

Ladyswood

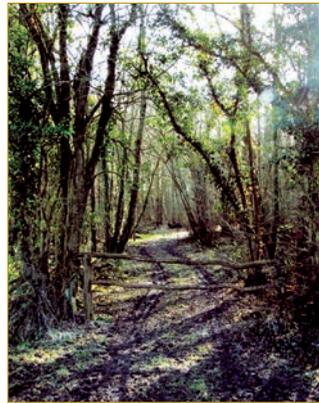
Using Noble Street, Sherston 26, Forlorn, Foxley Road, Sherston 13 & 37, Ladyswood Estate and Sherston 15.

4.1 miles - a bit hilly.

Go towards Malmesbury and turn right by the Rattlebone Inn into Noble Street, beside the triangle and large acer tree. This is known as the Jubilee Tree, as it was planted in 1897 to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. A short way down the hill turn left up the steps onto SHER26. Follow this through the houses to a metal kissing gate and along a field edge with houses on your left. Continue through the next kissing gate, veer diagonally right across the field, over a stile, then on the same line to another kissing gate in the field corner. Descend the steps to the road and follow it with care downhill to Forlorn Bridge over the River Avon. Cross the bridge and immediately turn left, climbing through pleasant woodland.

Do not take the track that leads to Keeper's Cottage but continue along the road until you reach the T-junction. Go left onto Foxley Road, cross the road and then go right, through a gate onto SHER13 (do not go onto the track to the right of it which is a signed bridleway).

Go diagonally across the first field, cross the stile and bear right to another stile in a gap between the end of the hedge and a tree. Walk between two trees to middle far end of large field and cross the stile, up steps and down over a bank in front of a drainage ditch. Continue past the dewpond on your right and go diagonally left, cutting across the corner of the polo pitch and through the gap in the gallop beyond. Make your way across the stile and through the field ahead, veering left towards the corner of the next field where there is another stile. Go over this stile or through the gap and keep the hedge on your left as you cross this last field to the stile and bridge

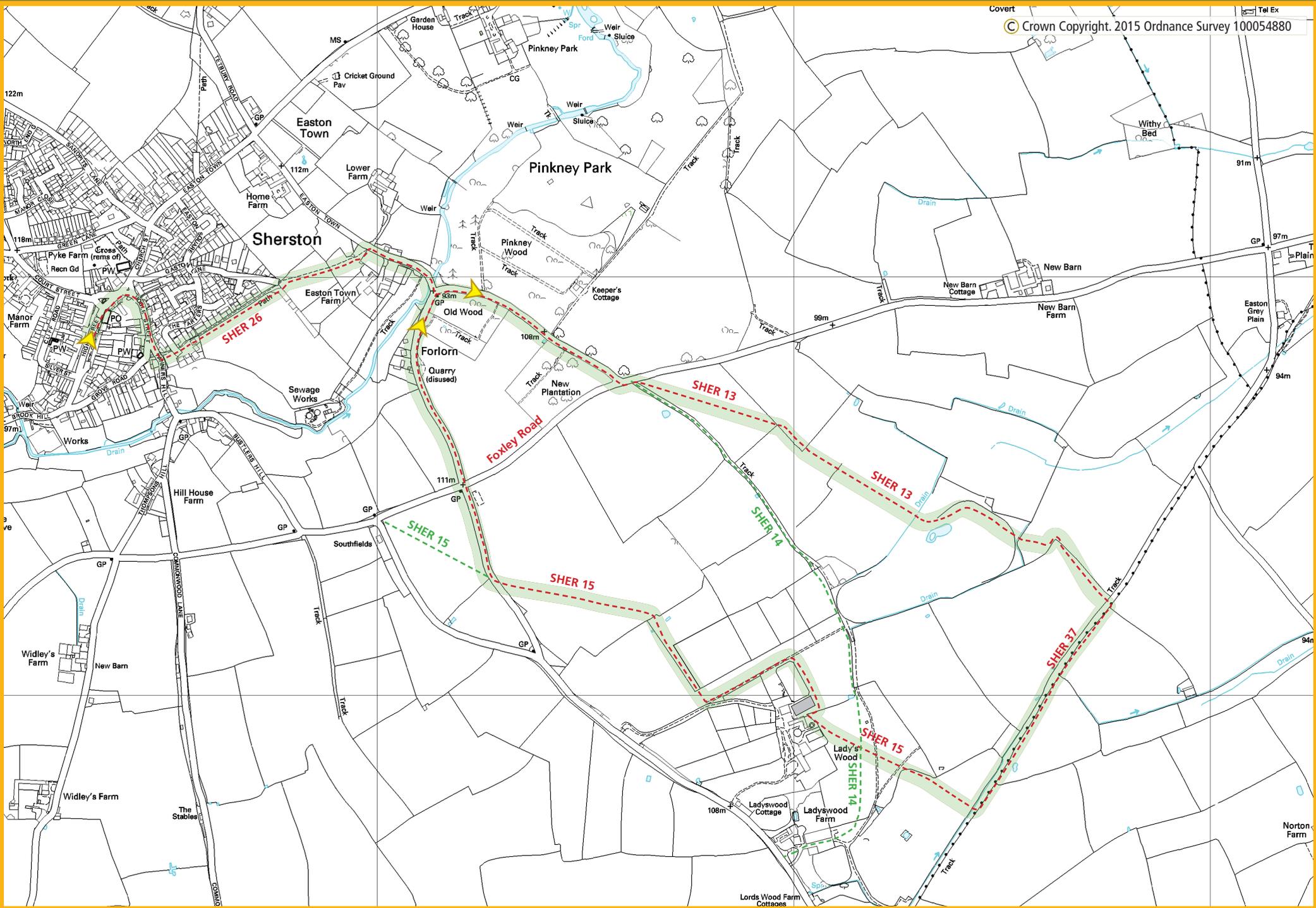


that bring you out onto the old Fosse Way (SHER37). Turn right on this long, straight byway and take care as vehicles sometimes use

this track. After about 400 yards, SHER15 is on your right.

Cross the plank bridge and stile onto this footpath, which re-enters the Ladyswood Estate where polo ponies may be grazing. Continue between the post-and-rail fences and across a stile. Keeping the hedge on your left, cross the next field diagonally, aiming for the corner of a brick wall and large wooden clad building behind spinney. Pass over a stile, go through spinney and through small gate. Now turn right then left following the edge of the wooden clad building. Go straight on keeping a green fence on your left until post and rails, then turn left and walk between the post and rails and the horse exercise track. At the end of the horse track turn right keeping hedge on left and post and rails on right. Cross the field going through two small gates which lead into a large arable field. The footpath now goes diagonally left across this field where skylarks can be heard in spring and summer. Head for two telegraph poles close together to the left of the view of the church and cross the stile and bridge there onto the road. Turn right and go down the hill back to Forlorn. Cross the bridge and retrace your steps up the hill on the other side and along SHER26 back to the High Street.





Sherston

Pinkney Park

Foxley Road

SHER 26

SHER 13

SHER 13

SHER 15

SHER 15

SHER 14

SHER 37

SHER 15

SHER 14

Easton Town

Forlorn

Hill House Farm

New Barn

New Barn Farm

Widley's Farm

New Barn

Widley's Farm

Lords Wood Farm Cottages

Norton Farm