

Bike Week – 30th May–5th June 2021 - Family cycle route around the village

We've tried to take you on quieter routes where possible, but please still take care when cycling on the roads. Where the route takes you via a footpath (apart from shared use paths), you should get off and push.

1 You can pick up the route at any point, but we will start at Fort End, opposite the café (Norsk), then head down High Street. The route takes you past Haddenham Museum (**1**) on your left, so why not pop in if it's open? Carry on down High Street and follow the road round to the right into South End.

2 Next, turn left onto Townside and carry on past the King's Head on your left, down to the T-junction at the end. Here, turn right onto Station Road. Take the next right onto Whitecross Road, which will take you up through the Sheerstock estate. The layout here can be a bit confusing, but we have a useful tip! To stay on the main route through the estate, just follow the roads with the dashed white line down the middle (but be warned, they're fairly faint in some places).

There is an option here to take the path into the Sheerstock Playground (**2**), then rejoin the main route through the estate.

3 Just before you reach the Thame Road, take the last turning on the left. At the end of this close, you'll find a short path, which will take you to the best place to cross the Thame Road.



At this point you could park up at the station and explore the wonderful Snakemoor Nature Reserve (**3**) via the footpath. Alternatively carry on straight down Spitfire Path, which runs beside the railway track. At the end on your left, you'll find a small playground (**4**).

At the end of Spitfire Path, turn right onto the shared walking and cycling path that runs along the south side of Pegasus Way.

4 If you cross over and follow Tibbs Road, just before you get to the Co-op, you'll come to a larger playground (**5**) beside the new football fields. To rejoin Pegasus Way, you can retrace your steps or go through the Co-op car park. Continue along Pegasus Way, following it round to the right, to take you back to the Thame Road.

When you get to the Thame Road, you need to turn left, crossing Pegasus Way to continue along the shared path towards the centre of the village. By the chicane, cyclists should rejoin the road, taking, the new eastbound 'pop-up' cycle lane. This will take you past the Rising Sun on your right, then the Cottage Bakery on your left. Continue around the S-bend, past the House of Spice, then take the first left into Stokes Croft.



Carry on past the turn into Banks Parade (where you'll find Morrisons, Blooming Fruity and Tickety Brew) until you come to a line of shrubs across the road. Go through the cut through on the left, then carry on straight to the bridge across the brook.

Keep going along the gravel-surfaced road to the end, where you should turn right then immediately left into Stokes End.

5 After a short while turn left, and then right into the cut-through, which will take you out onto Rudds Lane.

Turn right onto Rudds Lane and carry on past the pond on your right to the Post Office Junction. You need to head for the track more or less straight ahead, but to get there you need to cross Churchway to the central reservation, then cross Stanbridge Road. Take care, as traffic can come quite fast round the bend.



Here, you can explore Green Lane (6), a lovely traffic-free route.

Where it bends sharply to the left, you could park up at the bike stands and follow the footpath towards Dinton, or carry on to the end, where you should be able to spot the alpacas in the field on your right. But turn back before you get to the busy A418 at the end of the path.

Follow Green Lane back down towards the village, and at the end, turn left onto Churchway, again via the slightly complicated junction, and follow the road down to the double roundabout. Turn left here onto Woodways.

6 Turn right onto cycle path beside the playing fields, just beyond the entrance to the car park. If you're worried about turning right here, you can pull into the bus stop outside the junior school and push across, or use the pedestrian crossing.



Carry on down the path beside the playing field. If you like, you can push your bikes across the field to the BMX track (7). At the end of the path, carry on through Hedge Furlong, then turn right onto Willis Road. At the end, turn left onto Churchway.

7 An optional detour here is to follow the footpath to your left, which will take you through to another playground (8) and also the country park (9).

Otherwise, carry on down Churchway towards the church, crossing straight over at the bottom to take the narrow road down the right-hand side of the duck pond (10).



To carry on, turn right into Flint Street. You could stop where the lane takes a sharp right and explore the footpath (11) leading out of the village, which will take you to Ponny, the village's largest pond, and onwards to Kingsey or Thame.

Otherwise, follow Flint Street round to the right and turn right again at the end onto Station Road. After a short distance, take the next left into Gibson Lane.

At the end, follow the road round to the left into The Croft and then round to the right. At the junction by the Catholic Church, head more or less straight on into Stockwell, being careful as you don't have right of way here.

Carry on down Stockwell, which grows gradually narrower and ultimately turns into a cobbled path (you may prefer to push here rather than getting thoroughly shaken up! But in any case, be sure to give way to pedestrians). At the end of the path, you'll find yourself back where we started at Fort End.

