

Retrace your steps left along Dalby Avenue, right along the A47, cross the pedestrian crossing, and take the jitty next to the petrol station to return to the start point.

walk 3:
7½km (4¾miles), allow 2½ hours, undulating countryside, some steep bits and some parts are very muddy

From the Rose and Crown turn right onto Main Street and walk on the right hand side of the road into Bushby. As the road turns sharply to the left, walk into the cul-de-sac ahead, go past Bushby Lodge Farm on the right and onto a well-marked footpath to Houghton on the Hill.

1 Follow the waymarkers across several fields before heading up hill to enter Houghton on the Hill. Keep to the path between the houses and bear right following the cycleway to reach Stretton Lane. Turn right and walk out of the village along the lane. Very soon you reach a footpath on the right at the village sign. The wide grass path takes you gently downhill, then into open fields. Walk with the hedge on your right to reach and cross the stream, where the ground can be extremely muddy. To the left there are interesting views of Leicester Airport, built during the Second World War, and mostly used by the United States Air Force.

Britain's largest war time bomber, the Short Stirling flew from here during the war. It had a wing span of over 99 feet! It is now a private airfield run by Leicester Aero Club.

In clear weather, Bradgate Park in Charnwood Forest can be seen directly ahead across the spread of Leicester lying in a slight hollow.

2 Climb up to the stile ahead and follow the waymarkers across fields to reach Houghton Lodge.



Follow the waymarkers to the right, then on reaching the metalled road turn right towards Stoughton

3 After about 400 metres turn right onto the bridle path across the middle of a large field and bear left around the edge of a spinney. Pass through a gap in the hedge and walk with the hedge on your left to join a farm track.

4 Just before the road turn right over a stile and onto the footpath to Thurnby. St. Luke's Church is clearly seen on the hill before you.

Follow the footpath downhill passing over a stile at the corner of the spinney and then cross a field of ridge and furrow to reach a footbridge in the far right hand corner of the field. Ridge-and-furrow is a remnant of open field cultivation preserved by the enclosures of 1772.

After crossing Bushby Brook, climb the field ahead to return to the Rose and Crown public house.

For another local walk try the *Keyham and Ingarsby Parish Walks*.



The routes are clearly marked with bold, yellow topped waymarker posts and waymarker discs with the Parish Walks symbol.

Walking - Be fit and well

Walking is a form of exercise that is suitable and enjoyable for all ages. It's a free and fun way for families and friends to get fit together. Just 30 minutes of brisk walking on a daily basis can benefit your health and quality of life.

useful information:

Buses: Service 747 Leicester-Uppingham (Mon-Sat)
Refreshments: tearoom and public house in Thurnby

Thurnby and Bushby

This leaflet is one of a series produced to promote circular walking throughout the county. You can obtain others in the series by visiting your local library or Tourist Information Centre. You can also order them by phone or from our website.



Your Parish or Local Community Group may wish to produce a walking leaflet, please contact the Access Officer at County Hall for more information.

It is advisable to wear suitable footwear when walking. Stout shoes or walking boots are recommended.

Some stretches of the route follow minor country roads. Beware of traffic approaching from both directions. If possible stay on the verge, if not walk in single file on the right hand side of the road. Enjoy the walks, whilst observing the Countryside Code.

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The information in this leaflet is available in other formats on request.

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Parish Walks

3 circular walks

- 1 3kms/2 miles
- 2 4½kms/2¾ miles
- 3 7½kms/4¾ miles

