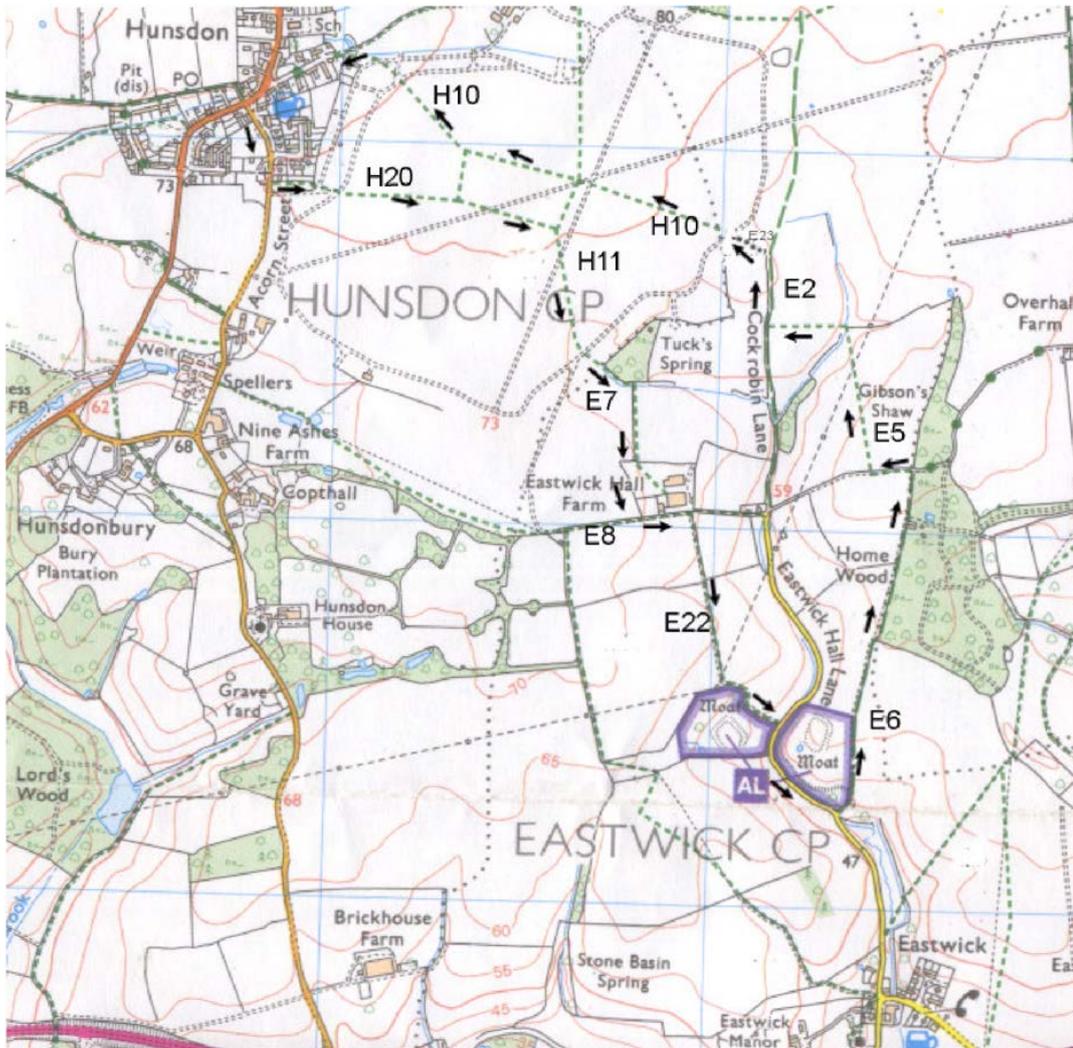


Towards Eastwick, with a glimpse into the past.

The walk is approx 4 miles (just under 7 km) and at a normal walking pace should take about 90 minutes. Some of the cross field paths on the old airfield may not be easy to walk in the autumn and winter due to the wet ground conditions. Walkers are reminded that there are both agricultural and commercial tenants on this land and care must be taken to ensure that there is no disturbance to their activities. You should also be aware of the use of heavy machinery using the roadways and of low flying aircraft using the microlight airstrips.



From the Village Hall, cross over the road and proceed south along Acorn Street, passing Wicklands Road on your left and a short distance beyond, opposite The Old Rectory, turn left at the footpath sign and follow the path (Hunsdon FP 20) through Hempstalls Close to a kissing gate. From here go forward right using part of the old airfield roadway to a waymark sign at the edge of the cultivated field. Follow the path

across the field and over a further section of roadway until reaching a waymark post junction with Hunsdon FP 11. Bear right and over a further two sections of roadway until reaching the corner of a small wood, Tuck's Spring, which is also the boundary with Eastwick & Gilston Parish.

The path, with the wood to your left, now Eastwick FP 7, continues to the far corner where the path turns left through a hedge. On emerging turn right and follow the hedge on your right along the field edge. At the top of the field continue into the wood and at the waymark post you cannot go forward due to a fence so turn right to follow the "permissive" path then bear left through the young tree plantation with the hedge of Eastwick Hall Farm on your left. The path terminates at a stile on the farm track, Eastwick FP 8. Climb over the stile and turn left down the track to a footpath sign opposite the farm barns directing you to the right, Eastwick FP 22. Follow this along

the field edge with a hedge to your left until reaching the electricity pylon at the far corner of the field. Turn to the left with a small wood on your right following the field edge emerging on to Eastwick Hall Lane where a right turn is made along the lane.

This is the point where a glimpse into the past is possible. On either side of the road is a Scheduled Ancient Monument in the form of a moat thought to be connected with the old Eastwick Hall. Signs denote these with a brief history, a map showing their position and public access points. The first is found on the right shortly after joining the lane and the other slightly further down the lane on the right, with a further access point to it from Eastwick BR 6, which you will come to shortly. The sites are themselves not public rights of way as such but are open to the public from the points noted above.

(If you are making your walk at the right time of day you may like to make a further deviation by continuing a short distance further down the lane to Eastwick for refreshment at The Lion Public House.)

Going back to the walk, after joining Eastwick Hall Lane, carry on for two to three hundred yards and look for a footpath sign on your left and turn off here on to Eastwick BR 6. This climbs away from the road, past one of the S.A.Ms where you can gain access from the path, then following the edge of Home Wood to your right, past a cottage, until meeting a track at a T-junction. Turn left and the track becomes Eastwick FP 5. A short distance along the track at the waymark sign turn right across the cultivated field, the path taking you to the bottom corner. Here turn left through a hedge, again crossing a cultivated field and subsequently joining Cockrobin Lane (Eastwick BR 2). Turn right along the lane until it emerges from the hedges on either side and at the waymark sign turn forward left across cultivated land (Eastwick FP 23). Cross the old airfield roadway and the parish boundary back into Hunsdon, the path now becoming Hunsdon FP 10. Carry on in a straight line across two further portions of roadway and Hunsdon FP 11 until reaching a waymark junction post. Turn to the right and follow this to a further section of roadway past the waymark post and then go through the kissing gate in the hedge past the pill box on your right across the entrance to Amiens Close, into Drury Lane taking you back to the Village Hall.