Route directions

The walk starts & finishes at The George in Newnham but as a circular walk it can be joined at any point on the route.

- a few steps passing two cottages to a footpath on the LEFT. Take this narrow path which emerges into a field and going quite steeply up the hill. At the top past the 5 bar gate to go through a gate onto a lane and turn RIGHT. Continue past Champion Court to a footpath signposted to the LEFT, just before a cottage. Take the path round the cottage to a drive and turn LEFT. At the end of the drive turn RIGHT onto a lane.
- 2. Follow this lane for approximately 3/4 mile (1.2k), over the motorway bridge to a junction and turn LEFT. After about 100yds (90m) turn RIGHT up the lane. Follow this lane, passing Stuppington Cottages on the LEFT to where the lane bends hard RIGHT. There is a footpath on this bend, going LEFT into an orchard. The next 1/2mile (800m) of the route is not easy to follow through the orchard and field beyond.
- The route takes a line through the trees which is not direct but zigzags diagonally through the orchard to the far side where it meets the corner by a wide opening into another field through a tree line. Do not go through the wide opening into the next field but look for a gap in the corner of the tree line. This gap is not obvious but it leads into an open field on the other side. This field had been ploughed at the time of walking and the diagonal path across it was not evident on the ground but is clearly marked on the map. In any case, aim for the far corner of the field and a group of buildings seen diagonally across the field. This is LOYTERTON. At the corner there is a sign post through the trees into the private gardens of LOYTERTON. Walk past the main house, keeping it to the RIGHT, to the corner of a hedge where there is a yellow arrow on a telegraph pole, pointing through the hedge and into the field beyond. Go diagonally across the field aiming for the gate onto the lane.
- 4. The route described in para'3 above can be avoided by continuing past the footpath on the bend, along the NORTON ROAD for approximately 500yds (480m) to another footpath on the LEFT. This path goes directly toward LOYTERTON and meets the lane at the same point as described at the end of para' 3 above.

- 5. Turn RIGHT onto the lane where at the far side of LOYTERTON BUNGALOWS meet a footpath on the LEFT. Take this and follow the hedge and fence line, through 3 gates to meet a slightly sunken lane. Turn LEFT and follow the lane to a junction and turn LEFT.
- 6. Walk up the lane for approximately 200yds (180m) to meet a footpath signed to the RIGHT. Go through the hedge and where the path splits, follow the path straight on between a hedgerow and fenceline, avoiding the kissing gate on the RIGHT. Follow this undulating path to a band of trees at the top of the rise where the path skirts round to the LEFT. Carry on, across a field to the trees ahead then follow them round to the RIGHT to meet the driveway to LYNSTEAD PARK. Cross the drive and follow the line of trees to the corner of the field to a kissing gate. Go through this gate and then go through the wooden gate immediately after.
- 7. Follow the path through the wood for a few steps and turn RIGHT onto a wider track. Follow this to cross an open grassy area heading straight ahead and to the RIGHT of very large weeping cedar (African Cedar) tree. Go through a stand of sweet chestnut trees and continue straight on to a footpath sign on a fencepost into a wood. Follow the track through the wood for a short way until arriving at a gate. Go through the gate and turn LEFT, following the hedge line to meet a lane.
- 8. Turn RIGHT and continue to the entrance of A R Neave & Son and turn LEFT, over the motorway bridge. Continue down the track and bear LEFT where it splits. Follow this track to where it turns to the RIGHT and then go straight ahead through Sharsted Wood ignoring all turnings to the left and right until meeting a wooden 5 bar gate just beyond where the track bears RIGHT. Follow this now grassy path until it meets another gate. Go through this to meet a wider track and turn LEFT. Sharsted Court is immediately ahead.
- 9. At the end of the track turn RIGHT in front of the iron gates of Sharsted Court and follow the path parallel to the perimeter brick wall to where it meets a lane. Take the RIGHTHAND fork which soon goes steeply downhill to meet the road in NEWNHAM.
- Turn LEFT and follow The Street back to The George.

Orchards, woods & parkland walk around

A circular 51/2 mile (8.8K) walk from Newnham





