

Points of Interest (POI)

- A The Grange, Haynes. Listed 16C H-plan house, granary and barn. It formerly contained a wood-panelled room said to be from Houghton House, which is now in Victoria and Albert Museum.
- B Haynes Park. Dates from 1725 when it was known as Hawes. Was Clarendon School and is now used as the UK centre of Radha Soami Satsang Beas, a philosophical organization established in India in 1891.
- C Obelisk. George Montagu-Dunk, 2nd Earl of Halifax, (1716-1771) was a British statesman of the Georgian era. He helped to found Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, which was named after him, and he helped foster trade, especially with North America. The obelisk was erected late C18 or early C19 by George Osborn, 4th Baronet of Chicksands. The connection is that Montagu-Dunk was the brother-in-law of Danvers Osborn, 3rd Baronet of Chicksands.
- D The boundary between the parishes of Clophill and Chicksands crosses your path through the wood just before a cross road. It is marked by an ancient bank and ditch.
- E Old St Mary's is a 14th century church built in the perpendicular Gothic style. An unusual feature is the two large windows in the north and south walls of the nave. It was in very good condition until the lead from the roof was stolen in 1956. Since then its decline has been rapid.

General Information

You will walk across surface types ranging from hard surfaces to field footpaths through undulating countryside which is mostly level. The public footpath from point 5 to point 6 (see map) can be muddy in wet weather.

Facilities in Clophill

Post Office, Stores and Café. The Green.
01525 860 988

The Green Man. The Green. Italian restaurant.
01525 860352

The Flying Horse. The Green. Country pub and dining. 01525 860 293

The Stone Jug. Back Street. Traditional village pub with food. 01525 860352

There are no public toilets in the village.

Facilities in Haynes

The Greyhound. Northwood End Road. Family pub and restaurant. 01234 381239

How to get to Clophill

The village is situated near the intersection of the A6 between Bedford and Luton and the A507 between Ampthill and Shefford. There are half-hourly buses from Bedford and Luton and a less frequent service from Biggleswade and Ampthill.

Postcode for Sat Nav – MK45 4AD

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CLOPHILL DISCOVERY WALKS

Walk 4

**Clophill to Haynes (with optional
pub stop) and back.**

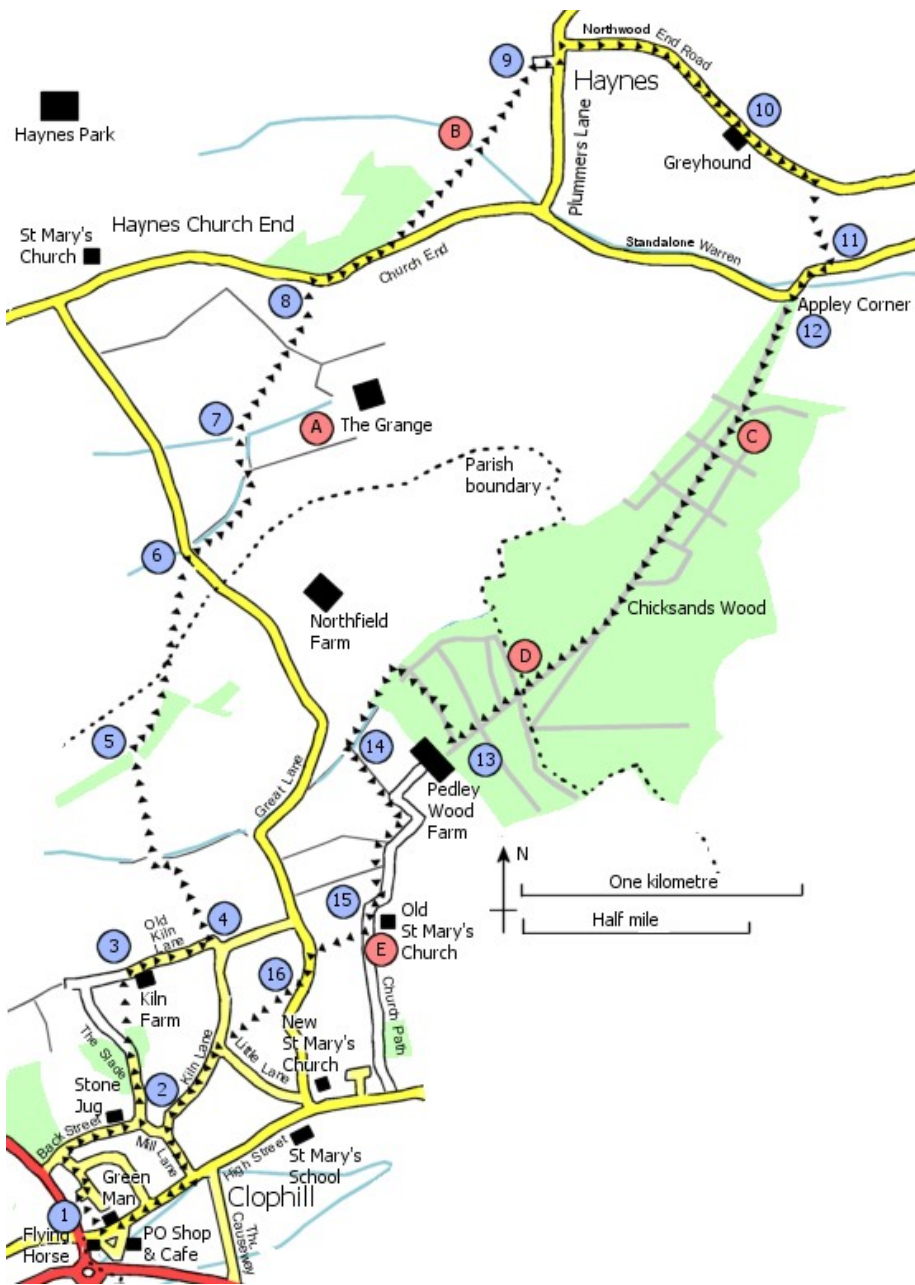
7.7 miles

***One of a series of circular walks starting
at The Green, Clophill.***

This walk takes you north across the fields to Haynes, where you can stop for a pub lunch, then returns through Chicksands Wood.

All the walks in the series:-

1. Clophill to Appley Corner and back through Chicksands Wood.
2. Clophill to Wardhedges (with optional pub stop) then Silsoe and back.
3. Clophill to Maulden and back through Maulden Wood.
4. Clophill to Haynes (with optional pub stop) and back.
5. Clophill to Historic Cainhoe Castle and back.
6. Public Footpaths around the Village of Clophill.



1. From The Green walk through the car park to the left of the Green Man public house and continue along the path to a road. Turn right then left and continue on to the T-junction and turn right onto Back Street.

2. Past the Stone Jug turn left up The Slade and, after the last cottage, take the public footpath through the trees and cross a stile into a small holding. Pass through the kissing gate and up the slope to another stile that brings you out in a field behind Kiln Farm. Cross the field to a kissing gate.

As there are often Highland Cattle in the field, dog owners may prefer to follow the rough track at the end of the Slade to Kiln Farm.

3. Turn right along the farm track and continue along Old Kiln Lane for 360 yards and take the public bridleway on the left after the last house.

4. Cross the arable field and pass through a gap in the hedge, across a farm track and continue on the bridleway across the next field.

5. Go through the gap in a wide hedge, turn right and follow the hedge until you reach a unmarked wooden post after 200 yards. Here the path crosses the field at an angle of 45° and is sometime muddy and uneven. The path crosses a farm track. Continue to the road ahead where it crosses a brook.

6. Cross the road and continue along the public footpath with the brook on your left. In the corner of the field, cross the brook over a wooden bridge and turn right. Head for the yellow post in the hedge ahead.

7. Cross the farm track (POI A) the other side of the hedge and cross the arable field at about 45° to the right. The path is sometime difficult to see. Cross a stile into a field of grass then head towards the group of silver birch trees. Cross a stile into a private garden and leave by a small gate.

8. At the road, turn right and walk carefully along the road for 300 yards to a public footpath sign on the left. (POI B) Follow this

path for ½ mile until you come to a group of houses.

9. At the end of the alley turn right then left onto Plummers Lane. Turn right onto Northwood End Road. After 900 yards you will come to the Greyhound public house where you can stop for refreshments. (Ring to check opening times.)

10. Continue along the road past the Greyhound for 300 yards and take the second public footpath on the right just past the Anglia Water building.

11. After 350 yards go through the kissing gate onto the road and turn right. Follow the road to Appley Corner and the entrance to Chicksands Wood. (POI C)

12. Follow the gravel road (permissive path) through the wood for 1 ¼ miles, taking the right fork at a yellow Permissive Footpath post near some WW2 structures. (POI D)

13. At the yellow post before Pedley Wood Farm turn right and go down the hill and out of the wood. Turn left and follow the track for ¼ mile and take a left turn over a footbridge.

14. Continue up the hill following the boundary of the field until you reach a kissing gate. Go through this gate and two more and you will emerge on the farm road behind the Old Church. (POI E)

15. After visiting the ruins of the church take the public footpath opposite the church entrance to Great Lane. At the end of the path turn left and walk along the lane for 180 yards until you see a public footpath sign on the right by an orchard.

16. Follow this path until you come to the junction of Kiln Lane and Little Lane. You can return to The Green via Kiln Lane, Mill Lane and the High Street.