



## Walk 4 – 2½ miles: Cornwood-Lutton loop, mainly on quiet roads with a few sections of footpaths across fields

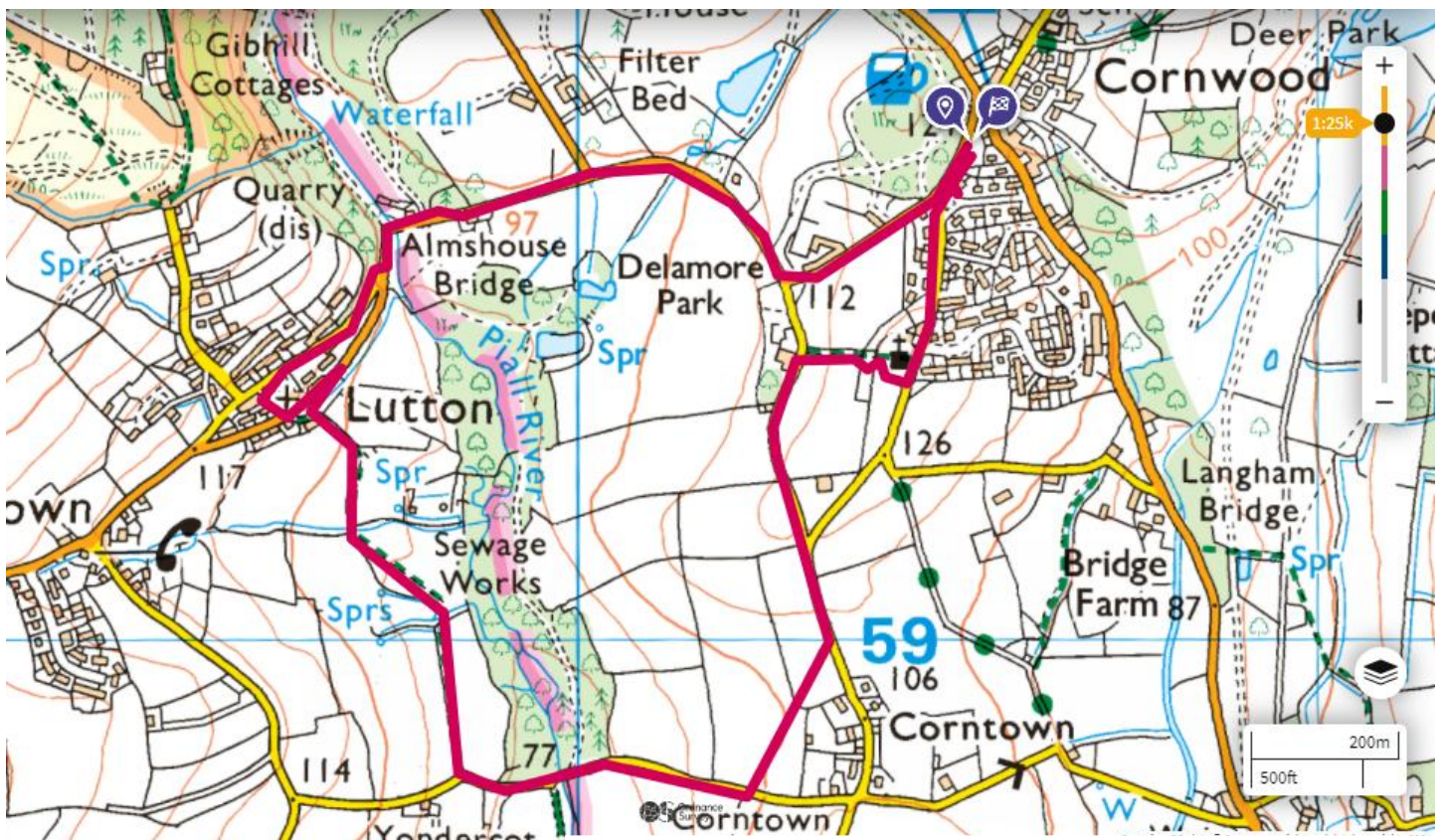
The route takes in some simple landmark highlights of the local area, including Cornwood Church, distant view of Slade viaduct, to Lutton, returning via Cornwood Cricket Club and the pink tree. Not described here but there are options to extend this walk to be entirely on road if you want to avoid mud or livestock.

Walks are undertaken at your own risk. **Please follow the countryside code and leave no trace. It is the responsibility of the walker not to trespass, cause damage or upset livestock.** Remember, that livestock are kept in the open fields and dogs should be kept on leads. Some pathways can be muddy and therefore, suitable footwear should be worn. But don't worry if you do get muddy shoes/boots, muddy boots are still welcome in the Cornwood Inn.... and it will clean off! We recommend you carry OS Explorer map 28 (Dartmoor) or have the OS app on your phone if venturing off the roads and onto the moor.

### Summary

**Note:** The start of this walk is the same as Walk 2 and the end of this walk is the same as for Walk 3. This walk can be started from the pub or Cornwood Church (St Michael and All Angels) and includes 3 public footpaths. It takes the walker from Cornwood Church to Lutton back to Cornwood on the main Cornwood Road. Total distance is approximately 2½ miles. Walkers are advised that the footpaths cross fields that are used for grazing; all dogs must be kept on leads when livestock are on the land. All gates used should be secured. Care is required walking on the roads – especially the final Cornwood to Lutton segment – and descending the steps into Kennel Lane.

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## Walk description

To get to the church from the pub, take the road towards Lutton for approximately 100 meters, then turn left between the small green and bus stop at Crossways. The church is on your right after approximately 200 metres. Follow the path from the lych-gate at the front of the church around to the rear of the bell tower; pass through a small swing gate which leads into the new graveyard and directly to another gate, 8 metres downhill. This leads to a public footpath across a field and descending some 80 metres to Pitman's Lane. The views from this pathway take in: the village of Lutton to the West; Delamore Park and estate, nestling under the impressive moorland summit/cairn of Penn Beacon to the North and then around to Stall Moor to the North West. Interestingly, at night the constellation of the Plough (seven stars in that shape) is



clearly visible in the Northern sky.



Turn left into Pitman's Lane to the rear of The Old Vicarage (green garage door and gate) and continue on to Tucker's Head in the direction of Corntown but don't go as far as the houses of this hamlet. Some 100 metres after Tucker's Head on the right-hand side is a stile\* leading to our second footpath which crosses 2 agricultural fields and leads to a stile at Kennel Lane. **\*Note: This stile is easy to miss in the small gap in the hedge. If you reach a field gate on your left or right, you have missed the stile footpath access!** Care is required descending 6 narrow granite steps that lead down into Kennel Lane. Turn right on the lane (downhill) passing Mill Wood on the right and over the narrow road bridge (Slade Bridge) over the river Piall. **Note:** Walk 2 takes the bridleway along a private drive towards Slade house but this, Walk 4, does not.

Walk past Slade estate entrance and some 100 metres further, on the right-hand side, is the public footpath. This has a gate and stile leading to an agricultural field and the path runs beside a hedge on the left, with Mill Wood on the right. Having crossed the first field, a small stream is negotiated leading to the second field. A stile set in the hedge, leads on to the third field. Here, the path is separated from a field on the right by a stock proof fence and beyond the grazing field is the site of the Lutton waterworks site. Continue along this footpath to a further stile which leads onto the Waterworks track and turn left, towards Lutton, over a further stile and onto a rough then concrete track, leading up to the main Lutton to Cornwood road.



At the junction and ahead on the left is the Lutton Congregational Church dated 1911. See the foundation stone set in the lower wall. At the end of the track turn left and then directly right onto Chapel Lane, running parallel up past the old Chapel, then turn right onto Old Road. As you continue about 100 metres along this road you will see the Mountain Inn on the left offering a chance to quench your thirst whilst taking in some spectacular views of Brunel's Slade Viaduct and around to Corntown and Hanger Down. **Note:** from this point, the route is the same as for Walk 3

Carry on down Mountain Hill, to the main Cornwood Road. Care required at this rather blind 'Y'-junction. Follow this road back to Cornwood: after around 30 metres you reach a sharp right bend over the Piall stream at Almshouse Bridge. On the left is Goodabrook Wood. After Almshouse cottage to your right, you open out onto a straight piece of road, where to your left, you find Oak Park Cricket Ground, the home of Cornwood Cricket Club, and on your right the Pink Tree.



## The Pink Tree – history/art

This tree attracted attention in the national press in May 2012 when it was painted bright pink to raise awareness of the fungal disease Phytophthora which has damaged trees across the country, and resulted in many larch trees being felled in the southwest, to help prevent the spread of the disease.

The tree itself is reportedly around 300 years old and 21 meters high. It took two weeks to paint. This, now faded Oak tree, was a former feature of a local art and sculpture exhibition held at Delamore House every May within the ground of the beautiful house and gardens.



As you continue on about 100 metres, where the road starts to bend to the right you can get glimpses of Delamore House up to the left, across the field and in amongst the trees. This is a private house, but the annual art and sculpture exhibition in May is well worth a visit. Continue on up past West Lodge and up to the bend, passing the Delamore Park entrance to the left – a sympathetic development of eight stone barns for commercial use, originally part of Delamore farm. Continue following the road up the slight incline with high stone walls either side until you reach Cornwood village with the bus shelter and Crossways Green on your right and directly ahead, the Cornwood Inn and large car park. Time for lunch or a drink?

