

# FOOTPATH WALKS AROUND LONG ASHTON with a pub half-way **THE ANGEL INN** and/or **THE ASHTON** *formerly The Dovecote*

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. Much of the return route on this walk is on the Festival Way cycle path which means you have to share the space with cyclists.

The description starts and finishes at The LITTLE TIPPLE at **50 Weston Road**.

The roads encountered are shown in **bold type**; hopefully residents will find a starting point near home.

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.

Walking time will vary depending on your starting point and your speed. As a rough guide allow about an hour in each direction.

**To check Pubs for opening/meal times:**

**The Angel: 01275 392244**

**The Ashton: 01275 392245**

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From the Little Tipple do not cross the road but go along the **Weston Road** in the direction of the Coop and Post Office. Continue passing the ends of **Keedwell Hill, Brocks Lane** and **Providence Lane**. Just past the Alms-houses on your left, turn left up a signed path between the houses to reach **Ridgeway Road**.

Cross the road and go up **Highlands** (almost opposite). At the top, where the road bends left to join **Short Lane**, cross the road to go through a gate into the southern-most edge of the Long Ashton golf course. Turn right and stay on this path, near the backs of houses in **Heath Ridge** and later, **Folleigh Close**. Turn right to join a section of the Village Circular Walk into **Folleigh Lane**.

Then take the first turning on the left on a narrow lane towards The Coach House and turn right down the first gravel drive. Keep to the left of Fernhill House and then turn right down a fenced path to a kissing gate. In the field go downhill, aiming for the far left corner to go through a kissing gate into **Hobwell Lane**. This leads into the main **Long Ashton Road**, (near **Glebe Close**) where you turn left.

If visiting **THE ANGEL** cross the road when opposite **Church Lane** and the pub.

If visiting **THE ASHTON** do not cross the road, but continue ahead. With care, cross the **Clarken Coombe Road** and enter the grounds of Ashton Court by Church Lodge. Take the first path on your right so as to walk through the car park and out by the main car park entrance. The pub is a few yards to your left.

*NOTE If Ashton Court is CLOSED it means walking along the Long Ashton Road on a pavement, part of which is shared with cyclists.*

*There are now two cafés in the grounds. One is by the mansion; the other uphill near the car park for golfers.*

On leaving **The ASHTON** turn right and, where the road forks, use the traffic island to cross to the opposite side. Then go along the signed cycle path to reach **Yanley Lane** >> \*\*\*

On leaving **The ANGEL** turn left down **Church Lane** to enter the churchyard through the first gate and go down the path to the right of the church. Part way down you have a choice:

A If you turn right through a kissing gate into a field you join another section of the signed Village Circular Walk. This crosses the fields near the back of the farm and then by gardens of **Parsonage Road**. Later it veers left to a gate on to the Festival Way Cycle Path, where you turn right. OR

B Ignore the kissing gate and continue ahead to go through a metal kissing gate in the far right hand corner of the churchyard where a fenced path, with metal gates, leads down to the cycle path. Turn right over the cattle grid or go through the gate.

\*\*\* At **Yanley Lane** cross the road and continue on the cycle path by Northleaze School. At a sharp bend, near houses of (**Copford Lane**) continue ahead behind the gardens to reach a green. (**Gardeners Walk** is up to your right) Ignore the path to your left and stay on the cycle path for a short way before going left across a grassed area to a gate into the wood. The clear circular path here is The Dawson Walk and you have the option of going to the right by the stream; or take the left hand path, with railway track and stream on your left.

Both ways end near Birdwell School where the cycle path leads into **Lampton Road**. Take the first turning on the right into **Yeomeads** and either use the steps between Nos 30 & 31 or continue left into **Birdwell Road**. Both end in Weston Road, not far from the starting point.