

WALKS IN KIMPTON PARISH

WALK NO. 2 PETERS GREEN CIRCULAR WALK

9km/6¼ ml circular walk through leafy lanes and quiet country roads. Stiles.

Approx time: 2½ hours

Refreshments: The Bright Star Pub, Peters Green.

Park in Peters Green village – grid ref:TL143191

- ❖ With the Bright Star Pub on your right, walk along the main street and turn left just before the Baptist church. The original Union Chapel, built in 1886, had to be demolished in 1985 due to dry rot in the woodwork. The neighbouring church hall was extended and a beautiful stained glass window added.
- ❖ Take the bridleway ahead of you. Carry on along this path for 100m and go through a gap in the hedge on your right. Continue in the same direction along this path for about 50m when the path dips down and leads to a gate in the hedge.
- ❖ Continue through the gate and the next field and when you reach the road, turn right and right again at the grass triangle.
- ❖ Walk along this quiet country road past Russell's Farm until you reach the road junction. Turn left and then right along the bridleway – Skegsbury Lane. The lane is an old country road, sunken for most of the way. It drops 36m in height to Kimpton Bottom.



- ❖ At the bottom of the lane, turn right along this sometimes busy road.

TAKE CARE ALONG THIS ROAD

- ❖ After the house on your left, go through the kissing gate into the field and after the house left through another gate into the next field. Either of these fields might have miniature ponies in them. They are friendly but are very interested in dogs, so beware!
- ❖ Proceed diagonally up the hill. This field has a beautiful display of cowslips in May and orchids and other wild flowers in June/July. If you look back you will also get a lovely view over the valley .
- ❖ Follow the path through the trees and along the left of the hedgerow, until you reach the road (Porters End Lane). Turn right along this quiet road to the crossroads. Turn right – this short section might be busy.

TAKE CARE ON THE BENDS

- ❖ Go first right down Holly Lane and take the bridleway on the right.
- ❖ Pass through several gates down the hill. You might see some llamas in one of the fields on your left and if you're lucky you might see a green woodpecker in



search of ants in the grass or flying off with a loud “yaffle” .

- ❖ You will pass behind the Blue Cross Dogs Home. This site was established in the 1940s, and has been serving the counties of Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire ever since. The site was converted from old farmhouses and has facilities to house up to 50 dogs, 14 cats, six rabbits and five ponies.
- ❖ At the bottom of the hill, you will reach the road, which can be busy.

TAKE CARE CROSSING THE ROAD

- ❖ Go up the steps immediately opposite the lane and follow the path through the field then to your left across the field until you reach Bishey Wood. There are good views of the valley along this path.
- ❖ Continue along with the wood on your right then turn right along the bridleway, and then along the Public Restricted Byway for 1km. This is a wide, well surfaced tree-lined lane. Look out for the coppiced hazels. This is an ancient practice, the resulting new growth being used for thatching, fencing and house building. The Parish boundary runs down the middle of this lane, so you may well be walking with one foot in Kimpton Parish and the other in Wheathampstead!
- ❖ When you reach the road (Plummers Lane), turn right. It is thought that a manor called Plummers was conveyed in 1596 by Thomas Hoo to Edward Sibley (both Kimpton names). Plummers is now a farm. This is a quiet road which will take you back up to Peters Green village.



This series of walks has been produced by Catherine Tees, Kimpton Rights of Way Committee.

It is our aim to keep rights of way in the Parish clear of obstructions, well marked and easy to walk. We hope that this walk will encourage you to use the paths in the Parish and explore our beautiful countryside. Please report any errors in directions, or any problems with paths to Catherine Tees, via www.kimpton.org.uk or to Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way Section.

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