





## Directions

**1.** The walk starts from the Jubilee Hall. Edward Bush gave the Jubilee Hall and 4 acres of land to the village in the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. The 'Limekiln Field' was added in 1938 by Edward's nephew and heir Graham Bush.

Walk up Greenhill road and turn into a bridleway on your left. Halfway across the field turn right and descend down a track to Wolfridge Ride, cross the road and continue up Wolfridge Lane into the Square.

**2.** In the square is a collection of houses and workshops mainly built in the mid 1800's on 'waste land', which formerly belonged to the Lord of the Manor. The two older houses at the end of the lane on your right were built in the 1930's on the 'drying ground' of the next-door laundry. Wolfridge Lane was mentioned in a Saxon Charter as a boundary between the Parishes of Olveston and Alveston.

On the left is 'The White Cottage' a former dressmaker's workroom, for the lady who lived in the cottage on the opposite side of the lane. The next two cottages on the left are the oldest ones in the square. A little further on is one of the remaining village pumps. Until 1930 this was a well and buckets of water had to be dipped.

Ivy Cottage at the bottom of the hill has a two storey stone workshop which was built by the Chambers family for shoemaking. Three generations of the family carried on the tradition although in later years as shoe making became industrialised, shoes were only mended and not made. Take a little time and look around the ancient heart of Alveston.

**3.** From the square walk into The Down, again an older street of Alveston.

The house on the right hand side of the road is now called 'The Old Smithy', one of the five originally in the village. This former blacksmith's shop was the home and workshop of the Clark family, now a private house.









Opposite The Grove, where The Street becomes Shellards Lane, is Alveston Old House. Owned by Henry King and his family of Bristol merchants from the mid 1700s. The house was rented in 1813 by John Leonard Knapp, who lived here until his death in 1845. He wrote a series of articles about Alveston and its natural history, published as 'Journal of a Naturalist', describing the views of the Severn and life in the area.

**8.** A short way up New Lane a footpath crosses the road, turn right onto a track with a hedge on your right and walk through the countryside. Ignore all side tracks go through several gates and head for the corner of the wood. Go through the kissing gate that takes you through the wood. Continue alongside the hedge where over to the left Tytherington quarry works can be seen. Through another gate and turn right into Dodsmoor Lane, an ancient track.

**9.** At the end of Dodsmoor Lane go through the gate, cross the road and turn left up the track to the field. Turn right and walk alongside the hedge on your right. Go through 3 kissing gates to the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> field and turn right through an old kissing gate to exit into Forty Acre Lane.

**10.** At the junction with the A38 cross over just opposite St. Helen's Church.

St. Helen's Church and School were built in 1885 to replace the old church at Rudgeway, which was in a dilapidated condition and considered to be too far away from the centre of the village. Mr Edward Bush and his brother Thomas paid two-thirds of its cost. A new primary school was also built on church land to replace the original at Rudgeway and opened in 1965. Proceed through the churchyard out into Greenhill Road and back to the Jubilee Hall.

