

Walk 15 – Halstock Mill – Description

Start and Finish: The walk starts from Halstock Village triangle, (A), with parking.

Halstock to Brooklands Farm: From the triangle head west towards Halstock Leigh and take the first road on the left, Common Lane (B). Follow the metalled road for 200m then through a way-marked gate on the right (C). Follow the path to a bridge into the next field then keep to the left-hand hedge to a gate leading into a field used as a football pitch. Keeping the football pitch to the right, go through the field to the gate which leads on to the road (D).

Brooklands Farm to Halstock Mill: Turn left for about 100m then turn right over a culvert and through a gate onto a marked footpath (E). Keeping the hedge on the right, follow the edge of the field to a stile on the right into the next field (F). Head diagonally across this field to cross two stiles in quick succession. In the next field aim for the gap in the opposite hedge. Go through the gap heading for the gate at the bottom of the field onto the road (G), signed Halstock Mill.



Halstock Mill: At some time, there were two mills, one building survives as shown. First references to the mill are from the 1600's, then in the 1700's to a water grist mill for grinding grain/seeds. In the 1800's more machinery was installed for spinning flax into thread and yarn for sailcloth manufacturers in Yeovil and East Coker.

Halstock Mill to St Juthware and St Mary's Church: Turn left to the mill, (H), then opposite the house take the path on the right (part of the Macmillan Way Link) across a little bridge and a wildflower meadow to a stile into the field. Head across the field, looking out for the buildings of Locke Farm on the right, where the way-marked path turns right into the farmyard. Go through the farmyard and follow the track to where it turns to the left. Carrying straight on go through a gate into a field to bear left to another gate opposite the church. (J). Cross the road to a footpath alongside the churchyard and if desired enter the church yard through a kissing gate on the left to explore the graves.

St Juthware and St Mary's Church to Finish: From the kissing gate follow the path over a bridge into a field. Aim for the gap in the hedge directly ahead and follow the path down to the gate (K). Go through the gate, turn right and follow the road, pausing for refreshment at Halstock Village shop, back to the start (A) at the triangle.

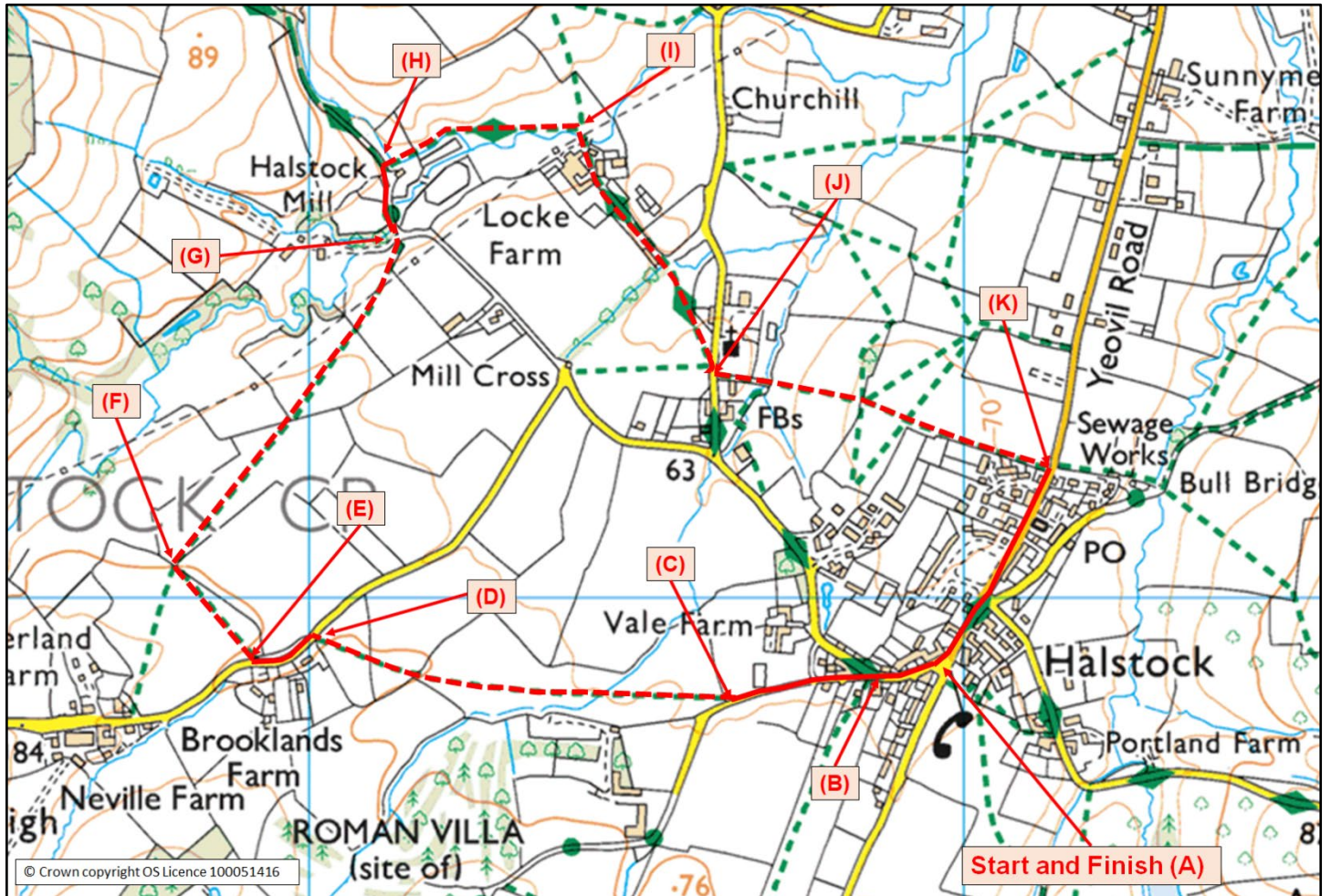
Walk 15 – Halstock Mill – Map

Distance – 4km. Total Ascent – 30m. Duration – 1hrs. Difficulty – Easy.

Clothing – Some sections seasonally muddy.

History – St Juthware and St Mary’s Church.

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