

Walk 5



Discover Henlow

Starting from St Mary's Church, which is well worth a visit: An easy circular walk in and around the village highlighting some places of interest. There is also a pleasant walk around the **Millennium Field** by the River Ivel. It can be accessed from Gardeners Lane. Return to the High Street and take second turning on the right. (See Map)

DISTANCE: 3.7 km (2.3 miles). Maps - Ordnance Survey: Landranger 153 and Explorer 193.

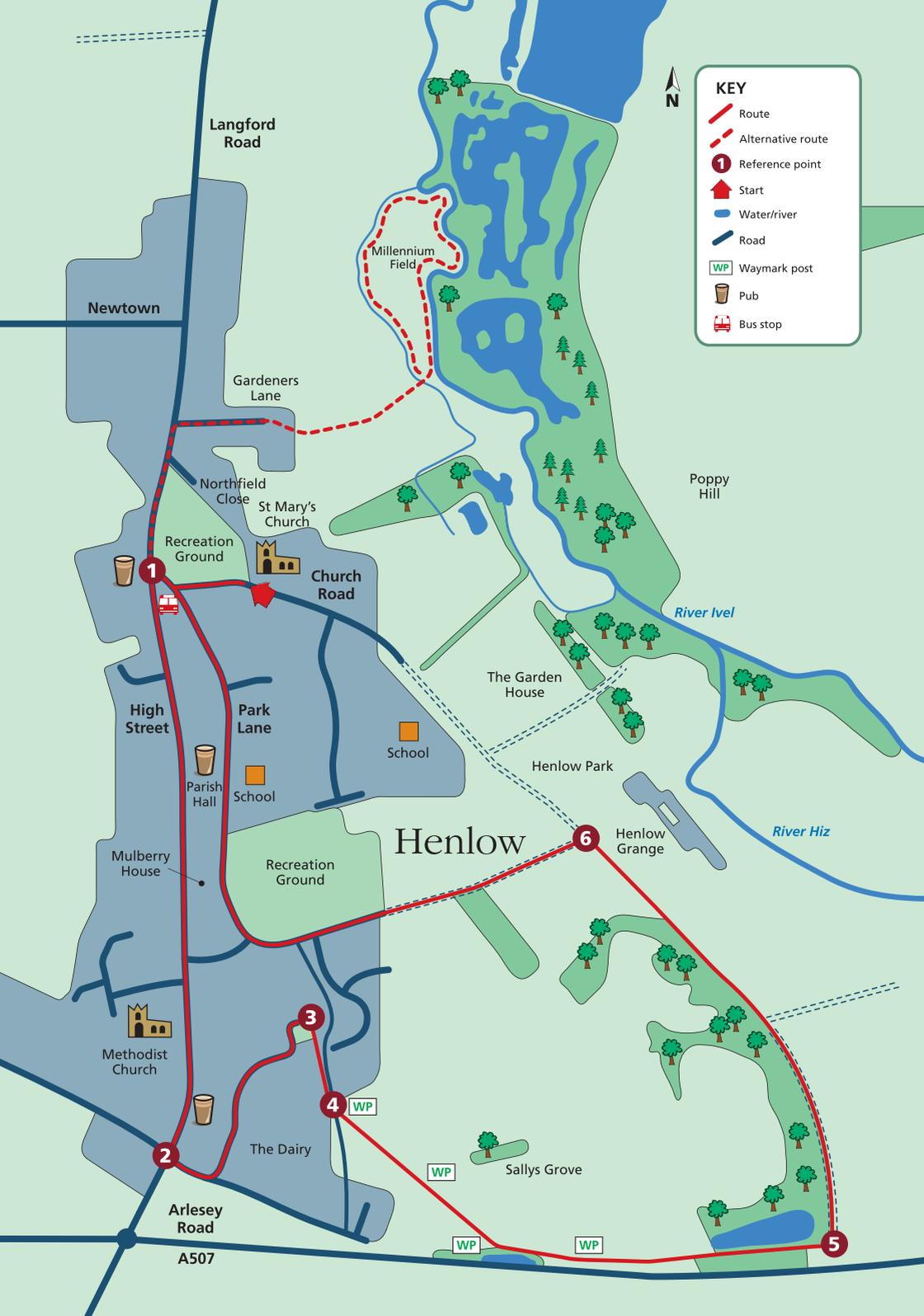
YOUR ROUTE: From St Mary's, return to High Street, passing a row of old cottages, also the village well, now capped, new in 1897, see inscription on the trough. Turn left, entering the High Street **1**. It is the heart of the village and has an interesting mix of old and new buildings, many bear distinctive masons marks. Across the road *The Five Bells Pub & Restaurant*. Next door the old Village School for boys, 1841, with adjoining Girl's School added 1857. Well down on your left *the Engineers Arms 1830*. Next door the **Parish Hall**. Across the road, on the wall of a converted barn, a commemorative plaque recording the first Methodist Meeting Room. Continue, on the left, to pass *Mulberry House with its chained fencing, once home to the owner of Henlow Brewery*. Cross over Park Lane. To the right, *the Methodist Church*. Finally on the left *The Crown Pub & Restaurant, circa 1776*. In field opposite stood the Tollhouse **2**. Turn left into Arlesey Road and left again into Dove House Drive. Walk on, keeping to left-hand pavement, at the top bear left into The Dairy. Walk clockwise around the grassed area, cross the road and enter a path between houses to reach a cross track **3**. Turn right onto a surfaced path and continue to reach waymarked route to the left **4**. Pass a waymark post (WP) in the field to reach another WP by the fence ahead. With the fence on your right continue to pass a WP and on through a gate. Pass a commercial site to reach a junction, turn left **5**. Follow the track through two gates to **Henlow Grange**. Take next turn left **6**. Pass Henlow Middle School playing field and the recreation ground, *note topiary in garden of house opposite, once a lodge to the Grange*. Turn right into Park Lane, shortly pass Raynsford Junior School, *named after a notable past owner of Henlow Grange*. Reach Park Lane Crescent, *a small estate of original and upgraded "Pre Fabs"*. On the left *Henlow's first Boys School 1826, with its encouraging inscription over the entrance?* Continue to reach Church Road.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

St Mary's Church: The tower has recently undergone major refurbishment. It contains five bells of considerable weight. The North wall incorporates a very small Saxon window, transferred during a past internal alteration. With the village connection to Henlow Camp, an area of churchyard is reserved for the burial of RAF personnel.

Parish Hall: Opened in 1903 as the "The Vicars Clubroom", for use as recreational and reading rooms. Courses in straw plaiting and other occupations were also held. It is now the main function room for the village.

Henlow Grange: Note the two distinct styles. On the right symmetrical but attractive early Georgian, on the left, under the clock tower, old timbered Tudor. They stem from the time when there were two separate dwellings, later extended to join up when the families of Edward's and Raynsford's were united by marriage in 1765.



KEY

- Route
- Alternative route
- Reference point
- Start
- Water/river
- Road
- Waymark post
- Pub
- Bus stop

Langford Road

Newtown

Millennium Field

Gardeners Lane

Northfield Close

St Mary's Church

Recreation Ground

Church Road

Poppy Hill

River Ivel

High Street

Park Lane

The Garden House

School

Henlow Park

Henlow

Henlow Grange

River Hiz

Mulberry House

Recreation Ground

Methodist Church

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Sallys Grove

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Arlesey Road

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