

Thorney Lanes come into view. You can turn right and follow the edge of the field if it is cropped but the footpath aims diagonally across the field to the farm buildings to the right of the white house (Daisy Bank) in the middle distance and as you reach the hedgerow which comes into view on the right, follow it down, keeping it on your right to pass through a gate set back from the lane. Turn right up Thorney Lanes.

Go past Daisy Bank Farm on the left and in ¼ mile, at Three Lane Ends junction, go left over the stile opposite the farm. Head diagonally down the field to the oak tree in the hedge and the bottom left hand field corner. Cross the stile, ditch, and second stile then on to a gate in the corner of the field. Cross the earth bridge over the stream and into the next field.

With the hedge on the right, proceed up the field then, as you approach the second power line pole which is 20 yds. from the hedge, turn left across the field to where there once was a pond (now grassed over). Keep to the short length of hedge on the left and cross the four rail fence by the flight of steps in the corner. Ahead for a few yards to another stile, sleeper bridge and into the field beyond. Straight down this field aiming for the middle one of the three pylons directly ahead on the skyline to the field corner and a stile. Cross over two bridges at the junction of water courses which marks the boundary of Newborough and Abbots Bromley Parishes and enter the field.

The right of way turns left up the field side keeping to the edge of Blakes Plantation as far as the post and wire fence at the top of the field. Go through the fence and over a sleeper bridge. Maintaining direction, head across the field making for a point midway between two pylons and a waymarked post which marks the entrance into Harts Coppice. Climb the stile and follow the path through the woodland to another stile at the other end. Go up the side of the field you have just entered, under power lines to the field corner which can be boggy, go into the next field and follow the farm track leading across two fields via two equally boggy gateways. Farm livestock and dogs are about in this area and it is essential for dogs to be under close control on a lead. Take care to fasten all gates. Pass through the farm buildings of Harts Farm leading to a metalled track round to the left and to the junction with Radmore Lane and a 3 way finger post.

Turn left, pass by Park Farm 300 yds. ahead on the right. Carry on down the farm road passing under the power lines and then, when the track next turns right, go left at a finger post over a ditch and stiles into a field. A red brick farmhouse is on the skyline. Aim a little to the right of it and to a gap in the hedgerow trees ahead and cross the field to reach a double stile and steps going down a bank, cross straight over this field to the new foot bridge over Pur Brook. Cross the brook and back into Newborough Parish.

After the brook go diagonally left across the field, over the stile and follow the hedge on the left up to the field corner. Climb the stile into the next field, up and over the hill making for the further-most field corner which eventually comes into view. Over the stile and diagonally right across the field to the stile just left of an oak tree in a holly hedge leading on to Thorney Lanes.

Turn right here for ¾ mile past Holt Hall Farm on the right and further on to Craners Lodge on the left. Immediately past the house, go left over the stile next to the gate and into the field. Follow the hedge for 25 yds. then as it begins to curve to the left bear a little to the right across the field making for a solitary oak tree to the left of the woodland. At the field corner next to the oak tree, climb the stile next to the gate. Go diagonally right between the corner of Dunghill Plantation and the first of the line of 3 electricity power poles and continue forward on rising ground making for the field corner over the brow. Cross the stile to the left of a gate and follow the hedge around to the right with the spire of All Saints Church coming into view away on the left. At the field corner climb the stile and make for the top of the rise and the stile to cross over the B5234.

Here climb a stile to the left of a gate and keep the hedge on your left, as you walk down the field to a stile in the corner leading between houses. You emerge on to the road next to a converted house which used to be The Buffalo pub. Turn left into Yoxall Road to complete the 9 mile circuit back to the village square.

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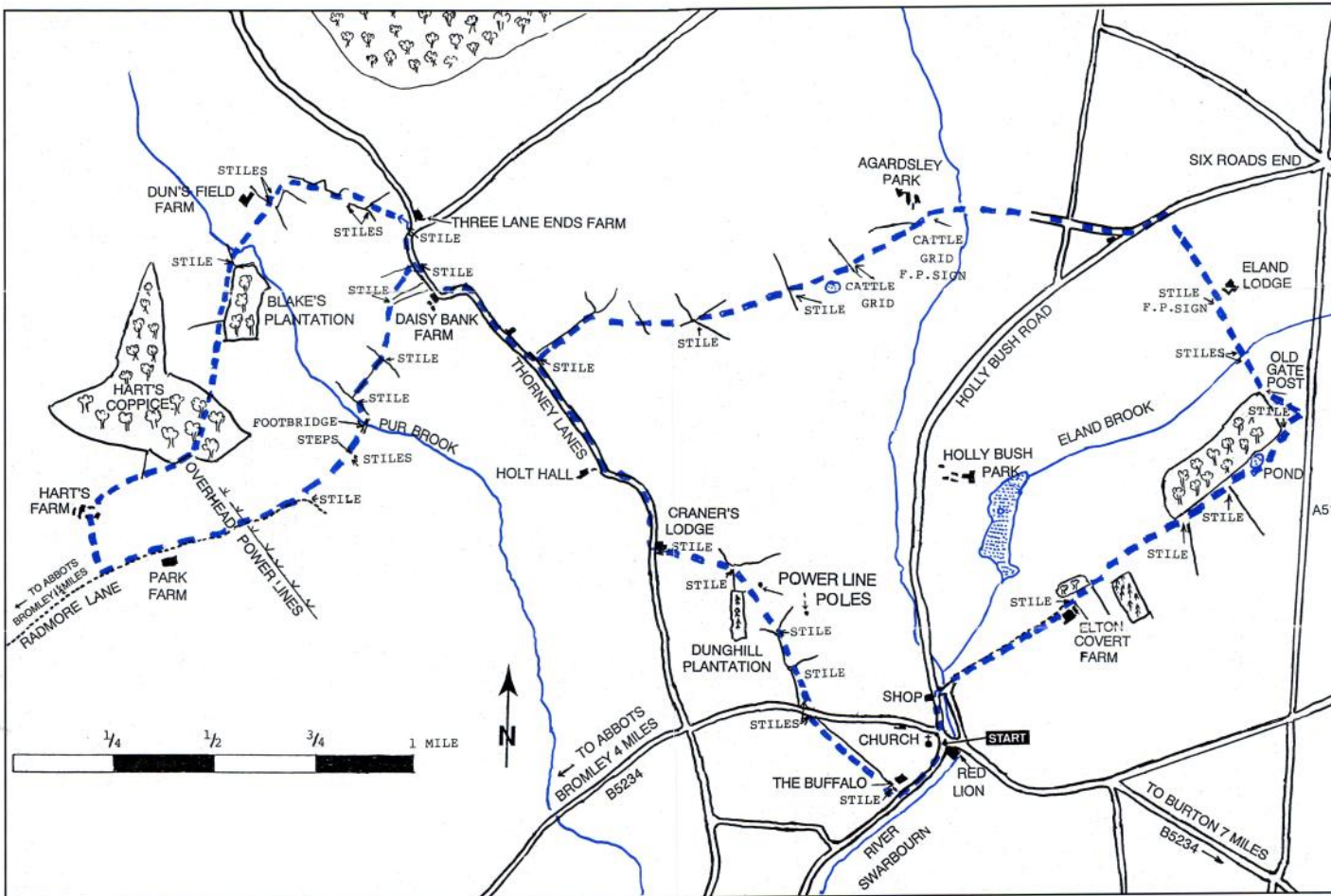


## OVER THE BORDER



A 9 mile circular walk  
linking the Parishes of Newborough  
and Abbots Bromley

**NEWBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**  
- WALK LEAFLET NO. 4



Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.  
 Take your litter home.  
 Help to keep all water clean. Protect wildlife, plants and trees. Take special care on country roads. Make no unnecessary noise.  
 Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work. Guard against all risk of fire. Fasten all gates.  
 Keep your dogs under close control. Keep to public paths across farmland.  
 Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls

**TAKE NOTHING BUT PHOTOGRAPHS. LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS.**

#### ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS FOR WALK 4

From the church in the village square, take care crossing over the busy B5234 Abbots Bromley to Burton road and go along Hollybush Road. Pass the shop and in 20 yds. take Elton Lane on the right, over the River Swarbour and turn left up the farm track with high hedges on either side to Elton Covert farm. Note the Duchy of Lancaster stone plaque set into the wall of the building, then climb the stile by the gate, from here you have a fine view to the left of Hollybush Park and its lake. The path is straight ahead for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile hugging the edge of Elton Covert. Easy level walking through five fields with footpath signposts and stiles along the way, the path deviates from a straight line just once when it passes round a seasonal pond. Just before the end of the woodland, cross over the fence using a stile on your left, then head half right through the trees until you reach a wide path. The A515 is to your right but you turn left along the wide path with a faint line of an ancient ditch along the left.

At a junction of paths bear right down the field keeping the remains of a hedge on your right, behind which is an old brick kiln which is now surrounded by horse jumps. Continue down in the direction of Eland Lodge, and just before the brook you may see on the right the brick base remains of an old windpump. At one time it pumped water from a spring to a reservoir situated above Eland Lodge and provided the farm with its water supply. Cross the brook and go up the hill to pass the entrance to Eland Lodge, continue to the brow of the hill and straight on to a stile by a gate leading on to Hollybush Road where you turn left.

Keep to the road for 150 yds. only, then fork right at two cottages, straight over a minor crossroads then ahead down a private road to Agardsley Park. Where the track turns right in front of the house, go left over a stile next to a cattle grid with a footpath sign. Other footpaths meet at this point but this route goes to the right, parallel to the field hedge and on the line of a tractor track across the field. Over another cattle grid into the next field with a dried-up pond just off to the left. The track becomes less distinct and curves right to a stile next to a gate. Over the stile and the footpath is straight ahead to the distant right hand field corner where hedgerows meet and a stile with a hand post. Climb the stile and in the centre of the field beyond there is a clump of trees surrounding a pond. Go forward, 50 yds left of the trees to a gap in the hedge. Cross into the next field where properties in