

Village Links In Action

A Series of Walks through Nether Stowey and Neighbouring Villages

Nether Stowey and Fiddington

15. Keeping the same direction continue with the hedge on your right to the end of the field and go through the gap in the hedge.
16. At the bottom of this field turn to the left on a well worn path and after 50 yards cross the hedge by the stile and head towards Nether Stowey Church. If there is a standing crop in the field follow the headland which takes you round by the farm buildings.
17. Cross the stile onto the farm road alongside the church until you come to the main A39. Cross the road again taking extreme care.
18. Follow the road into the village, go up St Mary Street to the Cross and take the left fork into Castle Street back to the car park.

NOTE. You can shorten this walk, leaving out Fiddington Church by taking the waymarked track to your left in Whitnell, shortly after Point 8. Follow this track which curves round to the right and runs slightly uphill until it comes out at the wide gateway at Point 12.

The details of this walk were correct at the time of publication but may be subject to minor changes particularly when walking over open ground or farmland. If you do have any problems or feel the directions could be clearer, please contact:-

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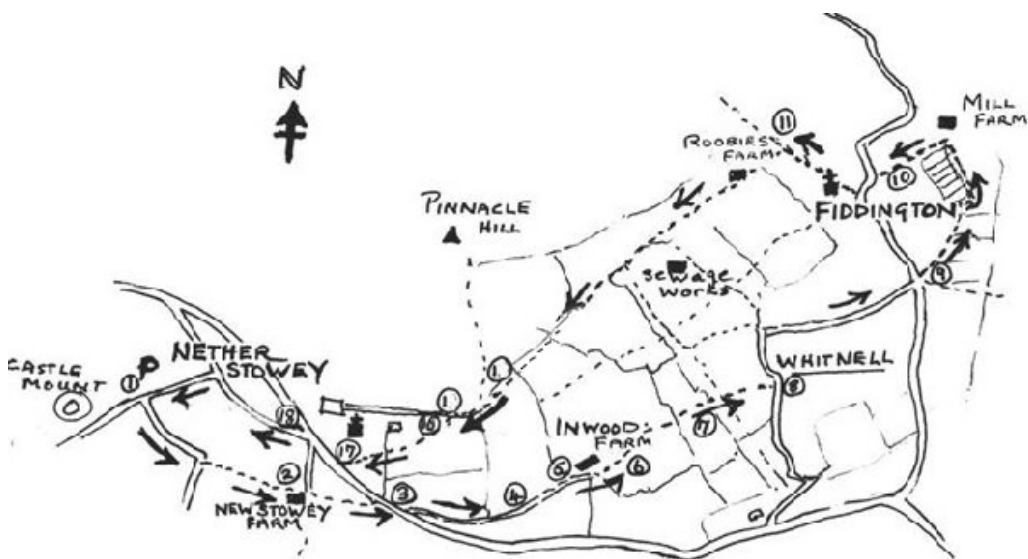
Fiddington Church

Length: 4.5 Miles or 7.4 kms

Time: Two and a half hours

Start: Nether Stowey village car park Grid Reference
ST 191396

Map: OS Explorer 140—Quantock Hills and Bridgwater



Most of this walk is across farmland, so please abide by the Countryside Code

- *Be safe—plan ahead and follow any signs*
- *Leave gates and property as you find them*
- *Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home*
- *Keep dogs under close control*
- *Consider other people*

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1. Go right out of car park and then first left into South Lane Continue to sharp right-hand bend and take footpath on left at back of houses and follow to New Stowey Farm.
2. At New Stowey Farm turn right on to metalled track (old A 39) and continue to allotments on left. Go up wooden steps to verge of A39.
3. Cross main A39 road taking great care as traffic can be moving very fast at this point.
4. Walk to the right on the verge to the finger post. Follow this footpath and cross low wooden fence (no stile at time of writing) then follow track to to 'Inwood Workshop' on the left.

5. Turn left down Inwood Lane on the concrete road leading to Inwood Farm.
6. At end of road, with Inwood farm on left, enter large field and walk directly across field to stile in opposite hedge. If standing crop in field, bear left and follow headland round bottom of field and up to stile about half way up far side.
7. Cross this stile then head towards the right of the barns of Whitnell Farm. Go over stile about 50 yards from field corner and down steps to Whitnell Lane. **Beware** steps are shallow and steep and could be greasy in wet weather.
8. Turn left in Whitnell Lane and continue down the hill and turn right on to the relatively straight section of Whitnell Lane.
9. At end of Whitnell Lane cross road, go left, then right up beside house and over waymarked stile. Continue onto new road into Mill Farm to centre of the site. Follow Private Road signposted 'Doggy Walk to Fiddington' . Go out through metal gate onto main road, bear left and go right towards Village Hall and on to Fiddington church.
10. Go through church gate and keeping to the left, leave the churchyard by the exit in the back corner. Follow well worn path across corner of field and keeping the hedge on your left continue until you meet the hard road. *Note: There is a sheela-na-gig in the external south wall of St Martin's, Fiddington. A sheela-na-gig is a stone carving of a naked woman (with exaggerated genitalia) usually found on religious buildings from the Romanesque period. It is believed to be a survivor of the Celtic pagan beliefs incorporated into new Christian churches, probably associated with fertility.*
11. Turn left and continue on this track through Roobies Farm heading towards Nether Stowey.
12. Continue on this track in the same direction until you come to a wide gateway on your left. To your right is a waymarked stile taking you to the right of another hedge. Cross this and continue on down the hedgeline, passing under a pylon, until you come to another waymarked stile on your left.
13. Cross this stile and continue on down now with the hedge on your right.
14. Cross the bridge over the ditch at the end of the field