



# WALKS IN LONGDON PARISH

## 8. HORSE PADDOCKS

Here your route meets another footpath, climb the stile and turn right onto this footpath crossing two further fields and horse paddocks. (note race horses are loose keep dogs on a leash) Leave the field, cross the track and continue up an incline between parallel fences. Cross the stile and continue on keeping the fence on the right.



## 9. BARDY LANE

At the farm gate on top of the hill exit onto the narrow Bardy Lane. Turn left down the hill. This area is known as Red Hill.

## 10. WHITE COTTAGE

Part way down the hill on the right enter the driveway of White Cottage and locate the stile behind and to the left of the garage and house. Follow this footpath climbing a further stile. Continue through two gates keeping the fence on the right until it emerges between houses on Lower Way, turn left.



## 11. GUNPOWDER COTTAGE

Continue for a short distance then at Gunpowder Cottage turn right and walk up Shavers Lane. At the top, where there is a welcome seat, take in the view, turn right returning to your starting point.



### REMEMBER THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

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

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Chetwynd Arms • Dark Lane • Batesway • Brereton Hill Lane • Racing Stables • Red Hill • Lower Way • Shavers Lane

### WALK DISTANCE:

2.75 miles (4.5 km) • Time 1 ½ hours

This walk encircles the hamlet of Upper Longdon using a mixture of minor metalled roads, an old coach road and footpaths across undulating farmland and woodland, via a number of horse paddocks.

Parts of this walk can be muddy at times especially in winter and after rain. It can be halved in length if required.



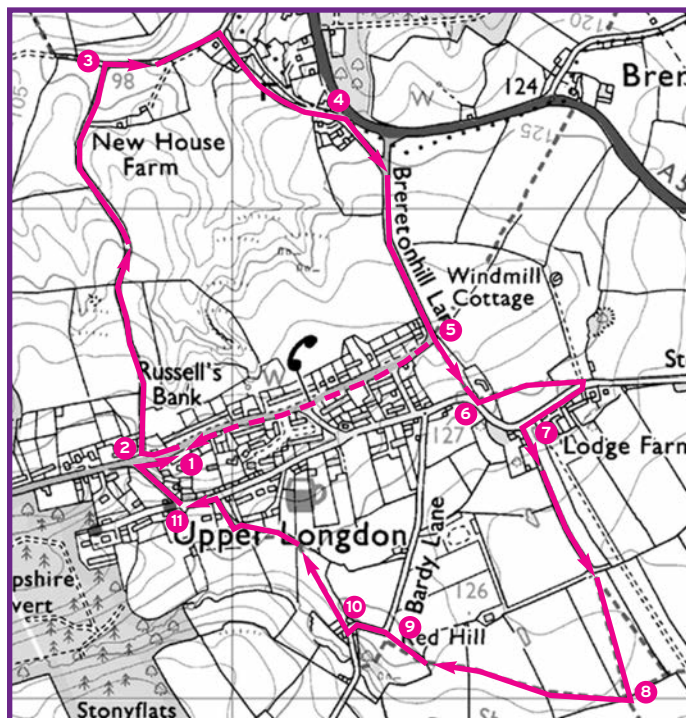
### 1. STARTING AT THE CHETWYND ARMS

Starting at the Chetwynd Arms public house at Upper Longdon (where parking may be available by permission of the landlord) and with the PH behind you walk to the left along Upper Way for about 100 metres, Note the interesting black and white cottages on the left with their carved eaves. On the right is a house called Sunny Corner, just past the house turn right down the track known as Dark Lane.



### 2. OLD COACHING ROUTE

This used to be a coaching route Lichfield to Stafford and beyond to Chester. It is still classified as a "Byway Open to all Traffic" and may be driven! Follow the track down until meeting a gravel track at entrance to Foley Farm.



### 3. NEW HOUSE FARM

Turn right past New House Farm, the cream house on the hill and turn right again up the narrow metalled lane known as Batesway.

### 4. BRERETON HILL

At the top behind the car sales business bear right along Brereton Hill Lane past four houses. Continue along Brereton Hill Lane taking care of the traffic.

### 5. THE WINDMILL TOWER

Where the lane turns sharp right cross the road, (The walk may be shortened at this point by continuing straight ahead along Upper Way to the start) locate the kissing gate (not the stile) pass through a second kissing gate and walk straight ahead with the fence and hedge on the left down the small field. Note the Windmill Tower to your left, currently being restored.



### 6. THE KENNELS

Emerging through the gate turn left up the driveway of The Kennels (this is a right of way). Pass on the right hand side of the Garage and climb the stile into the field. Cross the field to the gate into the small copse. In spring and summer this is a glorious wild flower meadow. The seat can be most welcome. Pass through the kissing gate and emerge onto Stockings Lane (Note the small pond on the right) opposite Mill Bank Farm. Cross the road (take care as traffic can be fast, too fast) and turn right past Hollinshead racing stables. You may hear the farrier at work at his forge.

### 7. CATMEADOW LANE

Locate the stile on the left just before the bend and Longdon Lodge, walk down the track known as Catmeadow Lane. At the bottom where the lane turns both sharp right and left continue ahead through the kissing gate into the



field, follow the footpath diagonally to the right across the field in the general direction of the wooden stable. Locate the stile in the fence and continue diagonally across the field to a further stile.