

Follow the path bearing slightly left. Follow the bridleway heading north-west, leaving the village passing through a field system. Follow the path for about ½ mile alongside a hedge where it eventually meets a track. Turn left.

This next part is along a private track. The owner has given us a once-off permission to walk along it. The track bears left passing Whitehouse Farm, the site of Joseph's Amazing Camels, where you could buy some camel milk and other products. Continue along the track south until meeting the Honington to Whatcote road.

Just before the road, turn right following the path diagonally across a field in a westerly direction. If planted with crops walk around the edge. Head for the 'step' in the field boundary and pass through the hedge. Continue following the path as it turns south-west.



Follow the sign towards the bottom right of the field, sticking to the edges if too muddy. Pass through gate and continue across the fields through each gate.

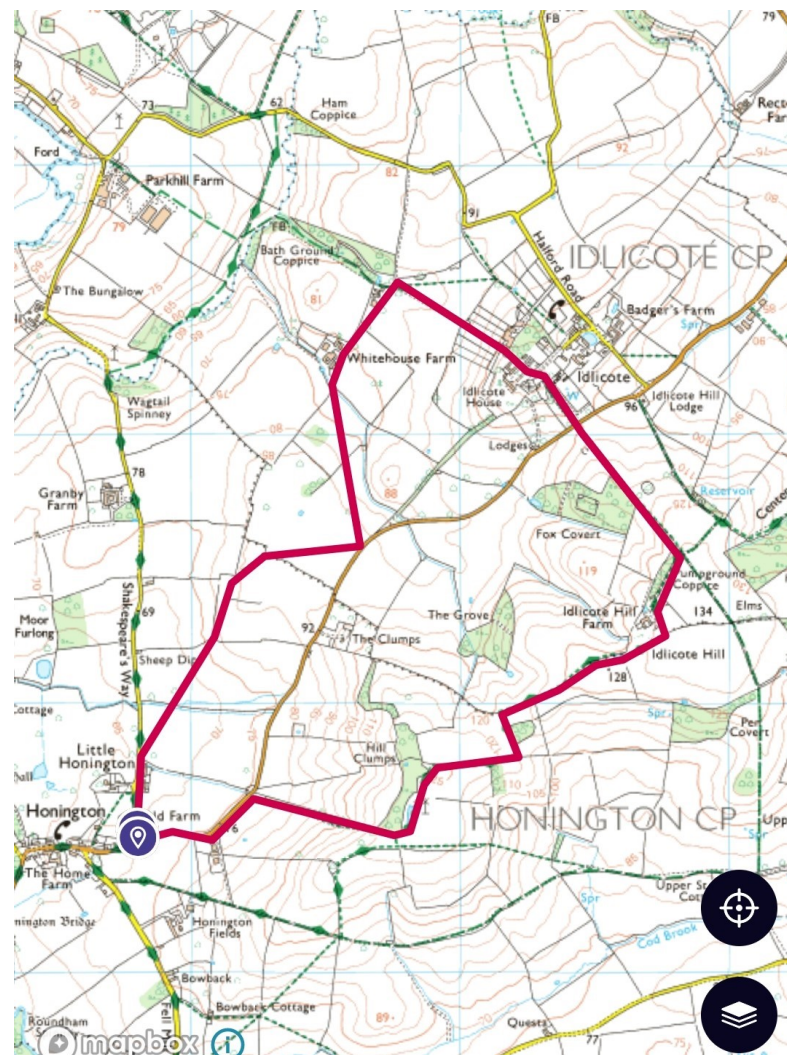


The path meets up with Granby Rd (Honington to Halford road) at which point, turn left. The Granby Rd hosts the Shakespeare's Way south eventually turning off at Fell Mill Farm to pass through Shipston. Follow the road back to our start point, where, with a bit of luck, the cars will be waiting. I hope you have enjoyed your walk.



# u3a Shipston-On-Stour Area

5-milers Walk  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Map of our route shown in red. We are walking anti-clockwise from Start symbol at bottom left.





### Start point:

Honington OS map ref SP 268 425  
(T junction between the Honington – Whatcote road and the Halford road). Walk 4.3 miles.

There is only one stile to negotiate.

Proceed east along the Whatcote road for around ¼ mile and take the footpath to the right through the pedestrian gate.

Follow the path up hill rising some 50 m before turning left behind Hill Clumps wood, joining the Centenary Way. This is the steepest climb on the walk.

The Centenary Way was devised to celebrate one hundred years of Warwickshire County Council. It passes the Tame Valley, Atherstone Ridge, the George Eliot country around Nuneaton, before passing to the east of Coventry to Kenilworth, Warwick and Leamington Spa. From here it heads to the Burton Dassett

Hills, Edge Hill, Shipston-on-Stour and Ilmington Downs.

Follow the path as it zig-zags behind the woods until following the ridge., you reach Idlicote Hill Farm, after a mile or so.

The path takes a sharp left into the Farm then turns right along the track with Pumpground Coppice on the left. At the signpost turn left heading down the hill.



In front of you across the Honington – Whatcote road is a view of the village of Idlicote, which is a small settlement and civil parish in the English county of Warwickshire, about 3 miles north-east of Shipston-on-Stour and 8 miles south-east of Stratford-upon-Avon.



The best-known feature is Idlicote House, a grade II listed country house, on a site once owned by St Mary's Abbey. The most notable building is the parish church of Saint James the Great, which has surviving features from the 13th and 14th centuries and a 17th-century chapel added to house tombs of members of the Underhill family of Idlicote.

Elsbeth Howe, Baroness Howe of Idlicote died at her home in the village on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. She was a Baroness in her own right, not because she was married to Geoffrey Howe, Baron Howe of Aberavon, a Conservative Deputy Prime Minister under Margret Thatcher. Geoffrey Howe is buried in the churchyard.



Continue down the hill to the road and cross straight over the stile and through the gate. Follow the path up the hill passing St James church on the left. This would be a good place to stop for refreshment. Follow the bridleway as it passes through the grounds of Idlicote

