

Whitchurch – Hardwick Wander May 2019

Walk warning – part of the walk is along a not very used footpath which is a bit overgrown with weeds, so suitable footwear / clothing is advised.

Walk

Approx. 4 3/4 miles

Very approx., 1/3 walk is on fields or tracks at edge of fields; 1/3 concrete farm tracks; 1/3 roads.

Starts (& finishes) in car park of the
The Bell
Lower Road
Hardwick
HP22 4DZ

Directions

The Bell, Hardwick
HP22 4DZ
(left turn on A413 to Aylesbury)
13 miles, 23 mins

Stileometer

Reads 13 for this walk, but some are doubles.

Inclineometrics

Total of the 'ups' (not all in one go) is approx. 200ft.

There is only one 'significant' incline, approx. 100ft rise over a distance of approx. 1000ft. This can be mitigated by a longer walk around the edge of the field.

Dining arrangements

The Bell

www.thebellhardwick.co.uk

Looology

There should be access to the loos as pub opens at 10am.

Optional quiz

In Whitchurch

- 1 What creepy crawlers might live here?
- 2 Where might a judge live?
- 3 Where might Pat & his black & white cat live?
- 4 Who might deers worry about?

In Hardwick

- 5 Who is honest?

Walk directions

[If starting in Whitchurch at the White Swan]

Take footpath to left of White Swan pub.

Follow path round to the right

At road (Bushmead Road) turn left.

(NB, above leads to a path that is very overgrown, so instead, turn right out of pub carpark, then turn left into Bushmead Road, then continue as below.)

At edge of village cross road & follow footpath sign.

Follow path along edge of field, keeping hedge to left.

Continue across fields

In 5th field, near to corner, look for path that goes diagonally to the right, head towards a telegraph pole & gap in field hedge.

Go through gap in hedge and across field to wood.

Do not cross bridge but turn approx. 45° to the right, diagonally back across the field to the corner.

[NB, instead of crossing through the hedge, bear right and continue along field with hedge to left & you will come to the above corner, but this is not a public footpath.]

At corner of field join farm track & head towards church.

Continue along track until meet road in Hardwick.

Turn left (*NB map shows route going straight ahead at this point*).

Follow road & at roundabout cross over to the church.

Continue ahead through churchyard with church on left.

Turn right & leave churchyard down a walled path.

At road go straight across & follow path to left of green.

Continue down road & turn left at school. (*Now back on map*)

[If starting in Hardwick at the Bell]

Go past Bell pub.

Turn right at A413. Go past white house.

Cross road at stables. Go through wooden gate to side of farm gate.

Go diagonally across field.

Through gate & continue diagonally.

Go through gate & across track & cross into opposite field.

Go diagonally across field to left of brick shed.

Go through 2 gates & continue ahead through field.

Go across 2 stiles, keep hedge to left.

In corner of field cross 1st stile then take stile to the right.

Go diagonally across field to stile ½ way along field edge.

Across 3 stiles & diagonally up field into corner.

Through gate, alongside edge of house.

Join road & turn right, take left fork.

At junction turn right down Market Hill

Join A413 and turn right.

[Add-on for views across Aylesbury Vale (this bit is not shown on map):

Turn right at Kenches Lane (marked as a cul-de-sac)

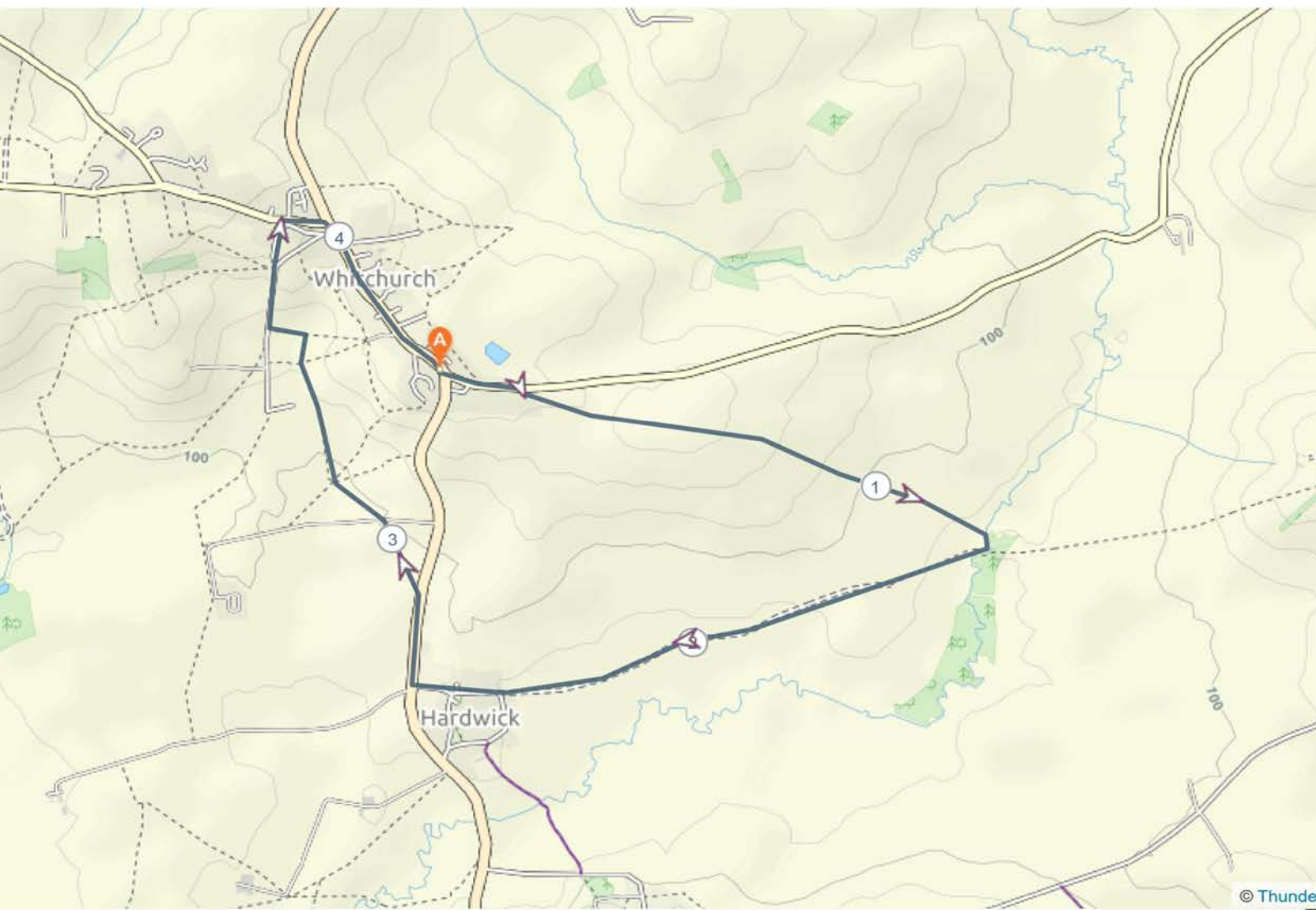
Turn left, path gate is to the left of the farm gate.

Follow path signs in a circle back to A413, cross road to pub on right.]

Walk back to White Swan pub.

[Continue with directions at the top if walk started in Hardwick]

Unnamed Route



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