



Circular Walk 4

Burrow Hillfort

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Burrow Hill Camp

With over 50 to choose from, when the county's archaeologist calls this hillfort 'a gem,' you know you're in for a treat.

Why isn't it better known? Until 2008 it was only accessible via a long and steep climb. Now, thanks to a permissive path from the Shropshire Way its massive ramparts and ditches can be enjoyed by all.

This hillfort is doubly unusual. It is one of the few with a spring – The Burrow has two – and it has been partly excavated. When one of the 'hut platforms' was examined, the archaeologists found the gullies and post holes of at least two circular huts.

What views their inhabitants enjoyed.



Hopesay

Watered by its brook, tucked away between Wart Hill, Hopesay Hill [National Trust] Aston Hill and Burrow Hill, Hopesay is the perfect traditional Shropshire Hills 'eco-village'. There is nothing that jars; this is man's footprint at its lightest.

It is a place for the walker, not the motorist, to stumble on. To judge from several large houses with fine gardens, the Victorian professional classes discovered it but in our age few cars venture over the little bridge in nearby Aston-on-Clun.

The village has a special place for timelessness. The barn door records the daily ebb and flow of events. A purpose built notice board was planned until a photograph from 1914 revealed the village notices had always appeared on the barn.

The church of St Mary also hunkers down, not wishing to be obtrusive. In January and February it supports a drift of snowdrops. The squat tower is of the 'Montgomeryshire dovecote' school. Inside, the 15th century chestnut-panelled nave roof surprises by the charm of its design and the skill of its execution.

Walk the circular walk around Burrow Hill Camp and you will be rewarded with some of the finest views in Shropshire.

The circular route can also be linked with a permissive route provided by the landowners that takes you to the very edge of the once massive ramparts. Then on and along ancient sunken lanes once so busy but now abandoned by the giant horses of bygone days. An old forgotten plough is all that is left.

A sunken lane





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DIFFICULTY: Some steep sections

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3 mile walk

