



# Points of Interest

## Potton

An ancient market town centred around an attractive Market Square, adorned by redbrick 18th century buildings. The Square is dominated by a neo-Georgian Clock House built in 1956, which now houses the library.

 Various inns & restaurants

 Brook End

 Dating from the 13th & 14th century is the brown cobbled Church of St Mary which stands on a small hill on the edge of the town

 There are various shops located on the Market Square and close by

## Gamlingay

An ancient village on the Beds/Cambs border. Unusual history in that it has been owned and administered by one Oxford college, Merton, and two Cambridge colleges, Downing and Clare, in almost continuous succession since 1599.


 Various inns

 Church of St Mary

 Village stores and newsagents

## Hatley St George

A small parish 2 miles east of Gamlingay. Hatley Park is some 300-acres in size.

 The Church of St George was built in 1352 and stands within Hatley Park


## East Hatley

A small parish that was once within the hundred of Armingford. The ancient Church of St Denis dates from 1200. It is in a state of disrepair and both the church and graveyard are now a wildlife sanctuary.

## Croyden


A small parish with a 14th century church and church yard which is the burial place of the Downing family, one of whom built Downing Street and another founded Downing College, Cambridge.

 Queen Adelaide PH

 Church of all Saints


## Guilden Morden


A parish and village on the River Cam on the Beds and Herts borders.


 Church of St Mary

## Steeple Morden

A long and narrow parish that stretches 6 miles from the River Cam to the boundaries of the Icknield Way. The area was originally dedicated to arable farming and fruit growing.

 The Wagon and Horses PH

 Church of St Peter and Paul and Wesleyan Methodist


 One stop shop at Protheros garage



## Wrestlingworth

A small parish within the hundred of Biggleswade.


 The Chequers PH

 Church of St Peter. Built of stone and cobbles, in the Early English style

 Village Shop

## Cockayne Hatley

A village with many literary connections. In the churchyard is the gravestone of the poet William Ernest Henley remembered for his 'Invictus'. It was Henley who suggested to J.M Barrie to name the sweetheart of Peter Pan – Wendy.

 St John the Baptist

## Safety Advice

### Your 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!
- **Fluids** – make sure you drink plenty of water



# The Shannon Trail

## Route Directions



**4** Continue SA along Church End through to end of village. Keep forward for approx 1 mile along open country lane.

**5** Turn right SP Hatley 1 mile. Narrow rolling road through fields. Over old railway bridge. Approach with caution.

**6** Turn L at end of road SP Hatley 1 mile. Continue SA, note open parkland at House at Hatley Park.

**7** SA through Hatley St George with the Church on your R.

**8** Continue SA through East Hatley. Easy terrain amidst wide open countryside. Pass Holbeins Farm and reservoir before reaching the top of Croyden Hill. Caution! 10% gradient.

PH Queen Adelaide 01223 208278

**9** At the T-junction turn L on B1042 (SP Wimpole/Barton). Caution! main road. Continue for approx 1/2 mile.

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**2** On approaching Gamlingay turn right into Honey Hill leading into Stocks Lane (SP Croyden 6, Hatley 3). Continue SA pass cemetery on R and on into the heart of village.

**3** At T junction turn R. Church of St Mary on R. PH The Wheatsheaf 01767 650679

**1** From the Market Square in Potton, go SA along King Street (B1040) direction Gamlingay. The initial stretch through Potton along the Gamlingay road can be busy, cycle with care.

START: POTTON DIRECTION: CLOCKWISE

**22** At the end of the Hatley Road bear left after the Church onto the B1040. Follow this straight back into Potton. Caution! on B1040.

**21** Continue SA direction Cockayne Hatley approx 1 1/2 mile. Village road is narrow and bends left into Hatley Road. This is a winding road but straightens and becomes gently rolling.

**20** Continue SA along the open road. Slight incline as you approach the crossroads. At the crossroads continue straight across into Wrestlingworth. Caution! major road. PH The Chequers 01767 631256

**19** At the T junction turn left direction Wrestlingworth & Potton.

**18** Continue along Church Street turn R into Pound Green (short cut joins from the right).

**17** Turn L into Church Street opposite PH Edward VI (does not serve food). Detour to the left to the Three Tuns PH 01763 852768 for food. Note St Mary's Church, with spire.



**16** Keep forward through the village back to the crossroads. Turn L into Trap Road direction Guilden Morden 1/2 mile.

**15** At the T-junction turn R. PH Waggon & Horses 01763 852829 is to the left, opposite the Church.

### The Shannon Trail

--- MAIN ROUTE: 35km / 21 miles approx  
 - - - SHORT CUT: 30km / 18 miles approx

#### Abbreviations:

PH = Public house L = turn left R = turn right TJ = T-junction  
 X-roads = crossroads SA = Straight ahead SP = Sign-posted

**SHORT CUT -**  
 Keep Forward to Guilden Morden. At T-junction turn R into Fox Hill Road. The main road then joins from the left. Bear R towards Wrestlingworth. Here you rejoin the main cycle route.

**MAIN ROUTE -**  
 Turn L at junction into North Brook End to Steeple Morden. Slight incline!  
 Note: Rare post box house on the corner - The Diddings, dates back to the reign of Edward VII.

Turn R towards Shingay. Caution! when making the turn. Note: Toll Bar Cottage on the corner. SA along the narrow road and over the small bridge. Road adorned by open fields.

At the next T-Junction turn R (SP Shingay 3/2, Mordens 3). Continue SA for approx 2 1/2 miles.

On entering village turn L at Cross-Road into Bogs Gap Lane, which leads to Brook End. Follow this until the end of the road. Caution! small twisting road.

At the end of Brook End turn R to Steeple Morden. Slight incline!