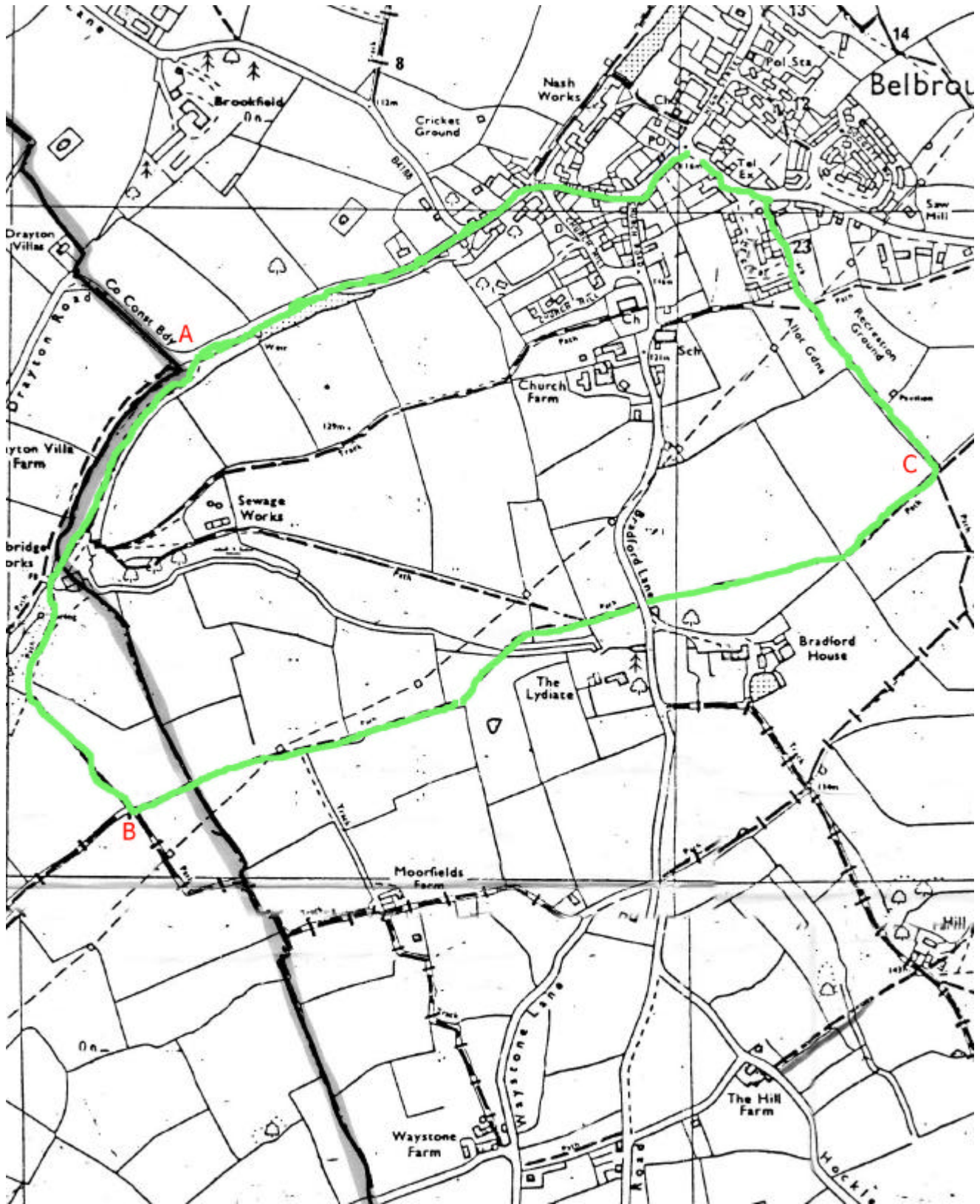


Walk No 1

Distance – about 4km: Time about 45 mins: Gentle walking with only one short incline and 3 stiles.



Starting from the centre of the village by The Talbot walk west down High St and then down Queens Hill. Follow the road into Drayton road and at the junction with Hackmansgate Lane carry straight on towards Drayton. At this point the walk takes you along the side of Little Bell Hall Pool and you should look out for the notice board explaining the industrial history of Belne Brook between Shutt Mill and Drayton.

Continue walking alongside the pool, past the dam until the road takes a sharp right turn. At this point you are at point A on the map. At this point turn left and continue through the kissing gate and along the dirt road. Eventually the road turns left towards the Severn and Trent Treatment plant. You should now turn right and then left to follow the path between the stream and the boundary wall. After about 150m you will come to a bridge over the stream. Do not cross, but carry on the same side following the path through and up into the adjacent field. You should now turn right and follow the path around the edge of the field until you meet the junction of the footpath with the Bridle way to Drayton and the footpath back to Belbroughton.

This is shown as point B on the map and here you should turn left across the field towards the stile in the hedge. Cross the stile and continue across the next field. The path then goes along the edge of a field and crosses a further field before entering a recently planted wood. At this point the path turns slightly left and goes down hill through the trees to another stile. Cross the stile and then go over the bridge to avoid the mud and continue up towards your right to the final stile. Cross over the stile and proceed towards Bradford Lane.

You should cross Bradford lane and proceed through the metal gate and up the dirt road towards point C. At this point you should turn left towards Belbroughton Recreation Ground, go through the kissing gate, across the recreation ground and down the access road to Hartle Lane. When you have reached Hartle lane turn left and follow the road back to your starting point.