



FOOTPATH WALKS AROUND LONG ASHTON WITH A PUB HALFWAY

THE PRINCE'S MOTTO BARROW GURNEY

All the walks in this series are on tracks and paths across fields, and some are by streams, so be prepared for some mud and occasionally livestock. Several stiles, mainly in Barrow Gurney, need some attention.

The route starts and finishes at **The Little Tipple** at 50 **Weston Road**. The return route suggested varies from the outward route. The roads encountered are shown in bold type; hopefully residents will find a starting point near home. Residents living near **Perry Road** and **Kings Croft** can start from the railway bridge at the bottom of **Perry Road** just beyond house number 60.

Not all the paths in the area are rights of way. Some paths are 'Permissive' so please use them but do not abuse them. The local councils are trying to improve some paths and signs so changes may occur. Please help to keep the paths open by walking on them but please do not harm any person, animal or thing.

The walking time will depend upon your starting point and your speed. As a rough guide allow 1½ hours. To check **The Prince's Motto** for opening and meal times telephone 01275 472282. Use Ordnance Survey Map Explorer 154.

From **The Little Tipple** carefully cross the main road and continue ahead past the library. Go down the slope and at the end of **Lovelinch Gardens** turn left and then almost immediately right into **Bradville Gardens**. Then left in to **Fenshurst Gardens** and almost immediately right into **Paulman Gardens**. Go down the signed footpath but take care because it is also a cycle path.

Behind the house, turn left to cross the railway bridge. Almost immediately go up steps/slope on the right and along a fenced path to reach **Wild Country Lane** where you turn left. When the pavement ends go up the stony track; this rejoins the road later. After crossing the bypass, cross the road so as to face oncoming traffic as there is no pavement. In a few yards, on your right, is a farm gate and stile. After crossing this enter the field to the right of an enclosure and go diagonally across the field to a stile in the far top left corner. In the next field go left and then right to cross the stream by a farm gate. Keeping near the hedge and buildings on your left, go up this field to cross a stile in the top left hand corner on to a footpath behind a house (Whistlewind Cottage).

Cross the next stile and turn right. Keep to the right hand edge of two fields and, just before the power line post, cross the stile in the right hand hedge.

There have been changes here that are not yet recorded on the map.

Go straight downhill keeping near left hand hedge and, just past the house, (Lower Mill Farm) go through the gate to pass in front of the house. Use the driveway to reach **Barrow Street B3130**.

Take care because it is often very busy through the traffic control system and vehicles come in fast convoys from alternate directions.

Cross the road and turn left passing the post office (now closed) to the **Prince's Motto** pub.

For the return route retrace steps up the drive of Lower Mill Farm and then, from the gate passed earlier, cross the field going *diagonally up* to cross a stile in the top left corner. Continue ahead and, in the next large field, go across to its opposite corner.

If in any doubt, veer right rather than left; the route does not go down to the B3130.

Then cross the middle of a field to reach the left hand edge of Crossgrove Wood. Keep close to the edge of the wood, on your right, and cross a stile on your right. The path then runs between the wood and a hedgerow to a gap by a stile and gateway. Go straight across the field to go through a gap.

Here turn right for a few yards and, on reaching the track turn left into Redwood Farm, keeping to the left of a large blue-grey building. The former farm buildings are now occupied by various tenants as workshops. Then bear left to go between the house and workshops to reach a tarmac drive. At a bend in the drive (where a footpath crosses the drive) cross the stile in the right hand hedge.

If you should miss this, and end up at the end of the drive at the B3130, I recommend that you retrace your steps to where footpaths cross. The stile to cross will then be on your left.

The next stile to cross is alongside the stream. Then go under the bypass to a gate and then through a kissing gate into a large field. Keep alongside the stream and look for the bridge and gateway on the left. Here turn right to go across the field and through a wooden gate. You are now on part of the Village Circular Walk. Cross the field to another gate and then across the middle of the field to a gated footbridge. From here bear right to go to a hedge gap near the right hand hedge and continue ahead to reach a metal kissing gate on **Wild Country Lane**.

Cross to the opposite side and turn left. Just before the bridge over the railway turn right up steps to a path alongside the railway. At the bottom of the next flight of steps turn left to cross the railway bridge near **Paulman Gardens** and **Perry Road**. Then retrace your steps to the start.