

Points of Interest: The following points of interest are listed in the order you will find them along the route.

Village Signs: Each of the Bedfordshire villages along the route has a special name sign bearing the 'Festival of Britain' logo. This was the county's contribution to promoting the 1951 event.

Shefford: Historic coaching town originally part of the manor of Campton and home of poet Robert Bloomfield. *Discover Shefford* walk leaflet is available from the Tourist Information Centre - 01767 682728.

X Numerous pubs and restaurants

WC Northbridge Street, Shefford

P Old Station Way

★ **Chicksands Priory:** Originally a Gilbertine Monastery and later home to the Osbourne family and Ministry of Defence. Open alternate Sundays, must book places in advance - 01525 860497.

★ **Hoo Mill Maze:** A hedge maze sure to provide many hours of family fun - 01462 813475.

🛒 The town has a wide range of shops ranging from newsagents and supermarkets through to curios and antiques.

Campton: Strong associations with the Osbourne family at Chicksands. The poet Robert Bloomfield is buried at All Saints Church.

X *The White Hart* 01462 812657

★ *All Saints Church*

Upper Gravenhurst: Small village with hilltop church.

X *The Green Dragon* 01462 711682

★ *St. Gile's Church*

Higham Gobion: Thought to have once been a market town of some importance, now a tiny hamlet with few dwellings.

★ *St. Margaret's Church*

Hexton: Picturesque village at the foot of the Chiltern Hills.

X *The Raven* 01582 881209

★ Unusual water pump, streetlight and road sign *Church of St. Faith*

🛒 Village shop and Post Office

Icknield Way: Claims to be the oldest road in Britain dating back to Neolithic times (4000-2000 BC) and runs along the chalk ridge that linked Norfolk to the downs of south central England. Starting at Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire this long distance walk now finishes in Knettishall, Suffolk.

Telegraph Hill: Named after the wooden telegraph station built here in 1808 to link Admiralty in London to Great Yarmouth. Look out for the deep ruts that climb the ridge, these were made by the carriages of the gentry attending the racecourse that once stood on the adjoining plateau.

Pirton: Medieval village centred around the Great Green and picturesque duckpond. Toot Hill is all that remains of the 12th century motte and bailey castle.

X *The Fox* 01462 711101

X *The Motte & Bailey* 01462 712641

🛒 Village shop and post office

Shillington: Outstanding hilltop church that can be seen for miles around. Sir John Betjeman referred to it as the 'Cathedral of the Chilterns'.

X *Musgrave Arms* 01462 711286

X *Noahs Arc* 01462 711611

X *The Crown* 01462 711667

★ *All Saints Church*

🛒 Village shop and post office

Stondon: The Stondon are made up of the two small villages of Lower and Upper Stondon.

★ **Stondon Transport Museum:** Collection of over 400 veteran and vintage cars dating from 1890's. 01462 850339

🛒 Village shop on Shillington Road

Meppershall: A village with a long High Street (1 mile) and some fine historic buildings. A 17th century Manor now sits atop the remains of the Motte and Bailey castle.

★ *St. Mary's Church*
Remains of *Meppershall Castle*

X *The Sugar Loaf* 01462 811579

🛒 Village shop on High Street



YOUR SAFETY

Cycle Safety:

For your safety when out cycling please observe the following:

- Always wear a cycle helmet
- Do not carry anything that may tangle in your chain or wheel
- Always obey traffic signs and laws
- Always look, listen and indicate before any manoeuvre
- Ride in single file
- Always lock your cycle before leaving it.

Sun Safety:

When out walking or cycling be sure to protect yourself and follow the Sun Safety Code.

- Cover up - with loose, cool clothing
- Seek Shade - especially during the hottest part of the day
- Use a sunscreen - SPF15 or higher on any exposed skin. Use it an hour before going out and reapply frequently. Take care not to burn!

THE Jubilee WAY

START
FINISH

Route Directions:

- With Shefford Parish church on your L, go SA along the High Street for approx 1/2 mile. Turn L along Campton Rd (Look for Blue cycling signs). Follow cycle path through the underpass.
- Cycle through the village of Campton, parish church on R, X White Hart pub on L. At TJ turn R (SP: Gravenhurst 1 1/2). Follow country lane towards Upper Gravenhurst. TA: Road climbs for 3/4 mile.
- Road declines into Upper Gravenhurst. X The Green Dragon on R. At TJ turn L (SP: Shillington 1 1/2). TA: Road climbs for 1/2 mile.
- At Bury End turn R on to Bury Rd (SP: Barton 5). At bend in road turn R on to Hanscombe End road in the direction of Lower Gravenhurst. (SP: Lower Gravenhurst 1/2 mile, Barton 4 miles) X Noahs Arc pub just around the corner. Continue to TJ, turn R. (SP: Higham Gobion 1, Barton 2 1/2)
- Continue on to Higham Gobion. TA: Road climbs for 1/2 mile. Parish church on R, view over Chilterns and Icknield Way on L. Turn L after church (SP: Hexton 1 1/2). TA: Downhill section.
- Continue along single track road into the village of Hexton.

Family Route:

To continue on the family cycle route take the following directions then rejoin the main route as indicated.

At TJ in Hexton turn L (SP: Circular Walk) X The Raven, turn R at TJ.

Cycle through Hexton, following the winding tarmac lane until cottage and folly. At this point the lane turns into track/bridlepath. TA: Track can be slippery following wet weather.

After 1/2 mile the track once again becomes a narrow lane. At the TJ turn L.

Follow country road toward Aspley End and Shillington. Route passes Shillington Manor and Pirton Grange. X The Musgrave Arms on L.

At TJ in Aspley End turn R (SP: Meppershall 2 3/4, Standon 3). At this point the family route rejoins the main directions. See point 11

At TJ in Hexton turn R. X The Raven. At the X-roads go SA (SP: Lilley). TA: Cyclists are strongly advised to dismount at the X-roads and walk across. Continue along country lane. TA: Long uphill section, some parts steep.

Full Circular Route:

At TJ in Hexton turn R. X The Raven. At the X-roads go SA (SP: Lilley). TA: Cyclists are strongly advised to dismount at the X-roads and walk across. Continue along country lane. TA: Long uphill section, some parts steep.



- Turn R and continue through Campton village. Turn R on to the cycle under pass and at the TJ turn R rejoining Amphill Road and the High Street into Shefford.
- At bend in road turn L (SP: Campton 1 1/4). Continue along country lane into Campton. TA: Steep downhill section.
- Continue past Upper Standon church and at the water tower continue straight ahead to Meppershall. At TJ in Meppershall turn R. (SP: Campton 1 1/2, Shefford 2 1/2) TA: Short steep hill as you approach Upper Standon.
- Turn L at the mini roundabout in Lower Standon. (SP: Upper Standon 1/2, Meppershall 2 1/2) X & X Straight at mini roundabout for the Standon Transport Museum (01462 850339)
- Continue along High Road into Shillington. X The Crown pub on L, village shop on R. Pass through Shillington towards Standon (SP: Standon 2, Herlow 4).
- At the TJ turn R (SP: Meppershall 2 3/4, Standon 3) FAMILY ROUTE REJOINS AT THIS POINT
- Continue along the country lane and down steep decline past Pirton Hall on the R.
- Follow track along edge of field then bear R TA: Long downhill section, beware of potholes and tree roots. Track rejoins road, go SA into Great Green. X Motte & Bailey pub on R. Follow Crabtree Lane and continue past the parish church. At TJ turn R. X The Fox pub SA, village shop on L. Follow the High Street past the duck pond and turn L at TJ onto Royal Oak Lane. Turn left onto West Lane (SP: Shillington 2 1/2) and then R at X-roads (SP: Shillington 2) and out of the village.
- At end of bridlepath turn R onto B655 then L back onto the Icknield Way. TA: Traffic warning for short section on B655.
- Road then declines and bends sharply to the R. At this point turn L into Treasures Grove Picnic Area. Follow the Icknield Way bridleway through farmland and woods. At Telegraph Hill the track splits into two. Take the L track to pass through woodland or R to pass over the top of Telegraph Hill. TA: Short steep uphill sections. Both tracks rejoin and continue following the Icknield Way. TA: Long downhill section, narrow in places. Please note the track is also used for walking and horse riding.

Key:	Abbreviations:
Church	TA Trail Alert
Village	L Turn Left
Hills	R Turn Right
Shop	TJ T-Junction
X Refreshment Stop	SA Straight Ahead
Star Point of Interest	X-Roads Crossroads
Dotted Line Full Route	SP Sign-posted
Dashed Line Family Route	1 Route Number