crossing the stile at the bottom of the field **(10)** and a second stile by an isolated tree.



Stile at the bottom of the field (10) with the isolated tree that marks the next stile visible in the middle distance



Slightly right to Cowboy Bridge

Continue, slightly right, across the next field to Cowboy Bridge **(11)**, and then go diagonally left to a kissing gate in the field corner **(12)**. Follow the hedge to the left into Radmore Lane, go right and, immediately after the first house, turn left through a kissing gate **(13)** and follow the path to a kissing gate in the corner behind a bungalow **(14)**.



Follow the path to a kissing gate

Go between the bungalow and the house, turn left at the pavement, go down the steps at the end of the cul-de-sac and follow the path to the Burton Road (Ashbrook Lane).

Turn right at the Burton Road and walk to the junction with Lichfield Road.



Take the school drive opposite the shop

Turn right and take the school tarmac drive directly opposite the shop and, where it bends right, go straight on, keeping to the right hand side of the playing field, to a stile by a pair of semi-detached houses **(15)**. Follow the track round to the right along Hallhill Lane, passing Hall Hill (now Manor House Farm) and the converted Congregational Chapel, to High Street where you go left to the Butter Cross.

The Congregational Chapel registers start in 1825 and while John Dagley Hale, who had a draper's shop in the Market Place, was minister the congregation increased. After his death in 1869 the Chapel led a precarious existence and finally closed in 1979.

Hall Hill is traditionally the site of the monks' house when Bromley was owned by the Abbot of Burton. Mary Queen of Scots is said to have stayed overnight at Manor House Farm on September 21st 1586 on her journey from Chartley to Fotheringhay Castle.