

Thurnby and Bushby are twin villages that were originally on the south side of the Uppingham turnpike (A47) but have now spread to both sides. The boundary between the two villages passes through The Rose and Crown – the bar is said to be in Thurnby and the lounge in Bushby.

Parking: along Main Street near St. Luke's Church or further along in the Rose and Crown Public House car park (by permission of the landlord)

walk 1:

3km (2 miles), allow 1 hour, gently undulating across open countryside.

From the Rose and Crown public house car park, take the footpath to the left of the pub and walk downhill through the fields of ridge-and-furrow. Cross the brook, then ascend the hill ahead to eventually meet a farm track.

A Turn right, then at the road cross over to the brideway opposite. Follow this towards the housing, and via a narrow path to Newhaven Road. Turn right and at the end, right again into Swinstead Road.

B Cross the stile at the end of the road and follow the path diagonally across the fields, then turn left at the road.

C Walk along the pavement into Thurnby village and back to the starting point.

walk 2:

4½ km (2½ miles) allow 1½ hours, undulating countryside, some muddy bits.

Starting from St. Lukes Church, walk down Main Street, past St. Lukes CoE Primary School and take the jitty to the right of the school. This comes out at the A47 Uppingham Road, next to the Petrol Station.

1 Cross via the pedestrian crossing and turn right. Cross the entrance of Hereward Drive, past the Thurnby & Bushby United Reform Church and turn left down Dalby Ave.

2 As the road bends right, go straight ahead following the footpath fingerpost down an enclosed path. The path emerges into open fields.

Walk the left-hand boundary alongside the backs of the houses. Follow the waymarkers into the flood relief basin (don't go out to the road) cross to a footbridge and continue behind the housing.

3 The path turns left at the end of the housing, along the ditch, then right heading straight up the field, under the telegraph wire and to the field corner, to the road.

Now turn right and walk back down the field diagonally to the left, parallel with the left hand hedge to meet a brook at the bottom of the hill.

4 Cross the footbridge, bear left and walk up the hill with the hedge on your left.

Just before the farm turn right and continue with the hedge on the left.

At the end of the hedgeline, cross the next field diagonally to the right aiming for the telegraph poles, to reach the disused railway cutting.

5 Once over the stile bear right up the hill to the road and turn right.

