

A Series of Short Walks

To Fillets Farm and back.

Distance approx. 1 - 1 ¾ miles (1.6 - 2.8 km) depending on route. Hard surface or grass.



From the Village Hall turn right and immediately right again on to Hunsdon RB 12 (*Back Lane*) and follow this until reaching Fillets Farm where you turn left on to Hunsdon RB 3 and walk through what was the farmyard. Whilst the land is still farmed the old barns have now been converted into offices and holiday lets. On reaching the brook going under the track you can turn left into the field and follow the grass path, Hunsdon FP 6 which is fully signed taking you back to the village and the start. If you wish to continue on the Hunsdon RB 3 carry on up the hill until it meets Stanstead Road (B180)

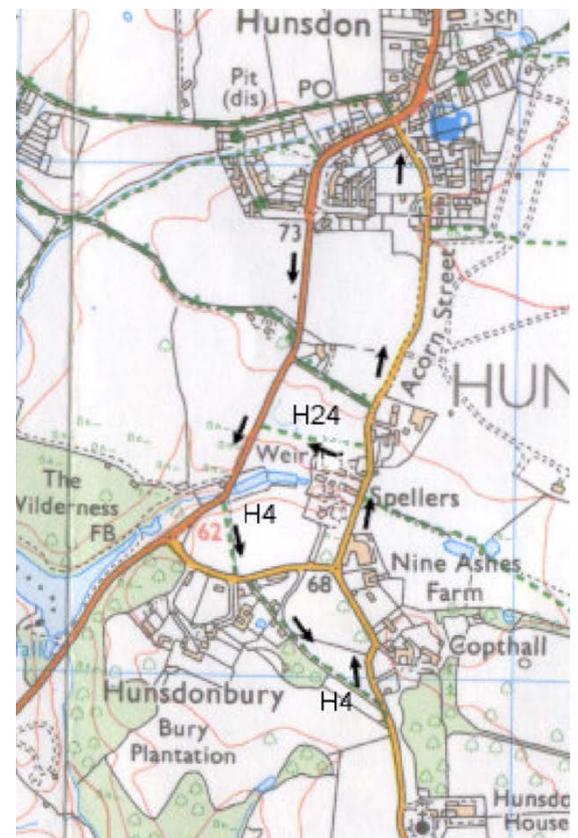
where again if you turn left along the road you can go back to the start. To continue the walk turn right for a short distance then cross the B180 and go on to Hunsdon RB 3a, an unmade road. This takes you to Acorn Street where by turning left along the footway beside the road you will come back to the village hall.

To Hunsdonbury and back.

Distance approx. 1 ¾ miles (2.8 km) Hard surface and grass.

Outside the Village Hall turn right and walk along the roadside footway, past Tanners Way until reaching the entrance to Fillets Farm, now signed as Oak Park with its offices and holiday lets. The footway ends here so walk along the roadside down the hill to a sharp bend at the bottom where on the left is a metal kissing gate marking the entrance to Hunsdon FP 4. The path goes unmarked across a grass field but follow a depression running to the far side, this being once the route of an old road to Hunsdonbury. Look in front for a gap in the hedge with a kissing gate and make for this bringing you on to the Hunsdonbury lane.

Turn left for a short distance and look across the road for a gap in the hedge to the rear of East Lodge.



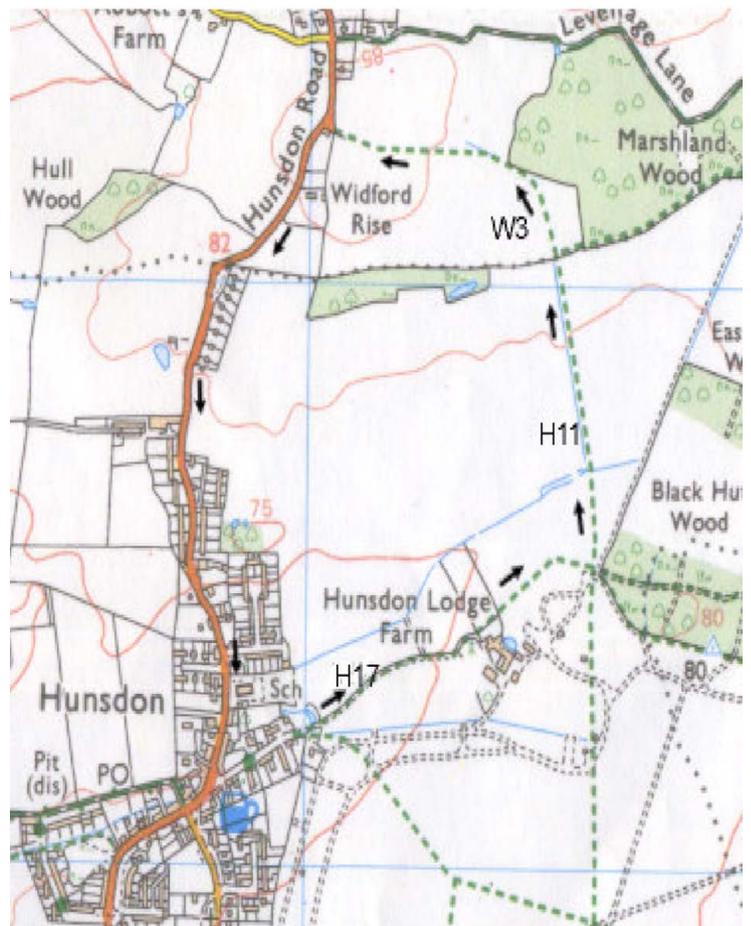
This leads to a long narrow path, still Hunsdon FP 4, opening out to fields and the front of Warren House. This is shown on the 1842 Tythe Map as Church Walk and was the route from what was then The Rectory at Hunsdonbury to St Dunstons Church. The original line of the path was recently diverted and continues across the front of Warren House between a newly hedged path to a gate. Go through this and continue forward with the hedge to your right finally coming to a kissing gate on Church Lane. Turn left here making your way back along Church Lane subsequently becoming Acorn Street, and back to the Village Hall. Please note the absence of a pavement here. If you wish to try a slight diversion on the way back look out for Walnut Tree House on the left in Acorn Street and a stile in the field fence. The path, Hunsdon FP 24, takes you across a paddock, over a further stile across a field to yet another stile on to Stanstead Road (B180). Be careful using this road as there is no pavement. Turn right onto the road and this will take you back to the Village Hall following the outward route.

Widford Rise and back

Distance approx. 2 miles (3.6 km) Involves some walking across cultivated fields and may be heavy going after wet weather.

From the Village Hall turn left, cross the road by the village pump and proceed down Drury Lane. At the end of the lane continue ahead through the kissing gate, past the pond and along the farm track (Hunsdon FP 17), until you reach a small copse on your right. This is the site of the original Hunsdon Lodge Farmhouse, with some barns dating from the 16th Century on the site of what was thought to be a royal hunting lodge in the time of Henry VIII.

From the copse the footpath continues ahead across the cultivated field. On reaching the waymark junction post just short of Black Hut Wood, turn sharp left (Hunsdon FP 11) across the field, over a small footbridge and continue along the right hand side of the hedge and ditch to the top of the field.



From here pass through the hedge over a small footbridge into Widford Parish, where the path becomes their No.3. Proceed ahead across the field to the corner of Marshland Wood bearing left, following the path until it reaches the B180. Turn left and make your way back along the road to the starting point in the village centre.

The Green Route - A walk without a map!

The walk is 3.2 miles or 5 Km and at medium walking pace takes about 1 hour. The middle part of the walk is across arable land, which in wet weather can be heavy going. Depending on the time of year the paths are not always well marked, in which case navigation is achieved by following the posts.

As a further initiative to promote use of the public footpath network around the village the parish council, working as part of the Parish Paths Partnership, has created a circular walk to the north east of the village which has been identified in situ by a series of green collars around the arrow discs on the waymark posts. There are some directional notes and map below but you don't need to take them with you as you just follow the arrows! The walk is signed so that it can be done either clockwise or anti clockwise but for the purpose of these notes the clockwise direction has been used.



Starting from the Village Hall Car Park turn right, past the Crown Public House and the village pump and proceed to the end of Drury Lane. Pass through the kissing gate, past the pond and straight ahead along the farm track, until you reach a small copse and some barns on your right, the site of the original Hunsdon Lodge Farmhouse. Past the copse the footpath continues ahead across the cultivated field. On reaching the waymark junction post just short of Black Hut Wood turn sharp left as denoted by the arrow and cross the field, over a small footbridge and continue along with the hedge and ditch on your left to the top of the field.

From here pass through the hedge over a small footbridge turn immediately right and with the hedge on your right until a further footbridge takes the path back through the hedge again. Turn left and follow the path along the length of the edge of Marshland Wood where a bench has been placed for you to pause and take in the view, then a short stretch into open country again, until reaching the corner of Lawns Wood.

At this point turn right following the edge of the wood on your left. At the waymark post at the corner of the wood continue straight ahead across the cultivated field until reaching a bridleway. Turn right here and at the end of the hedge you will find a bench just behind the end of the hedge.

At the post near the bench bear left across cultivated land before turning sharply to the left at the next post. You are now on what used to be part of Cock Robin Lane some of which still exists in its original form further to the south. On reaching the next waymark post turn right, still on cultivated land, then passing part of Black Hut Wood on your left thence across the concrete track bearing left and right through the middle of the remainder of the wood. On emerging from the wood go ahead to the junction waymark post in the field where you started the circular part of the walk and continue ahead to take you back to the village over the outward route. A further bench is placed at the corner of the wood should you wish to pause before completing your walk

As described in the notes, several parts of the walk are across cultivated land and can be heavy going in the winter or after heavy rain so stout footwear is recommended at these times.

Bench sites denoted by red dots. Prefixes to path numbers :- H - Hunsdon, W - Widford, E - Eastwick & Gilston