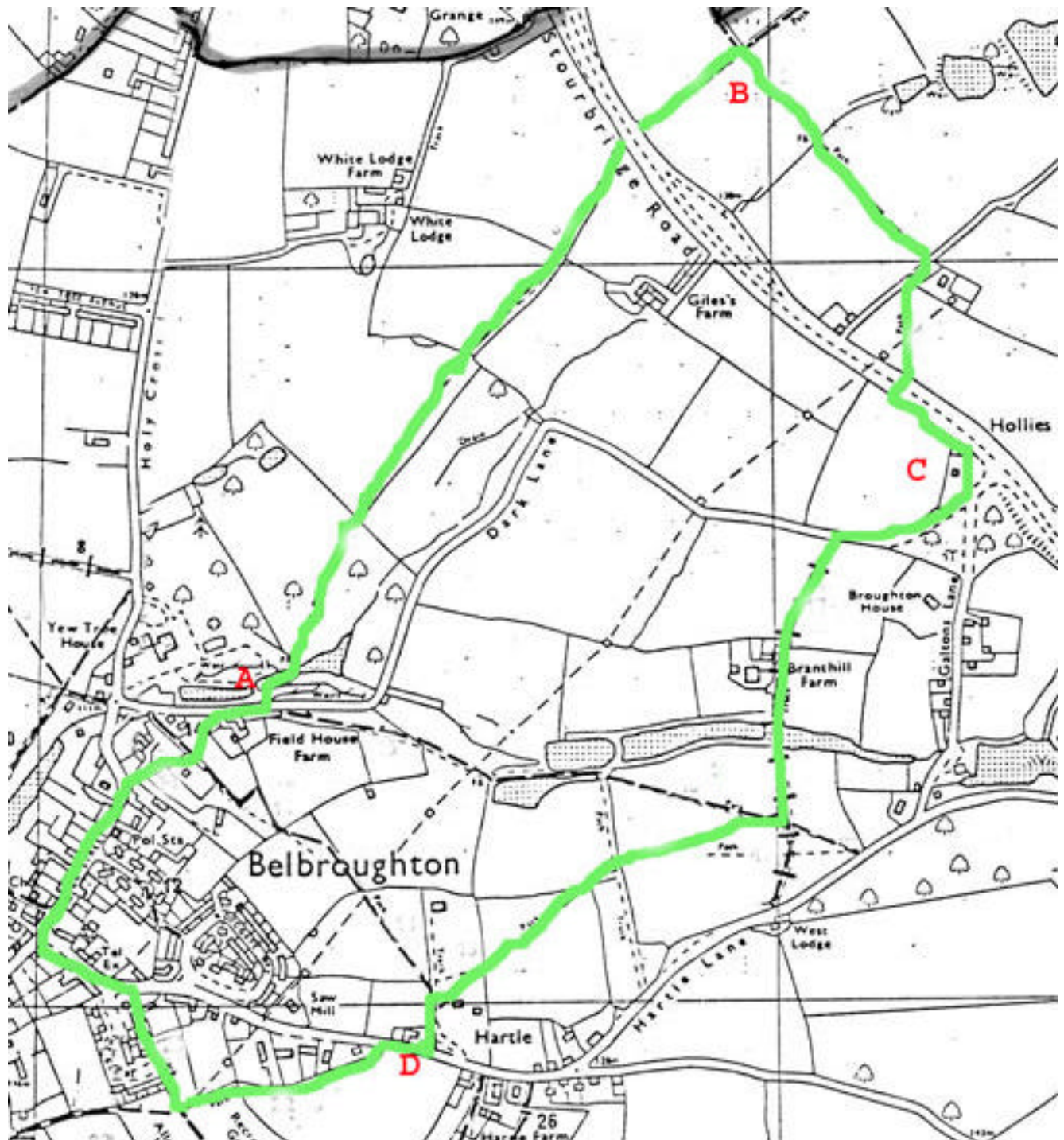


Walk 5

Distance about 5km: Time 1 - 1½ hours: Easy walking with moderate slopes and 14 stiles



Start from outside the Talbot pub in the centre of Belbroughton, go along High St, passed the Post Office, past Pinchers Close until the road turns to the left and on the right hand side there is a footpath sign. The sign is pointing to the right, up a driveway. Continue up the driveway towards some large wrought Iron Gates. The path at this point does a dog leg and continues between the fences of the adjacent properties. Continue until you meet a cross way with a stile straight in front. Cross the stile into the field and continue slightly to your left towards the stile at the other side of the field. Cross the stile onto Dog Lane and continue up the lane for about 50m until you come to a footpath going off to the left. You are now at point A on the map.

Turn onto the footpath, which almost immediately crosses a bridge, turns sharp right and continues up through the woods. At the end of the wooded section you cross a concrete bridge and emerge into a open field. Continue to follow the path across the middle of the field , over the stile and across the next field to an old metal kissing gate. Once through the gate follow the path across the edge of the next field to a stile and then through a slightly wooded area to another stile on the edge of the main road.

Please take care crossing the main road and to do this you should use the gaps in the safety barriers provided. This will lead you to a stile on the opposite side of the road. Cross the stile and proceed across the field heading up the centre of the field. After about 150m you will be approaching a hedge on your left hand side and also there is a gate off to the left. This is point B which is a cross ways in the middle of the field. Here you should turn 90° to your right and head off across the field to the hedge at the far side. As you cross the field you should notice a bridge across a stream and you should head for this bridge. Once across the bridge, head up the field slightly to your left to get to the stile on Moor Hall Drive. Cross the stile, turn right and 20m away there is a stile up the bank to your left. Cross this stile into the field and follow the path towards another stile which when crossed brings you onto the main road. Turn to the left and cross the main road and proceed towards the Four Winds pub.

You are now at point C and our walk continues by passing the pub and proceeding down Dark Lane until we reach the turn off for Branthill Farm, which is on your left. Follow the track past the farm, passed the pools and up into the next field. About half way into the next field there is a stile in the fence alongside which brings a footpath in from your left. At this point there is a path to your right across the field to a stile in the opposite hedge. (See Note 1) Cross the field and over the stile which is followed by a small bridge and then follow the path across the field slightly to your left to a double stile in the far hedge. Cross this stile and head for another stile leading to the dirt road. Turn left along the road and after about 50m you will see a stile in the corner of the field in front of you. Cross this and keeping to the right hand edge of the field, go to the stile on Hartle Lane.

Having crossed Hartle lane, turn right and in about 60m you will see a gate on your left leading to a footpath, which goes around the rear of the houses to Belbroughton Recreation ground. The footpath goes at the side of the tennis courts and at the corner of the car park there is a crossroads of footpaths. Turn right down the entrance road to the Recreation Ground and proceed down to Hartle lane. Turn left into Hartle lane and follow the road until you reach the starting point outside the Talbot.

Note 1

Quite often the landowner who farms this field does not mark the path across this field and depending on the crop it is sometimes impossible to walk across the field. If you meet this situation, go back to the corner of the field and follow the path around the edge of the field.