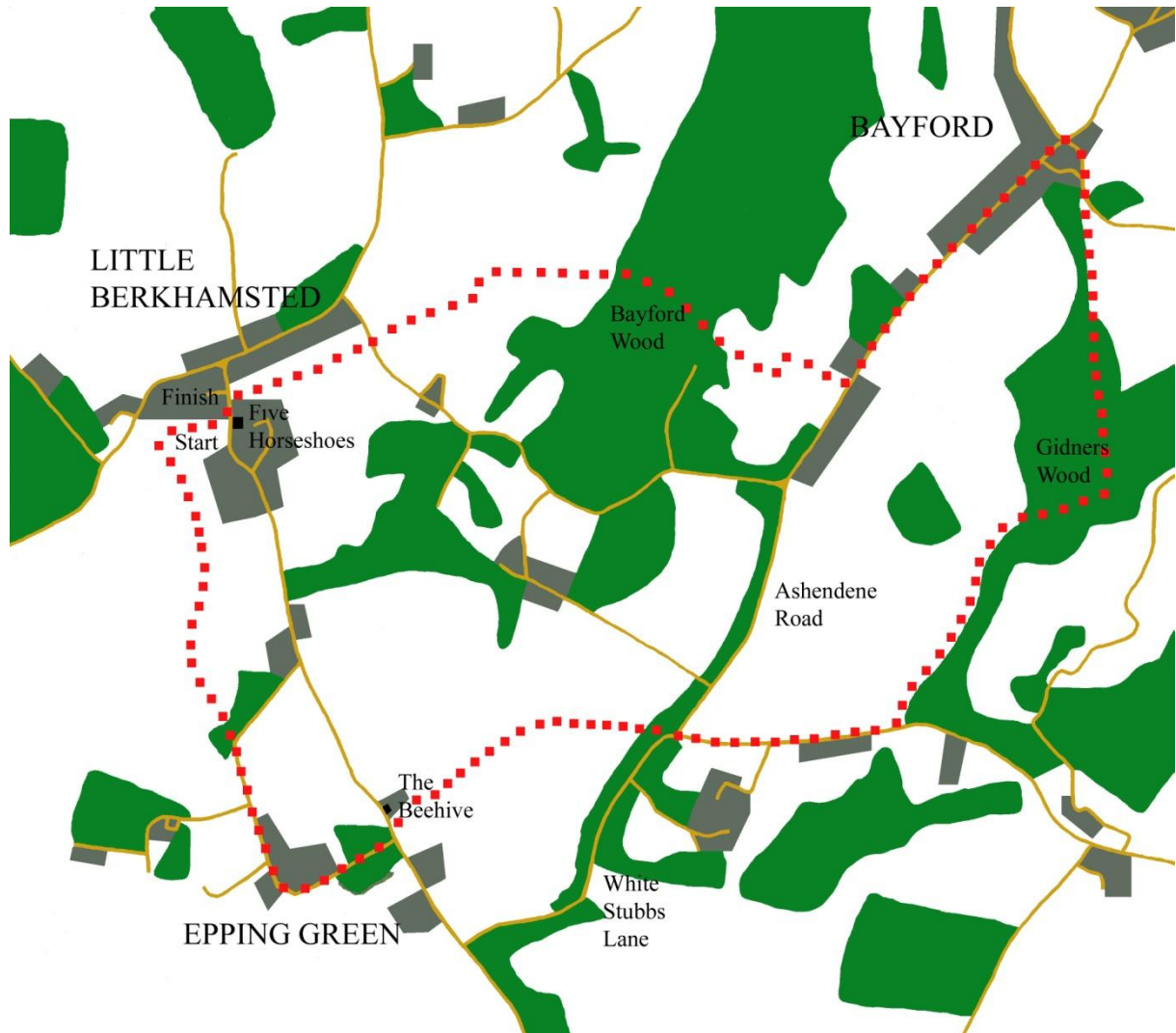


**2017 WALK 5
LITTLE BERKHAMSTED**

Little Berkhamsted is a village about 4 miles to the south-west of Hertford and south of the B158. This walk runs across pasture-land and through woodland on quiet tracks and paths, with two stretches along country lanes.

This is a circular walk of just under 4½ miles.



Park on the roadside near the Five Horseshoes pub in the centre of Little Berkhamsted.

Take the footpath along the right hand edge of the playing field signposted Public Footpath 8 to Danes and Epping Green, which leaves the road almost opposite the pub. At the far end of the playing field turn left to follow the path (right) alongside two fields.



The path continues straight ahead through a narrow belt of woodland.



The path eventually meets a track coming from the left. Turn right to follow the track. Beyond the turning to Woodcock Lodge (on the right) the track becomes a surfaced drive with houses on the left. Keep straight on, following the track as it bends to the left just beyond a water tower and two communications masts (to the right). The drive eventually meets a road: turn left and immediately right onto the public footpath just before the Beehive pub, signposted to Bucks Alley.

Follow the path past a metal gate then keep straight across the grass field to a kissing gate. Go through the gate and straight across the next field to another gate by a large oak tree.



Beyond the gate turn right onto a bridleway running between trees (right).

When you meet the road turn left then right onto the road signposted to Broxbourne and Wormley (White Stubbs Lane).



Follow White Stubbs Lane for about 500 metres. Cross to the left-hand side of the road where the woodland begins on the left of the road (well before the road bends to the right), then turn left into the wood onto a track signposted Public Byway 8 to Bayford. The track runs close to the left-hand side of Blackfan Wood, then bends to the right to reach a house on the right. Turn left by the house and head north through and later alongside the right-hand edge of Gidner's Wood: the track dips downhill to a stream and up the other side through a belt of trees.

Where the track meets a road turn left and follow the road into Bayford. At the village green crossroads turn sharp left onto Ashdene Road, passing the front of the Baker Arms on your left. Or perhaps pause for a while beside the village pond (right).



Follow the pavement on the right-hand side of Ashdene Road until it runs out, then continue along the road, enjoying views of Gidner's Wood to the left.



About 800 metres (half a mile) from the centre of Bayford you will pass a row of red brick houses to your right. Turn right onto the track to the left of the last house (right).

This continues straight, then narrows into a path and turns left to cross a stile.



Beyond the stile follow the edge of the hedge round to the right and down towards Bayford Wood, passing the large oak tree in the hedgerow, pictured right.



Go into the wood by the stile (right) then head downhill. Cross a track and go straight on, following the path through the wood.



Soon you will see the footbridge at the bottom of the hill (right).



Cross the bridge then go up the grass field on a left diagonal, heading for the gap between some bushes and the woodland edge in the far left-hand corner. Keep the brick tower on the skyline (see photo) slightly to your right.



Go through the gap then head diagonally across the next field to the far left-hand corner, to pass a metal gate onto a path by a line of trees (see right). Keep on this path passing more gates to reach the road.



At the road turn right then immediately left onto the footpath signposted 'Little Berkhamsted ¼'. Keep going straight across two fields close to the hedge on the right, passing the church on the right just before you reach the road. Turn left at the road to return to the Five Horseshoes.

This walk was last walked by CPRE in May 2017.

Note: all walkers do so at their own risk. Suitable footwear and clothing are recommended.

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