

## Beating the Portesham Parish Bounds - Walk Directions (? below denotes location of information sign)

- From the Parish Map on The Green opposite the King's Arms, go up New Rd, then left into Cemetery Road, at No 16 turn right up path, at top turn left on path to gate, left on track 200 mts, straight on through gate and field path to go through next gate. Walk past Withy Beds (1?) with pond on left.
- After 150 mts go through gate, then right steeply up hill, zig zag to top, turn left at signpost. Keeping fence on your right, follow path rising about 400 mts through gorse, to find metal footpath gate on right. Enjoy the views behind and contemplate the Moot Stone!(2?) ahead on skyline by road to Gorwell.
- Go through gate eastwards along path becoming a track and find Hampton Stone Circle (3?). Carry on down track past farm bldgs on left to road. Take care crossing to steps and gate on opposite side!!
- Slight left diagonally across field to double stiles in corner, on down path for 100 mts to cross stone stile on right with path leading up to Hell Stone (4?). Return to main path turn right and at bottom cross stile, through small thicket and look for first bridleway sign on left, go uphill with woodland on left and right. After 250 mts look for sign on right to Hardy Monument/South Dorset Ridgeway(5?).
- Go down steep sloping path to north of monument, to cross tarmac road and follow gravelled path down to car park below. Cross road again to path opposite and for next 3 kms follow signs for Bincombe with parish boundary alongside. Look out for Bronze Age barrows (6?) and shake holes (7?).
- Cross the recent electricity grid contractors' road, and walk between two barrows on right and then left. After 100 mts look carefully for footpath sign on gate on right just before two more barrows, go through, follow path going slight right through planted field to cross stile midway along wire fence, follow path round right side of small valley to stone wall on right. Follow path downhill as it becomes track to Friar Waddon, emerging onto road though Yull Farm.
- Cross road and take tarmac bridleway up hill opposite, following over brow, curving right, then left and for 1 km south over stream and track of Abbotsbury railway towards ridge with pylon on brow. Immediately after pylon turn right 90 degrees due west (no footpath sign) to cross

planted field just to right hand side of small copse by another pylon aiming for gap in field boundary ahead. Through gap and walk past ruined Corton Dairy (8?) on left.

- Carry on straight crossing planted field going slight left towards another gap in field boundary. Go straight on with fence on right to junction of tracks, then straight ahead over stile crossing field aiming for clump on brow. Just past clump find stile in fence on right, cross stile, going immediately left beside fence, then cross field still heading west along brow to gate, with East Shilvinghampton (9?) downhill on your right.
- Go half right down hill to stile on road at West Shilvinghampton. Cross road to go over another stile, continue through field with fence on right to gate due west. Carry straight on across fields and two stiles before reaching gate onto B3157. Take great care crossing to gate opposite, continuing over planted field in same westerly direction, aiming for right hand end of hedge on horizon, cross stile in wire fence to large stone at right hand end of hedge line. Straight on in same direction to stile by gorse clump, slight right down hill to right of telegraph pole and right of garden down to gate on road into Rodden.
- Turn left on road, then right at next road junction to bridleway sign on right after 50 mts. Go steeply uphill skirting to right of gorse clump on brow. Bear slight left past gorse and continue on track along ridge through two gates and at third gate take footpath down hill to right as it follows small gully to stile. Cross stile and follow path past bds of East Elworth and, keeping these to your left, follow path between fences to gate into field. Shortly find small gate in fence to your left, go through, turn immediately right and keeping hedge on your right proceed to gap in hedge straight ahead (10?). This is the site of a derelict stile. It is often very muddy (\*see note below), carry straight on through gap keeping hedge on right, to gate into path by caravan site.
- Follow path onto site access road, turn left along footpath by B3157 to centre of village and your start point.

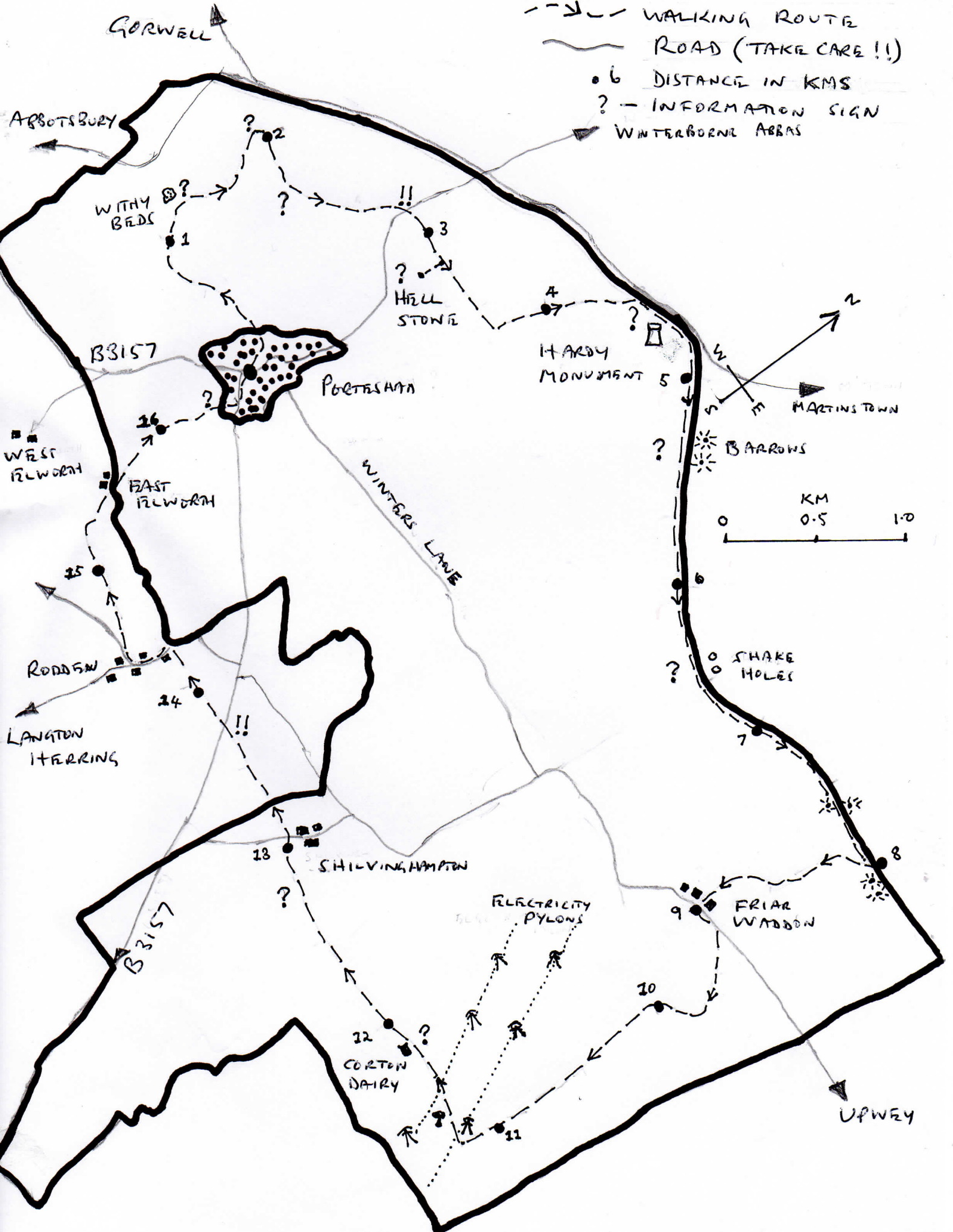
\* NOTE – the muddy gap can be avoided by turning left through E. Elsworth to W. Elsworth and then along minor road and B3157 to Portesham, but this is hazardous and is not recommended.

**“WELL DONE WALKERS!”**

# BEAT THE BOUNDS WALK.

## KEY

- PARISH BOUNDARY
- WALKING ROUTE
- ROAD (TAKE CARE !!)
- 6 DISTANCE IN KMS
- ? - INFORMATION SIGN



## Beating the Portesham Parish Bounds : Questions

1. The Withy Beds How might these withy beds have had a connection with The Fleet?.....
2. The Moot Stone What administrative area in Saxon times might the Moot Stone have been the centre of?.....
3. Hampton Stone Circle The Ministry of Public Building and Works sign gives an age for the circle. What is it?.....
4. The Hell Stone These stones were repositioned in 1866. What were they originally?.....
5. Hardy Monument What might Lord Nelson really have meant when he is thought to have said "Kiss me Hardy" as he lay dying at the battle of Trafalgar?.....
6. Bronze Age Barrows Why might you see a big depression in the top of a round barrow?.....
7. Shake Holes Are shake holes anything to do with the Earth shaking?.....
8. Corton Dairy How was the Corton area helpful to the country during the First World War?.....
9. Shilvinghampton This was once a much larger hamlet. Name another lost village or hamlet close to Portesham .....
10. Portesham When was Portesham's Charter granted to Orc?.....

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