



Burton on the Wolds is a small village 3 miles to the east of Loughborough and is easily reached by car via the B676.

**P** All four walks start from the Village Hall in the village centre, on the corner of Seymour Road and Loughborough Road.

*The Village Hall was built in 1909 by Algernon St Maur 15th Duke of Somerset.*

### walk 1: 1½km (1mile), allow 20 minutes, easy and flat, with two stiles.

From the Village Hall turn down Seymour Road, passing the "Owl" sculpture on the left, which is centrepiece of the Millennium Garden and was commissioned by the Parish Council to commemorate the year 2000.

Follow the road around into Brook Street and towards the road end take the footpath left.

**A** When the path emerges into open fields turn right, follow the field edge until a stile takes you out to Wymeswold Lane. Turn right and right again to return to the village.

*On your way back into the village look out for: The burial ground on the right where a section contains graves and memorials of Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force who served at RAF Wymeswold.*

*On the left just before the village centre, the Lion's Mouth Fountain, constructed around 1820 by Charles Godfrey Mundy of Burton Hall. This was a source of village drinking water until after the Second World War.*

### walk 2: 2½km (1½miles), allow 40 minutes, easy and relatively flat

As a continuation of Walk 1 from the stile at Wymeswold Lane this route provides an alternative to returning to the village.

**B** Turn left along the lane until a bridleway on the left takes you beside a dyke.

**C** At the bottom corner of the field the path swings left, with woodland alongside to the right. Cross a narrow paddock via two gates and turn left back towards Burton with a brook to your left. This path takes you to Seymour Road and back to the village centre.

### walk 3: 4½km (2½miles), allow 1½ hours, relatively flat and easy.

From the Village Hall, follow Seymour Road to its end and take the path continuing straight ahead into the field. Walk through the spinney. Look out for the Parish Boundary Stone – this footpath follows the route of the old highway running from Six Hills via Burton and Prestwold to the river crossing at Cotes.

Once through the spinney, you get the first view of St Andrew's Church and Prestwold Hall with its fine landscaped grounds.



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