

proceed back to start point and car park area bungalow emerging onto Hall Lane and turn right to River Fynn. Take narrow pathway along side down through a meadow to a footbridge over the telegraph pole on top of steep bank which leads cross into meadow over wooden stile by a At field junction turn right into next field to quickly

headland keeping hedge on right hand side. across open field to hedge line and follow field immediately after Low Farm House. Proceed Lane for a short distance before turning right into wooden 5 bar gates. Turn left onto Cockfield Hall Farm crossing stiles at respective metal and open field towards Cockfield Hall Lane and Low hedge and after small dog leg proceed across At end of the tree lined track turn left through gap in

mark todays Parish and District Council of the Claydon and Carleford Hundreds that still follows a very old route along the Saxon boundary pylons in the distance. This stretch of the walk approx 1.2 Km heading towards the electricity track known as Green Lane for some distance newly planted woodland area. Follow tree lined Turn left onto path signposted Bridleway leading to

right hand bend on the roadway. the right hand side. Proceed along road until sharp woodland of Witnesham Thicks which you pass on tarmac road and head on towards the ancient on sunken track which eventually emerges onto a Turn left and stay on path up Strawberry Hill, initially

hedgerow to path T Junction. Cross over the ford and follow track along left passing Witnesham Hall on your left hand side. Follow the path through to Church Lane and turn Cross the small stream alongside a wooden gate.

Hall Lane to Witnesham Hall. that define the old coach route from the grass when approaching the stream the meadow noting the raised banks in meadow area. Follow pathway on over metal kissing gate leading into a and proceed to end of lane to a small Turn Left out of car park onto Hall lane

Start Point: Free Car Park Hall Lane. Witnesham Southern Walk WALK 3 Approx 5 Km (3.25miles)

and back to the Community Car Park. during a period of severe drought. Cross the road cottages and houses on the Swilland High Road pond dug and pump erected to supply water to the Nacton who owned land here at the time and had a was built in 1897 by Mr Pretyman of Orwell Park The pump still exists here although not working it

on the path alongside Pump House. the school and Moon and Mushroom Public House eventually emerging onto the High Road opposite hedgerow following the path on towards the village Proceed on over a Sleeper Bridge through a gap in

around to the left of the field boundaries. keeping it on your right hand side following on and continue towards Swilland over the ditch hedgerow. Follow the hedge line crossing a stile metres before turning left across a stile in the dating from the 16th Century. Continue on for 25 present building formerly a manor house probably is also mentioned in the Domesday Book with the At Newton Hall turn left by a cart shed. Newton Hall

Newton Hall a popular Equestrian Centre. through gate and across the meadow towards and head towards a metal five bar gate. Proceed the left here leaving Burnt House Farm to the right Whitehouse Farm to a forked junction keeping to Carry on along the lane past the entrance to

Village Hall. Cross over the B1077 into Wash Lane. dating back to 1208 in its porch, and past the on past St Marys Church, which has a list of rectors Witnesham Hall and onto Church Lane. Continue Turn left and follow gravel track down towards over the Fynn and around to a path T junction. Follow along the headland on the sign posted track

Creek and the Deben Estuary. Henley and eventually merges into Martlesham Turn left at the River Fynn which has its source in around a muck hill on a stretch of concrete track. At a piped concrete bridge turn right and pass

footbridge to the end of the field. on your left hand side proceed on over a timber onto a sign posted headland path. With the ditch to the bottom of a slight incline before turning left Keeping the house on your left hand side carry on

from Witnesham Hall. mansion, by the Meadows family who moved there in1810, near to the site of a previous moated Berghersh Place formerly Berghersh House, built and turning left at Lodge House. Proceed on past right for a short distance before crossing the road proceed along the field edge to the B1077. Turn Turn left at the end of the school playing field and

the children of several local parishes. on the borders of Witnesham and Swilland to serve playing field edge. The School was built in 1930 Tence following it along the school

have once been a drovers Inn. 16th century and is thought to the Half Moon, dates from the Mushroom, formerly known as side. The Moon and Mushroom on the right hand passing the Moon and towards the school gate Turn left out of the car park

Take the path alongside the school

Mushroom Pub. Park by the Moon &

Start point: Witnesham School Community Car Swilland and Witnesham Walk WALK 2 Approx 6.5 Km (4 miles)

Dack to the start Car Park. Turn left onto the footpath alongside the B1077 and known as Finsford possibly a hamlet of Witnesham. part of the village which in Domesday times was years it was the chief drinking water supply for this has been in existence for over 600 years. For many Approach the War Memorial and village well which Follow the lane back towards the village centre.

onto the tarmac surfaced Hall Lane. across the meadows to a steel kissing gate and footbridge over the stream following the route entrance gates and after 150 metres cross the brick now so prominent. Turn left at the hall change when much of it was refronted with the red bigger mansion, but in 1842 it underwent great centuries. Prior to 1700's the Hall was a much The origins of the hall date from the 14th and 15th

Witnesham Hall which stands at the end of the existing school. Carry on along the lane towards when children were transferred to the site of the enlarged in 1872 and used until its closure in 1930 school opening as a National School in 1840, the stones set in the wall was once the village side. The village hall as can be seen from some of Village Hall and St Mary's Church on your left hand Cross the B1077 into Church Lane passing the

left again along Wash Lane back towards the

field section of

Affer a cross

to Burnt House Farm. Turn left down the drive and to join the drive along the hedge path, turn left

> around 1450. dating from the village ni agnibliud taablo ant to eno ed ot beveiled right hand side which is

Red House Farm on your and follow the field boundary keeping as a pub since 1766. Pass through a kissing gate which has been established on this particular site path alongside the rear wall of the Barley Mow B1077 before crossing the road to the start of the Turn left out of the car park and briefly along the

known cartoonist and former village resident. designed and unveiled by the late Carl Giles a well the agricultural nature of the area. The sign was which depicts three pigs behind a gate, reflecting The walk starts from the car park by the village sign

opposite Barley Mow. Start point: Village recreation ground car park Witnesham Central Circular Walk WALK 1 Approx 4 Km (2.5 miles)



# How to get there

By Bus (Monday - Saturdays)

A regular bus service runs from Ipswich. For general public transport information, route planning and other enquiries, call traveline on 0871 200 22 33 https://www.traveline.info

# By Road

Witnesham and Swilland is approx 6km (4miles) north of Ipswich on the B1077 and south of the A1120.

### **Parking**

There are several parking areas serving the village path network. Car parking is available at Witnesham Village Hall next to St Marys Church and also at the Community Car Park at Witnesham School beside the Moon and Mushroom Public House.

Car Parks are also situated at the South end of the village in Hall Lane and at the Recreation Ground opposite the Barley Mow.

### Refreshments

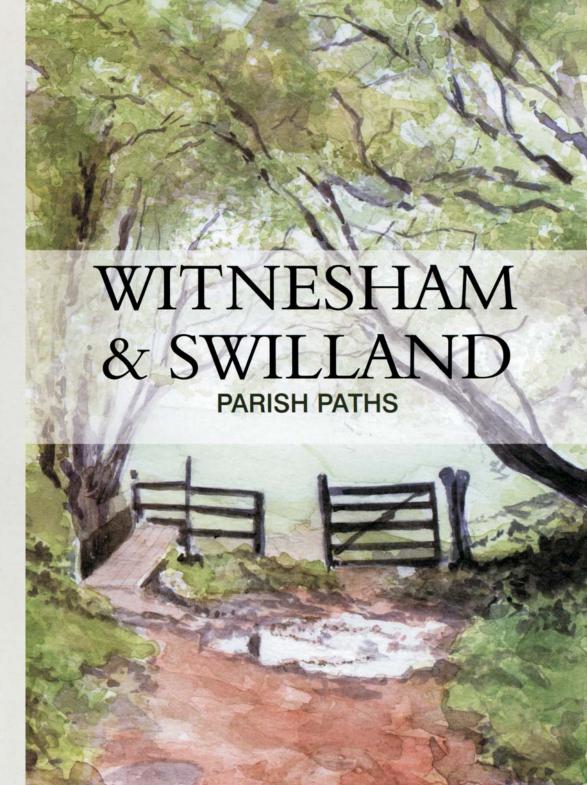
There are two Public Houses.

The Witnesham Barley Mow and the Swilland Moon and Mushroom.

#### **Country Code**

From a gentle stroll or relaxing picnic to a long-distance walk, the countryside provides every opportunity for enjoyment and relaxation.

- 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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