

## Walk 13 – Causeway and Harvard Farm – Description

**Start and finish:** The walk starts at Halstock Village Shop **(A)**, where there is parking. Visit the shop for provisions for the walk, or a coffee, and maybe purchase some local produce and crafts.

**Halstock Shop to Barret’s House Farm:** Turn right along Yeovil Road, then left into the field immediately past the houses **(B)**. Go straight across, through the gap in the hedge, and immediately right **(C)** to a gate. Cross the next field diagonally, aiming towards an electricity pylon and through a gap in the hedge. Immediately turn right over a wire fence (if wires are live, unhook using insulated handles). Turn left, following the hedge to a field gate onto Back Lane **(D)**. Turn right onto the road. Proceed along Back lane, over Leggs Bridge, then right along Netherstoke Lane to Yeovil Road **(E)**. Looking out carefully for traffic, turn left up Yeovil Road towards Barret’s House Farm on the right **(F)**.

**Harvard Farm:** Immediately before the house, turn right through a gate, straight across the field and onto the causeway which crosses the head of Sutton Bingham reservoir. Take the second gate on the left, then follow the field edge to a gateway on the right. Pass through then bear left diagonally across the field to the next gate, straight up a steep hill to another gateway (very muddy in wet weather) Cross a small field to a gate onto Harvard Farm drive. Harvard Farm was named by Thomas Hollis, benefactor of Harvard university.



**Harvard Farm to Finish:** Turn right along the drive, then sharp right through gate. **(G)** Keep to the left side of the field then left through gate into wood. Cross wood to leave over stile, keep left around the field edge for a short distance and go over another stile into a coppice. Cross a bridge, and a further stile into the next field and proceed along the top edge of the field keeping the hedge to the left. Where the hedge turns left, bear right diagonally across the field to a bridge, through a gate then a short distance to another gate on the right **(H)**. Through the gate, almost immediately cross a stile to the left, bear right diagonally across the field to a stile in far corner. Cross two stiles and a bridge into the next field. Keep the river on the right, over a stile and another field to a gateway into Watery Lane. **(I)** Go down the lane to the river which requires paddling a short distance to Bull Bridge. (Alternatively, to keep feet dry, from the last stile, turn left, through a gap in Watery Lane, then right, continuing along the field edge to Bull Bridge). Walk up Watery Lane to the village, turn right opposite the Quiet Woman **(J)** and return to the Village Shop.

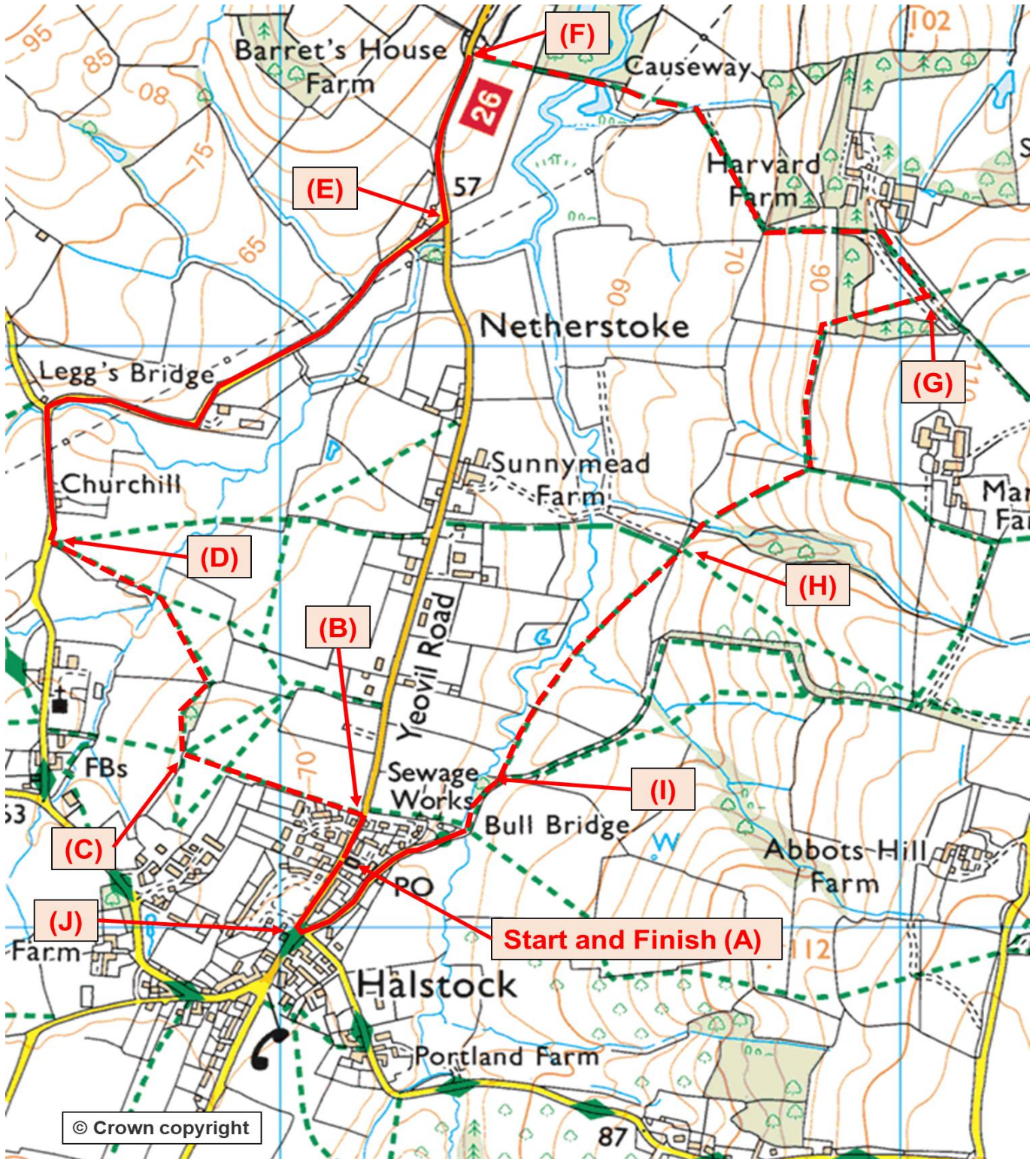
## Walk 13 – Causeway and Harvard Farm – Map

**Distance** – 5 km. **Total Ascent** – 80m. **Duration** – 1.5hrs. **Difficulty** – Easy.

**Clothing** – Some sections seasonally muddy. Watery Lane requires paddling.

**History** - Thomas Hollis, benefactor of Harvard university.

**Shop** – Halstock Village Shop - <https://www.halstock-village.co.uk/community-shop/>



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