

Chearsley & Long Crendon

A moderately easy 5 mile walk encompassing part of the River Thames flood plain and the villages of Long Crendon and Chearsley. This route is waymarked throughout. The first part follows the Thames Valley Walk and is waymarked accordingly.

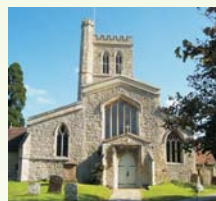
Circular Walk

Directions

- From the bus stop on the Chearsley road in Long Crendon, take the lane signed 'Village roads only' and immediately bear left past College Barn. At the crossroads, the church and the Old Court House are to the left. Carry straight on and at the end of the lane, follow the enclosed path to the fields. Continue through the fields towards the river following the Thames Valley Walk waymarks.
- Upon reaching the river, do not cross the culvert but turn to the left and enter the next field. The path continues to Notley Abbey. Follow the fenced path past the house along the track to Notley Farm, then take the track to the right behind the buildings.
- From here pass by Lenton's Pond, cross the river and then the railway line. Follow the path across the fields into Chearsley and then take Shupps Lane, where the route diverges from the Thames Valley Walk, up to the village green.
- Cross the Crendon road and follow the waymarked path away from the centre of the village. At the farm track, turn right and walk up to meet the Chilton road. Then turn left and follow the road.
- 75 metres after the railway bridge, take the footpath to the right. The path re-crosses the road at Wombwell's Farm. Follow the path to the left of the farm track, cross several fields, then join another track leading to College Farm. Turn right just before the farm buildings and follow the waymarks back into Long Crendon.

Features of Interest

1 The Court House dates from the early 15th century. The building was originally connected with the cloth trade but manorial courts were held here from the time of Henry V until the Victorian era. The Court House is open to the public at certain times. Nearby is the 13th century Church of St. Mary's. South of this there is evidence of mediaeval fishponds, possibly connected with an early manor on this site.



2 Founded in 1162 by the Augustinian Order, Notley Abbey was reputedly one of the richest monasteries in the country. Formerly the abbot's lodging, the house was once the home of Laurence Olivier and Vivian Leigh.

3 The large dovecote standing on the hillside is believed to have been constructed from the stone of Notley Abbey during the 16th or 17th centuries.



4 Long Mead Copse contains willow, poplars, oak and ash. Ragged robin

can be seen growing by the footbridge with watercress present in the stream.

- 5 There is a tradition in Chearsley that the Lord's Gallows once stood on the hill beside the crossroads. The subsequent discovery of a number of skeletons close by, adds weight to the story.
- 6 During the 18th century, Long Crendon was the centre of a thriving needlemaking industry. This industry was carried on primarily in the homes of the workers and many of the cottages in Long Crendon High Street have cupboards beside the fireplaces for storing the finished needles. In some instances the cupboards could be accessed from adjoining properties allowing the needles to be passed from house to house to undergo different processes.

Follow the Countryside Code:

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Further Information:

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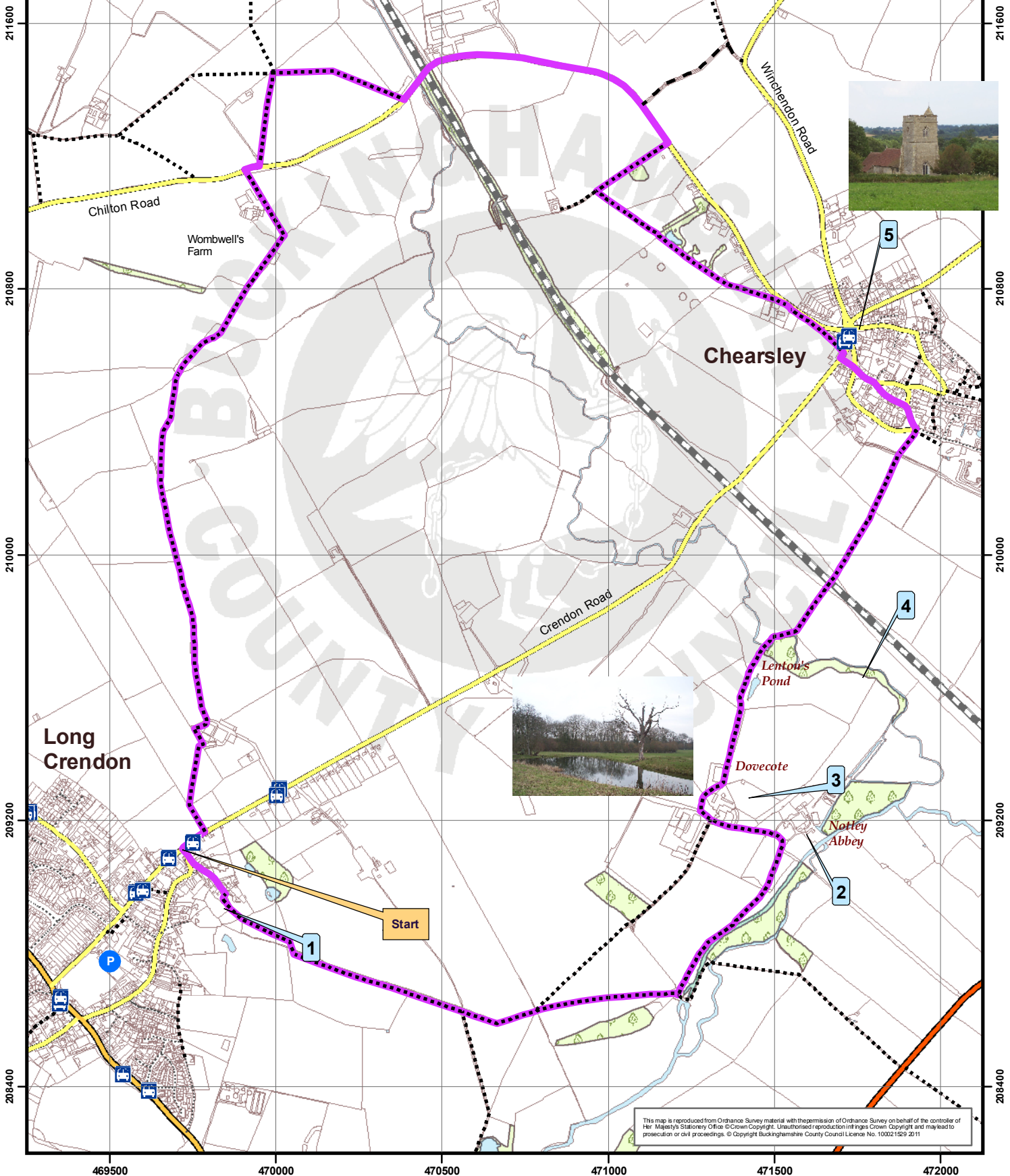


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— Riding Route
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Bus Stops



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