

# Great Harrowdene to Brixworth - 12 miles

## Maps and Grid references

OS 224	Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough
OS223	Northampton and Market Harborough
Great Harrowdene	SP879708
Brixworth	SP7470

## Overview

Route follows a long bridleway over open flat countryside to join the Northamptonshire Round, then west to Pitsford Water, then across fields to Brixworth.

## Route

Cross A509 Kettering Road onto Orlingbury Road. After "The Old Vicarage", fork left onto bridleway.

Follow turn to right, under power cables. Go to next gate and cross over Hardwick Road onto field. At end of field go straight along lane to reach road. Turn left on B574 at Appleby Gate.

After 250 yards turn right onto bridleway. Walk length of field. Through gap in hedge to second field. Through gate at end of third field. Bear left and continue straight ahead to way marked gate. Walk to further gate to track on left. Past Hardwick Lodge Cottage on right.

Stay on track, through small hand gate on left into field. Go to way marked gate at end of field, passing Hardwick Lodge Cottage on right.

Enter field through gap in head and go diagonally to gate. Joining Northamptonshire Round (NR). Follow field margin up to lay-by. Turn left, then right through gap in trees (marked by a rubbish bin) to A443. Cross with great care.

Turn right, then left after 100 yards turn left to footpath sign. Cross three fields, access through gaps in the hedges. Cross track, through a few trees then cross further field with Rectory Farm visible to the right. At bridleway crossing sign, go straight across, staying on granite chipping footpath. Keeping the stream on your right, leave granite path to join grass track. Bear right to gap with wooden bridge.

## Change to OS 223

Uphill with hedge on right. Through four fields keeping to the right. First over a wood bridge, then two stiles. At fourth field bear right to bottom right hand corner to road. (Stone eagles on gate posts).

Turn left on Walgrave Road into Holcot. Where road bends to left, go straight ahead into Rectory Lane. Then left through walled path to Brixworth Road. Turn right. Down hill to causeway and left into car park. After 1/2 mile, turn right on footpath (Brixworth and Scaldwell). Go uphill to kissing gate, turn left to Brixworth.

Follow left hand field margin. Through gate, fork slightly right to stile and onto a track. Cross track to stile with buildings on left. Further stile to field with buildings on left. Go across three fields, then head to right hand corner to road. Cross road and turn left into Brixworth on Holcot Road. Over A508 bridge and continue down into the village. At corner, turn right towards Creaton (3 miles) on Northampton Road. George pub on left hand side. Continue onto Harborough Road, then turn left up Hight Street. Follow signs to "Saxon Church"

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