

## **King's Somborne Footpath Walks**

The programme of footpath walks listed below is as of 1 January 2013 and may be subject to change throughout the year. Please refer to the village website ([www.thesombornes.org.uk](http://www.thesombornes.org.uk) – Directory – Footpath Walk) for the latest information.

Sunday 27 January 2013

2:00pm Kings Somborne Village Hall

5½ miles (8¾ Km) 2¼ hours

We leave the village along Winchester Road and up Red Hill before turning onto the path past Ashley New buildings. At the crossroads we take the path across the field past Ashley Manor Farm and then over the hill to Chalk Vale before returning to the village past the beef unit and back along Winchester Road.

Sunday 24 February 2013

2:00pm Kings Somborne Village Hall

4¾ miles (7½ Km) 2 hours

We leave the village on the footpath to Horsebridge and then south along the Test Way for a short distance before turning West across the water meadows. On reaching the road we turn North past the site of Bossington village. Then it is road walking to Houghton to pick up the Clarendon Way back across the water meadows. We follow the Clarendon Way past How Park and down Cow Drove Hill before returning to the Village Hall.

Sunday 31 March 2013

2:00 pm Kings Somborne Village Hall

6 miles (9½ Km) 2½ hours

We leave the village along Winchester Road and take the path past the Beef Unit. We continue towards Up Somborne before turning left to take the steep path down to Little Somborne. At Little Somborne we head North to North Park Farm and the path back towards the village. There is a short stretch along the A3057 before turning down New Lane and returning to the Village Hall via footpath 14 and Muss Lane.

Sunday 28 April 2013

2:00 pm Kings Somborne Village Hall

6¾ miles (10¾ Km) 2¾ hours

### **Bluebell Walk**

We head out from the village along Winchester Road and up Red Hill. We follow the Clarendon Way past Hoplands then turn right along the bridleway through Luke Copse. At the end of the wood, we turn right at the T-junction and then right again along the byway through Parnholt Wood. Then along Combe Bottom and Garlick Lane before taking the paths along the field edges back to Palace Field and the Village Hall.

Sunday 26 May 2013

9:30am Kings Somborne Village Hall

7¾ miles (12½ Km) 3¼ hours

We leave the village via Froghole and up the hill to How Park where we turn left onto the Clarendon Way. We follow the Clarendon Way across the water meadows to Houghton and on to Broughton. On reaching the edge of Broughton we turn left and drop down to cross the stream by the ford. We then take the road opposite and at end of the track we turn left onto the bridleway that climbs along the edge of the wood up to the road at Little Wood. We turn left along the road for 200m then turn right along the side road. At the end of the road we follow the footpath that continues ahead for 50m before turning left towards Pittleworth Farm. At Pittleworth Farm the footpath turns left and after another 100m joins the road. We turn left along the road for 800m and at Bossington Farm we turn right across the water meadows to join the Test Way. We turn north along the Test Way and, just after the old station, we turn right, past the John O'Gaunt to take the footpath back to the village.

Sunday 30 June 2013

9:30am Broughton Village Hall

Approx. 4 miles (6¼ Km) 2 to 3 hours

### **Broughton Down Nature Walk**

We start from Broughton Village Hall. The walk takes us past the church and left at the crossroads to follow the Clarendon Way up to Broughton Down. There will then be time to explore the flora and fauna of this chalk downland nature reserve. We return to Broughton Village Hall either by retracing the outward route or by going north from the western end of the nature reserve and returning via Broughton Down Farm – depending on circumstances.

Sunday 28 July 2013

9:30am Kings Somborne Village Hall

7 miles (11 Km) 2¾ hours

We leave the village on the footpath to Horsebridge where we join the Test Way and head south to Lower Brook. We cross the A3057 and take the steep path up the hill (with a steel handrail). We cross the fields then turn east up to Michelmersh. At Michelmersh we turn left on to the road for a few metres and follow the path where the road ends. We pass through some woods and on reaching a farm track we turn left. We follow the track past Lower Eldon Farm and through Humbers Wood back to the village.

Sunday 25 August 2013

9:30am Kings Somborne Village Hall

7¼ miles (11½ Km) 3 hours

We leave the village along Winchester Road and up Red Hill before turning onto the path past Ashley New buildings. At the cross roads we take the path across the field past Ashley Manor Farm and the Roman Settlement and on to Gypsy Lane. We turn north along Gypsy

Lane. At the end of Gypsy Lane we turn left along Chalk Vale for 250m and then turn right along Chalk Hill to pick up the footpath past the beef unit. We return to the Village Hall along Winchester Road.

Sunday 29 September 2013

9:30am Kings Somborne Village Hall

8 miles (12¾ Km) 3¼ hours

We start by heading south to Eldon Road and along it to Humbers Wood. We take the footpath through Humbers Wood, past Lower Eldon Farm and continue along the farm track to reach Manor Farm. Just past Manor Farm we turn left along another farm track and then follow the footpath across a field where the track turns sharp right. The footpath takes us through Stubb's Copse and across another field before reaching Eldon Road. We cross the road and follow the footpath past Eldon Farm, through some woods and across another field to reach Furzedown Road. We turn north along Furzedown Road for 1Km before turning right onto the footpath down to Coombe Bottom Lane. From there it is north along Coombe Bottom, Garlick Lane and back to the Village Hall.

Sunday 27 October 2013

2:00pm Kings Somborne Village Hall

6½ miles (10½ Km) 2¾ hours

We leave the village up Muss Lane and along Stockbridge Road for 300m before bearing right onto the footpath to North Park Farm. On reaching North Park we turn left along the road for 300m before turning left along the farm track towards Stockbridge. After just over 1Km we turn left along the path to the Kings Somborne to Stockbridge road, cross the road and take the footpath along the field edge down to the road and onto the Test Way. We turn south along the Test Way and return to the village via How Park and Froghole.

Sunday 24 November 2013

2:00pm Kings Somborne Village Hall

5½ miles (8½ Km) 2¼ hours

We leave the village heading south along the path to Eldon Road and then east to Furzedown Road before taking Garlick Lane to Hoplands. On joining the Clarendon Way we turn north past the old gallops and then take the footpath past Ashley New Buildings and the road down to the Ashley crossroads. From there we walk along Chalk Vale for 250m then turn left up the footpath to the Beef Unit. From the Beef Unit we turn left to return to the village.

Sunday 29 December 2013

2:00pm Kings Somborne Village Hall

3½ miles (5¾ Km) 1½ hours

We start by heading across Palace Field and along the bridleway that heads south-west (Path 505). On reaching Romsey Road we cross the road and follow the Roman road to

Horsebridge and onto the Test Way. Then it is north along the Test Way and back to the village via the Clarendon Way and Cow Drove Hill.