

THE PIG-at Bridge Place - Walk 2

Hops and Railway Circular Walk

Approx. 3.2 miles (90 minutes)



This walk takes you to Bishopsbourne with its pretty church and restored railway station. On the way back you pass old Hop Kilns and a no-longer farmed Hop field. The walk is flat and generally dry.

As you exit the main gate of the hotel, turn left by a large pine tree and take path through woods parallel to the road. When the path comes out onto the road, cross over to the footpath sign.

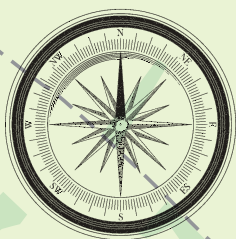
In the field take the right-hand path keeping the road to your right. Stay on this path until you reach a kissing gate. Walk through and after 10 metres take a left-hand path through wooded area to road. Turn left and follow road for 200 metres, passing Bourne Park, to footpath sign on right. Enter through the kissing gate and bear left to fence corner. Head past large round concrete drain cover on left and walk towards the white house in the distance, with one gate and two footbridges on the way.

Go through wooden gate to left of church wall. After exiting churchyard your walk turns right at the cross and goes up the hill. (You can do a short detour at the cross - either left to Bridge which will bring you to a tea-room or straight on towards Kingston will bring you to a pub)

Carrying on up the hill you come to a bridge over the dismantled railway line. Looking to the right you will see the old railway station now a private home.

Continue along the Crows Camp Road past open fields. On the bend, take road to Lenhall Farm. On reaching the farm yard you can see the old hop kiln built in 1912 which was used for drying hops. At the large silos turn right back over the railway and pass to side of large gate with footpath sign. Follow farm track walking past large derelict hop fields. Bear right after Hint Cottage. Be careful not to miss, after 150 metres, a stile in hedge on left. Then walk diagonally across field. Walk through gate and follow hedge/wall past THE PIG.

Carry on over two wooden footbridges to join road. Turn right and carry on to the High Street. Turn right and then right again after church into Bourne Park Road. Retrace your steps back to the hotel.



Bridge

Higham Park

Hint Cottage

Bourne Park

Bourne Park Road
Elham Valley Way

Lenhall Farm

Tadpole Tearoom

St Mary's Church

Bishopsbourne

Mermaid-Inn

Old Bishopsbourne Station

Charlton Park

