

Turn left on the main village road and walk about 300 metres to a bridleway on the right. This is also the access track to The Wickey Farm. Follow the bridleway for about 450 metres then turn right on a bridleway with open fields on either side and a boundary ditch on the right.

Follow the bridleway through the end of Hall Meadow and continue walking out into a large field with a hedge on your right and eventually cross a small bridge to reach West End Road.

From here you can continue on in the same direction to return to The Crown PH, or take the cross field bridleway to return to Church Lane.

A. The Crown is the last of five pubs in the village. Two were demolished to make way for the airfield and the Kangaroo and the Carpenters Arms are now private houses. The original Crown was thatched and burnt down in 1971.

B. All Saints Church. There has been a church on this site since at least the 13th century. In 1900 the steeple was hit by lightning and it had to be replaced. The well worn stone benches in the porch would once have been used by local priests offering help and advice to villagers and basic education to children.

C. In 1275 Sir Adam de Creting (one of Edward 1st's knights) was granted land to build a motte and bailey castle. Over the centuries this became a fortified manor house. The moat and earthworks are all that remain today.



Picture: Alan J. Woodward




Hidden Britain

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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
Traveline Timetable Info: Tel: 08712 002233

Accommodation

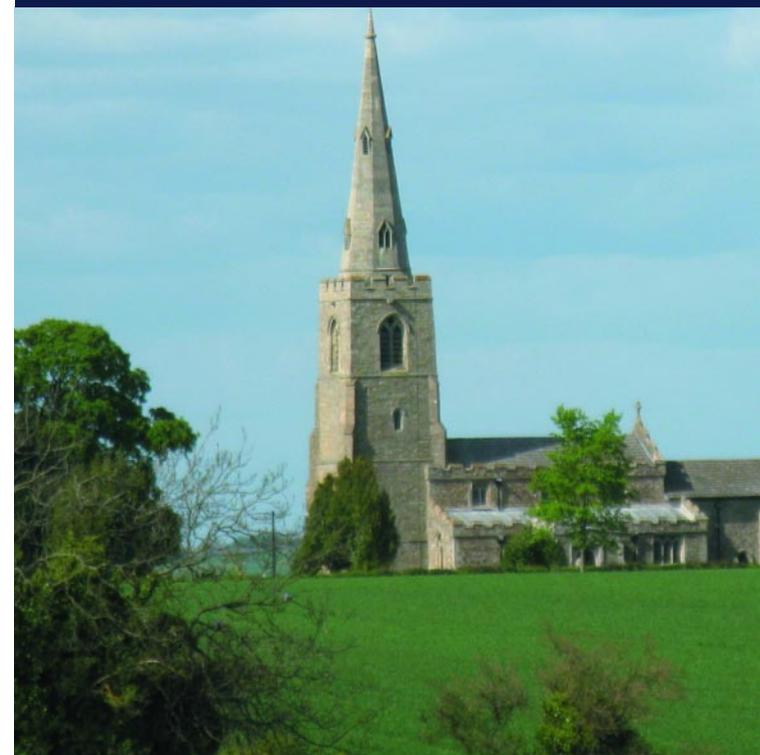
There are a number of bed & breakfasts in the area. Please contact: Bedford Tourist Information Centre
Tel: 01234 215226.



ANCIENT WALKS

LITTLE STAUGHTON

in the North Bedfordshire Wolds



Ancient Paths

Park at the end of Church Lane or to extend the walk and call at a walker friendly pub, park at The Crown PH.

This 3.5/4.0 mile walk crosses the county border into Cambridgeshire passing a well preserved moated site with earthworks and re-entering Bedfordshire at Staughton Moor Road.

To Start from the Pub

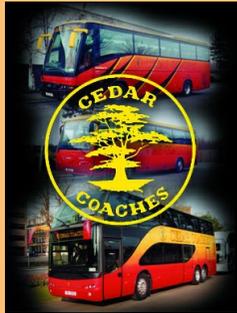
From The Crown car park turn left along Green End for about 100 metres then turn left through a kissing gate onto a byway known as Scott Street. This track leads uphill to West End Road. Here turn sharply left on a bridleway that crosses an open field diagonally to a way mark post at the corner of a hedge. From the way mark post go forward with a hedge on the left through the village playing field to emerge at the highway almost opposite Church Lane.

Cross into Church Lane to reach All Saints Church.

To Start from the Church

Take the footpath on the right of the church through open land with wide views to arrive at a medieval moated site. At the far corner turn right and walk downhill into the valley but before reaching the stream turn right with a hedge on your left. Look for a footbridge in less than 100 metres. Cross the stream here and turn right.

Follow the stream for a kilometre then turn uphill on a footpath between a fence and hedge to reach Staughton Moor Road. Turn right and walk carefully along this short section of, often busy, road to the main village road. At the road junction is a chapel burial ground and a semi -derelict building that in living memory was used as a Sunday School. The burial ground is a haven of wild flowers in the spring and early summer. On the opposite corner stood a large Baptist chapel but this was demolished in the war after a flying fortress from Thurleigh struck the top of the building when attempting an emergency landing at Little Staughton Airfield.



The bus stop is at Gray's Grove but the bus will stop on request on its way to/from the Grove.



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Tourist Information:

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