

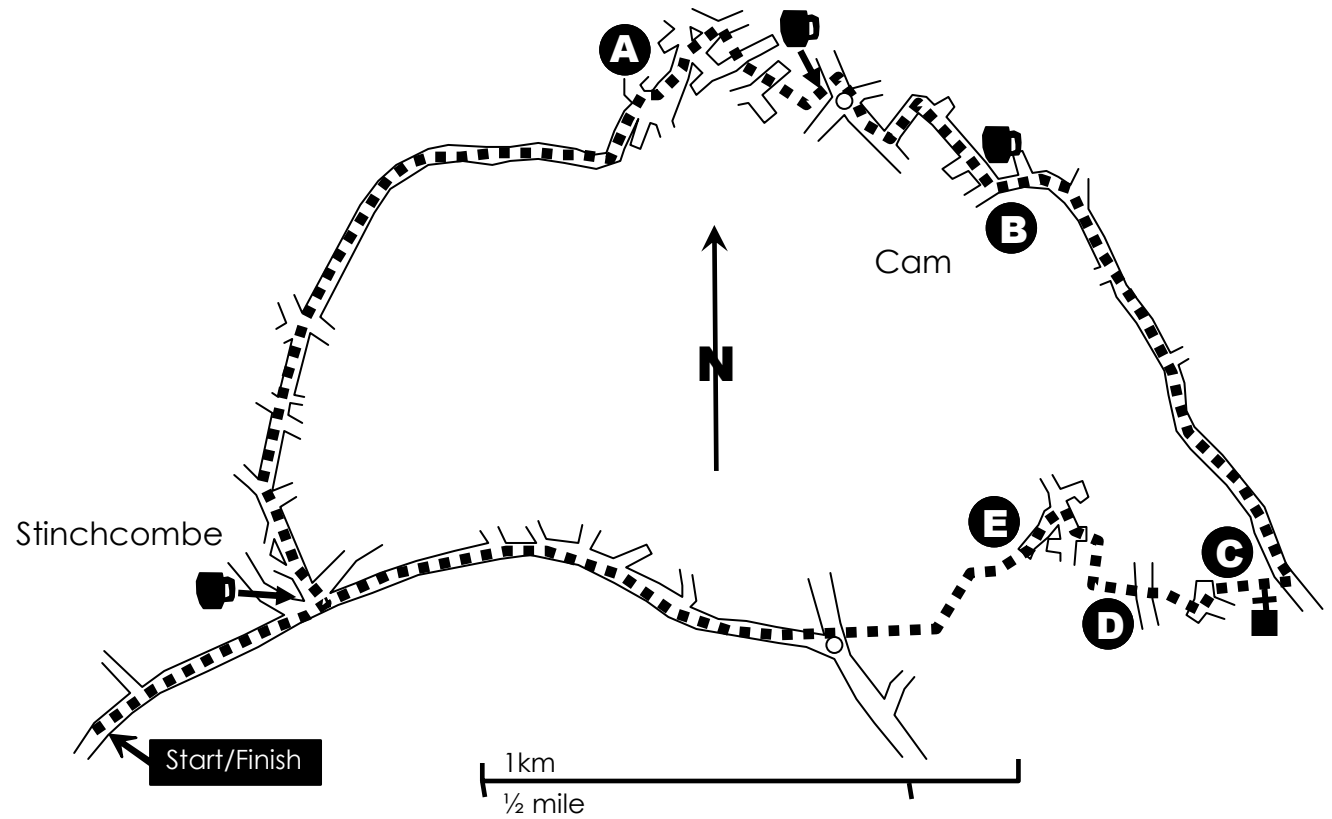
Cross the road from the village hall car park, turn left and follow the path down The Avenue to The Yew Tree pub. Cross the road keeping the pub on your left and follow the path into The Quarry. (The road sign is on the left side of the road, after the pub.) Stone from the old quarry was used to construct some of the older buildings in Stinchcombe.

Keep going straight on – you will pass the small stone United Reform Church on your right. Shortly afterwards, the road name changes to Elstub Lane. Carry on past the school entrance as the road narrows to a car's width and is signposted to Lower Cam and Draycott.

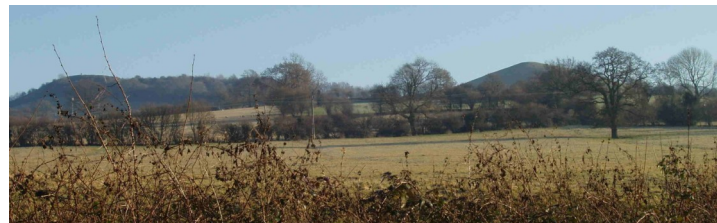
Continue on the lane, as it bends to the right and then descends to the end marked by two posts. Continue down the path and turn left at a signpost to Lower Cam Draycott **(A)**.

Continue for 200 metres and cross Manor Avenue at the Give Way sign. Follow the footpath signposted Lower Cam Draycott and then follow the road for 75 metres. Ignore the turning on your left called Knapp Lane and continue on for 10 metres where there is a signposted footpath on your right. Take this footpath, crossing two roads before emerging at the Church of St Bartholomews George. Turn left keeping the church on your left. Walk down the lane to Cam High Street.

Turn right and cross the road at the roundabout with the entrance to Tescos on your left, continuing straight on into Chapel Street. After 100 me-



tres, by the Methodist Church, turn left into Rowley. Follow this road as it turns sharp right and then at the T junction by the Railway Inn **(B)** turn left and cross the road. Continue up the hill and stay on the path past the War Memorial and Cam Hopton School.



The path rejoins the road as it dips; stay on the path for another 400 metres where there is a path on the right, which takes you via a gate, into St.

George's church-yard. The path entrance is by a short length of railings on the pavement and the path signpost is currently broken **(C)**.

Walk through St. George's church-yard and you come out into a cul-de-sac. Stay on the footpath on the left side of the road as it turns left, then cross the road here and follow



the path down and around to the right. At the end of the road there is a footpath; this is only 80 metres from the exit of the church-yard.

Follow the path and cross the old railway line by the disused pedestrian bridge. The path leads straight onto a road with no path. Take care here.

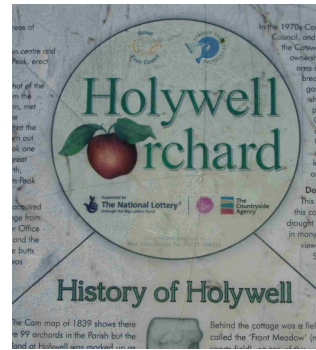
**(D)** Cross the road, turn right and immediately take the narrow path that is now on your left. *(This path has been known to be blocked. If so, follow alternative directions in italics on the last page.)* The path climbs and meets a wider path. Turn right and keep right following the path with the street lights. The path eventually joins a road which you continue along until you reach a T junction. Cross the road and turn right and then, after 40 metres, turn left into Willow Close.

Follow the path at the end of The Close and where the path splits keep right climbing via



groups of steps. At the top by a wooden bench there is a plaque giving information on Holywell Orchard and the surrounding view **(E)**.

Holywell Orchard dates back to the 1880s and is one of 99 orchards shown on old maps of Cam. Cam and Dursley were major apple and pear growing areas and part of the orchard grew a variety of apple unique to this parish called The Gloucester Royal.



Facing up the hill, take the path to the left staying on the level. After 110 metres, take the path to the right climbing via three steps. Follow the path for a further 180 metres until you arrive at the roundabout near a Police Station. Cross the road and continue up Dursley Road. Cross the road at a safe point prior to The Yew Tree pub and then retrace your steps back down The Avenue to the Village Hall.

If you are familiar with Stinchcombe Hill, you have the option of taking one of the two footpaths that go up the hill to the golf course from Dursley Road (one at Sandpits after you have crossed from the Police Station and the other slightly further along) and returning to the Village Hall via the bridgeway.

**(D)** *If the narrow path is blocked, continue down the road. Turn left up a path on the left hand side of the road, opposite a 5 bar gate into a field, and walk between the houses. At the top, go through the kissing gate and turn left. Follow this and join a path with 'street lights'. Turn right and then, after 40 metres, turn left into Willow Close. Now return to the main instructions above from the point where they enter Willow Close.*



# Walks around Stinchcombe

One of a series of rambles in and around the village

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*This walk takes you into the history of Cam, passing five churches and going through Holywell Orchard. It is not scenic in the traditional sense but takes you through parts of Cam that are likely to be new to walkers from Stinchcombe.*

*Apart from paths from St George's Church in Upper Cam back to the Police Station, which can get slightly muddy, it is all on tarmac paths or very minor roads. This is a good route for runners and is suitable for dogs as there are no stiles.*

*You have the option of a slightly longer route by returning across the top of Stinchcombe Hill*

**Start:** Stinchcombe Village Hall

**Refreshments:** Three pubs and a supermarket

THE HOLY WALK

