

H. At the main road turn left and make your way past the Village Hall, where you will find the Interpretation Board telling of the history of the village of Colmworth. Arriving back at the church, feel free to wander or rest on the seat where you can see the Sandy Hills on a fine day. (This walk was originally published by the Parish Paths Partnership).

Trail from the Country Park

This is a 3¼mile walk from Colmworth Village, through the new Country Park with its few surviving elm trees and is mainly on good field edge paths. On a fine day the high ground and open landscape afford extensive views over the Great Ouse Valley. Part of the return journey is along a very quiet country road but the usual highway care is necessary.

Park carefully near St Deny's 15th century parish church. OS Map ref 108586. (Alternatively park a short distance along the Honeydon Road where there is a waymarked footpath linking back to the rear of the church).

A. Walk through the churchyard and continue forward on a waymarked footpath with a hedge on your left. On reaching Honeydon Road go forward a few metres then turn right into Green Lane (Bridle Path).

B. Walk downhill on Green Lane bridleway and cross Colmworth Brook. After crossing the footbridge turn immediately left on a way-marked bridleway. Pass a large pond, ignore an unsigned track on the right then turn right on a broad waymarked footpath leading uphill to Mill Road.

C. At Mill Road turn right and follow the road to Mill End, opposite the Channels End Road junction, and turn right on a way-marked bridleway with a hedge first on the right and later on the left side of the track. This bridleway leads to the footbridge over Colmworth Brook. Cross the footbridge and retrace your steps back to Colmworth Church.



Front page (top): Goats grazing the churchyard.

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The Countryside Code

Leave farm gates closed unless they are secured open.

Control dogs at all times and make sure they are on the lead if near sheep, horses or cattle.

Always keep to the Rights of Way.

Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.

Respect wildlife, plants and hedges.

Leave no litter.

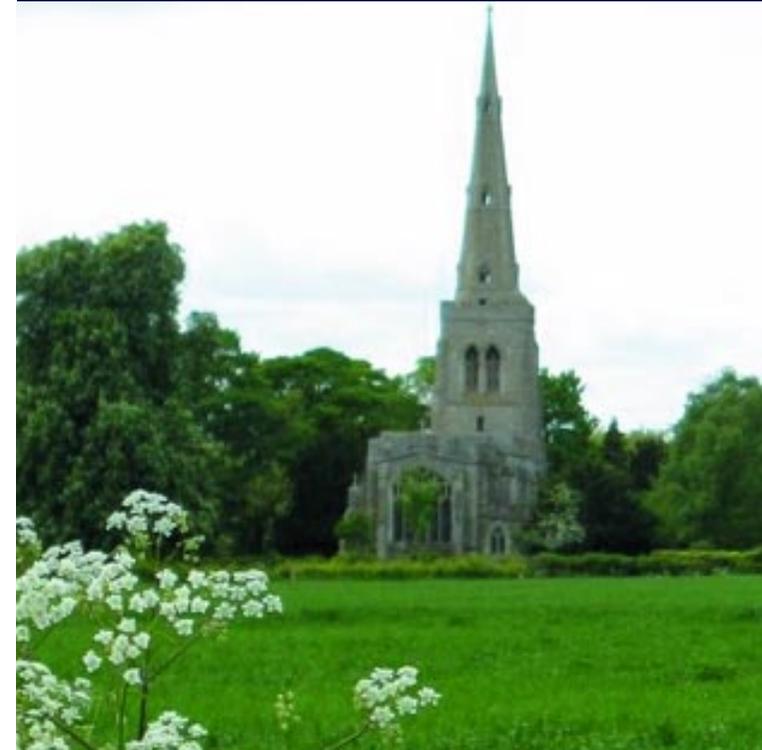
Public Transport

There are regular bus services from **Bedford and St. Neots on Bus No. 153.**

Bedford Bus enquiries: Tel: 01234 228337
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Accommodation

There are a number of bed & breakfasts in the area. Please contact: Bedford Tourist Information Centre
Tel: 01234 215226.



ANCIENT WALKS

COLMWORTH

in the North Bedfordshire Wolds

Ancient Paths

Both of the walks start from the fine perpendicular Parish Church of St Denys. To the south is the remains of a moat and the medieval mound, on which the manor was built.

Historic Walk to Medieval Dam

A. Carefully cross the road and follow the footpath to the south towards the bottom of the hill. Before the bridge over the stream, see the public footpath sign to your right. There is a footbridge over the ditch, so continue along this footpath with Colmworth Brook on your left.

B. Ahead you will see a spinney and the path climbs over the remains of a medieval dam. It has long been breached and the stream now goes through a cutting. On the way back, you can see an illustration on the Interpretation Board in front of the Village Hall, that shows how it may have looked when the dam created a large lake with a nesting island in the middle. You can still see this mound on the far side of the dam.

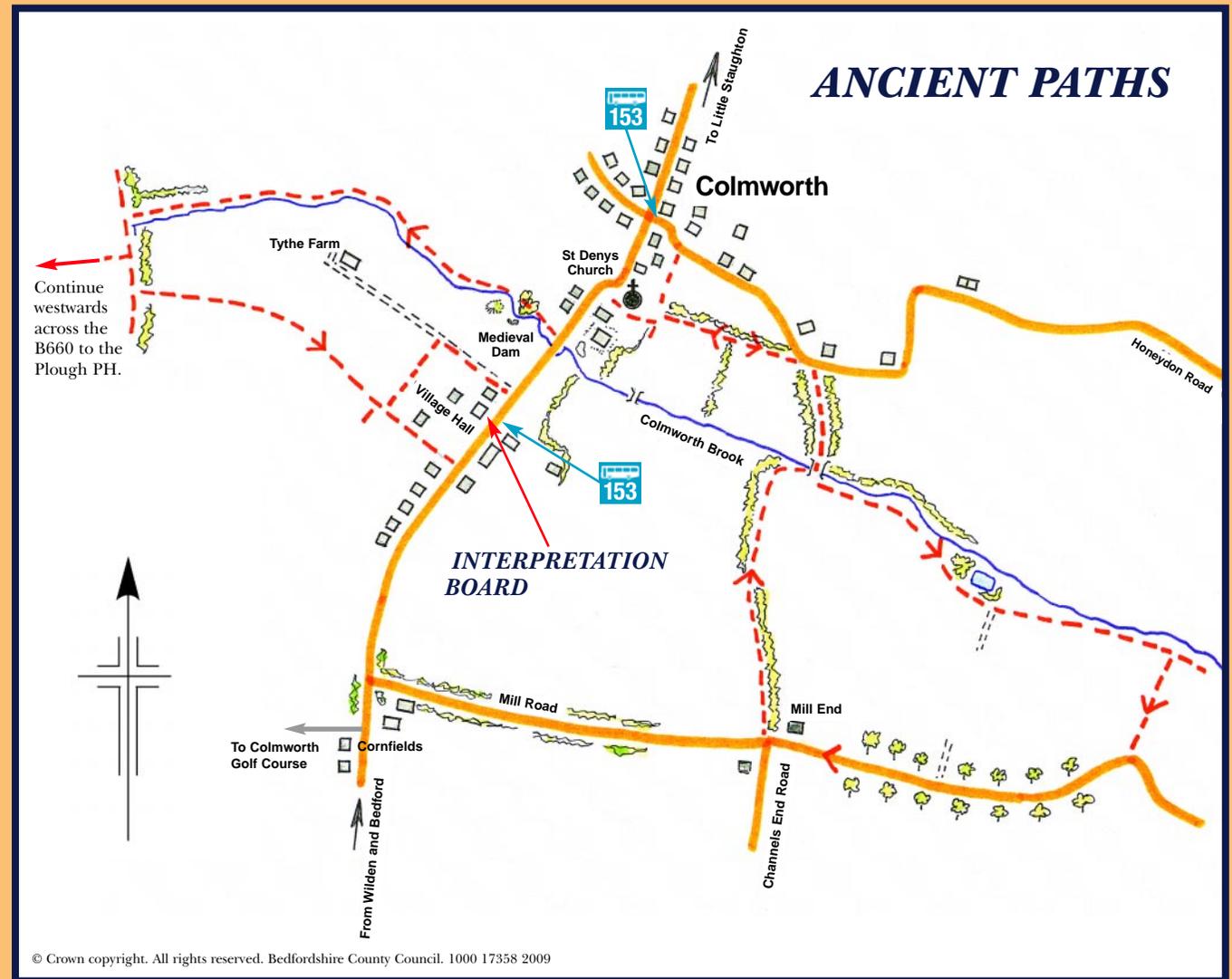
C. Continue along the path, with Tythe Farm buildings to your left, but now used commercially, until you reach the north/south bridleway. Turn left and if you wish to visit The Plough for refreshments, turn right halfway along the path. Otherwise continue for 150 meters.

D. At the waymarker on your left, follow the path east. The church spire can be seen straight ahead. Continue along this path passing a man-made lake and a small copse on your left.

E. At the end of the copse upon reaching the pond turn right over the stream and immediate left following the path with the hedge on your left.

F. At the next waymarker cross back over the stream by the footbridge. Turn immediately right and follow path to waymarker straight ahead. (ignore waymarker and bridge on your right).

G. Continue over the bridge following the path to Chapel End. Notice the chapel on your left, originally built by the Primitive Methodists 130 years ago and where services are still held every Sunday.



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