

# THAME INNER CIRCUIT

The Thame Inner Circuit is a 4 mile walking route, making use of existing paths, pavements, tracks and trails within Thame. There are many alternatives to the particular route detailed here and the choice of any preferred route is down to the individual. The route is described in a clockwise direction but could, of course, be done in the opposite direction. Many of the paths are close to houses – please respect the privacy of the occupants. Walkers are also asked to leave things as they find them, to take litter home, and to clean up after their dogs. The Circuit crosses both major and minor roads so please cross these with great care and use pelican crossings if available.

There is no specific starting point but this guide starts at St. Mary's Church.

- 1** At the rear of the church in Priest End, and with your back to it, turn right to follow a path between the churchyard on the right and a wall on the left. Follow this past a cricket ground on the right and houses on the left to reach a main road (Aylesbury Road). Turn right for a few yards to the pelican crossing. Cross here and turn left. Shortly after the end of a long wall turn right onto a path alongside house number 44. After a short distance the path becomes metalled. Continue on the path to pass above a road on the right (Brookside) and reach a T-junction.
- 2** Bear left here, near some green railings, and cross the next road (Roundhead Drive) and continue ahead, passing a play area on the right. Follow the path towards a climbing wall, bearing right immediately in front of it, staying on the path. Do not bear left towards the main road (By-pass) but continue on the path, around some swings and down towards a barrier. Leave the park here to enter a cul-de-sac (Harrison Place). Turn right and almost immediately left into the next road (Roundhead Drive) to then reach a T-junction and a post box. Turn right here (Cromwell Avenue) for only a few yards before turning left to cross the road and join a path between house numbers 33 and 35.
- 3** At a T-junction turn right into a road (Berkeley Road) to go past Cavalier Road and soon turn left onto a path alongside house number "Four". Turn left at a T-junction to soon arrive at a road (Ormond Road). Continue straight across the road on a path, to arrive at another road (Hamilton Road) and, a little further on, reach a humped green with a solitary tree at its summit. Take the path along the left edge of this green (i.e. with the tree on the right), bearing right to leave the road at a Sedgemoor Drive sign.
- 4** Go straight ahead at a crossing of paths to finally reach Cromwell Avenue again. Cross the road and take the path diagonally right across a green to reach a path alongside house number 34. Keep straight ahead for some distance to eventually pass a green and play area on the right and arrive at a main road (Kingsey Road). Turn right along the pavement to pass Burnards Court and Churchill Crescent. When the tarmac pavement comes to an end, cross the road to go through an obvious path for a few yards to cross a road (Seven Acres) and take another short path almost directly opposite to arrive at another road (Queens Road).
- 5** Cross the road to enter Towersey Road. Go past the school and Towersey Drive and soon arrive at a path on the right by a red dog litter bin. Follow this path and take the second path on the left to find a road (Pickenfield). Bear left to follow Pickenfield to a major road (Eastern by-pass). Turn right on the footpath for about 200 yards to arrive at a metalled track on the right (Phoenix Trail) by a traffic crossing.
- 6** Turn right onto the Phoenix Trail and follow it for a considerable distance, passing under a bridge, alongside the derelict station platform, under a further bridge, over Windmill Road and Moreton Lane. Continue on the Phoenix Trail for about ¼ mile, ignoring side paths, until reaching a large Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve information panel.
- 7** Turn right here, down steps, to follow a clear path (which can be muddy!). At a fork in the path, bear right with the Cuttle Brook on the right to reach a large wooden bridge. Cross the bridge and go straight ahead to immediately cross a smaller bridge and continue ahead with the brook now on the left. At a fork bear left and continue to a crossing of paths alongside a wooden litter bin. Turn left here and very soon reach a T-junction.
- 8** Turn left over a bridge and go up a very gentle rise to reach a crossing of paths. Turn right here to follow a track, with a fence on the left and a hedge on the right. The track soon leads to a busy road (Oxford Road). For safety reasons, cross the road here whilst able to see traffic from both directions. Turn right on the opposite pavement to go slightly uphill. When the main road turns sharply right go straight ahead into Priest End. Continue along Priest End until reaching the starting point by the church.

This walk has been created on behalf of Thame Green Living as an approachable route to encourage walking around the town as recommended in the Thame Green Living Plan adopted by Thame Town Council to promote a cleaner, greener, healthier Thame.

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