



Isle of Wight
area of outstanding
natural beauty

Celebrating our Landscape in association with the IW Ramblers



Newchurch Intensive Agricultural Land

Part of a series of 11 walks to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Island

Landscape: Large farms and farm buildings - excellent soil for a variety of crops including garlic. Large, open fields with degraded hedges and few trees.

Description: A walk across farmland

Distance: 6.3 miles

Start: Newchurch public car park, School Lane

Access Information: Mainly level walking across farmland. One or two steep sections.

Refreshments: Pointer Inn Newchurch, pubs in Arreton.

Toilets: Patrons of pubs en route

Route: From the car park (1), take the exit to the recreation field and cross to the interpretation board. Continue on the main path curving left to pass the cemetery. Turn left along the track below the churchyard and descend to the lane.

Cross the river bridge and turn right onto cycleway no 23 (2), footpath NC9 Yar River Trail. At a junction turn left onto NC53 towards Knighton (3).

At a lane continue straight ahead and at a road junction continue towards Knighton. Just before Knighton Farm Cottage, turn left onto NC7 part of The Bembridge Trail (4). The grassy path follows the left edge of a field. Go over a stile into a wire

fenced path and then a wide grass track. Go left at a bend and continue straight ahead to a lane (5).

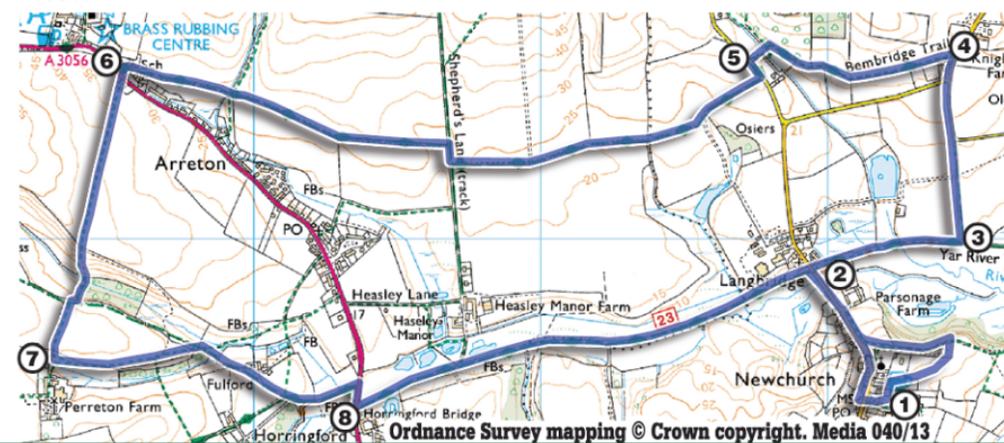
Go left for 50 yards and then turn right onto a track NC6 towards Arreton. Keep ahead on the track to cross a field to a bridlegate, by a 5 bar farm gate. Keep ahead across open fields to reach Shepherds Lane near a lake. Turn right and then turn left on A9. Follow the track all the way to Arreton, emerging by a school onto the main road (6).

Go left and cross the road at traffic lights. Go left and then right onto A5b. Cross the open field and reach a stile. Go down the steep valley by gorse to cross a stile by a copse. Follow the path just to the outside of the copse and a ditch. At the top turn right for 20 yards and then left on a footpath across a field. Cross a stile overlooking a pond and farm buildings (7).

Descend steps and go left following the fenceline to reach a rusty farm gate in the left field corner. Continue to another farm gate and then turn right through a bridlegate. Continue to the right field corner to go through a wooden gate. Continue to a second wooden gate and then a metal bridlegate. Cross the field passing a farm building to a right hand wooden gate by two farm gates. Go right on the track to reach the main road. Cross the road at traffic lights. Go right over Horringford Bridge and then left onto the cycleway no 23 (8).

Continue on the tarmac track all the way to Langbridge and then turn right onto the lane. At the entrance to Parsonage Farm, bear left up a track, footpath NC11, and after the left curve turn right up steps. In the churchyard, walk past the church, along the lane passing the pub and return to the car park in School Lane.

GPS Users: Waypoints for this walk can be found at our web site: <http://www.iowramblers.com/page5.htm>. All walks in this series can be downloaded from this website.



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