

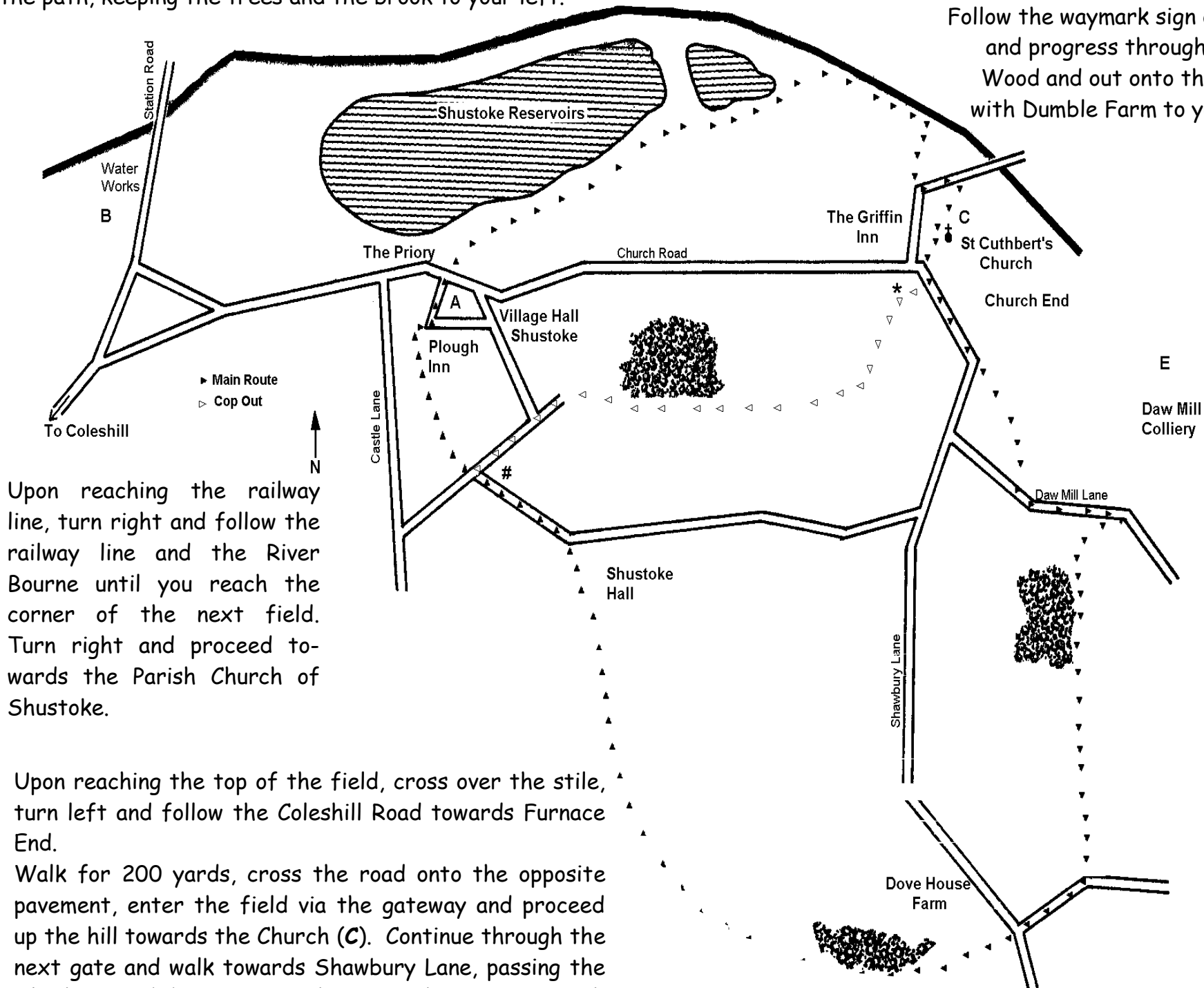
Shustoke Walk

Main Route ▲

The walk starts at The Plough Inn (A), directly opposite which is Bixhill Lane, which is part of The Centenary Way long distance footpath (*). Proceed along Bixhill Lane. With Shustoke Reservoir on your left, take in the views of the Victorian Waterworks (B). Continue until you reach a left turn with a field directly ahead. This is private property and is marked accordingly. The path, however, is a public right of way. Enter the field and, following the line of the hedge, continue past a house on your left. In the corner of the field a stile allows you access into the next field. Proceed along the path, keeping the trees and the brook to your left.

Turn left, walk past "The Old Rectory" on your right, and up towards the pond. Follow the waymark sign across the field, taking in the views of Birmingham and Herefordshire beyond. Continue across the field until you reach Daw Mill Lane, turn left and proceed past "Over Barns", with Daw Mill Colliery (E) to your left. Upon reaching "Withy Wood" on your right, follow the waymark signs around the edge of the wood and across the fields until you reach Shawbury Lane. Turn right and proceed down the hill to the crossroads.

Follow the waymark sign opposite and progress through Dumble Wood and out onto the fields, with Dumble Farm to your left.



Upon reaching the railway line, turn right and follow the railway line and the River Bourne until you reach the corner of the next field. Turn right and proceed towards the Parish Church of Shustoke.

Upon reaching the top of the field, cross over the stile, turn left and follow the Coleshill Road towards Furnace End.

Walk for 200 yards, cross the road onto the opposite pavement, enter the field via the gateway and proceed up the hill towards the Church (C). Continue through the next gate and walk towards Shawbury Lane, passing the Almshouses (D) on your right. At the junction with Shawbury Lane you can opt for the shortened walk ("cop out") or continue along the main route.

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When you reach Shawbury Lane, turn right towards the main road and follow the waymark sign in the hedge opposite. Cross two stiles and cut across the centre of the field until you reach a hedge. Turning right along the hedge, you have now joined "The Heart of England Way" (**). Continue straight on until you come to a junction of four paths. Leave "The Heart of England Way" and follow the waymark signs towards Shustoke village. The path then meets a lane. Continue down the lane until you reach a white cottage opposite Moat House Farm Lane. You have now rejoined the end of the main route of the circular walk. (See # following.)

Opposite the farm, turn right across the corner of the field, over a stile and a bridge, and follow the brook. Opposite a cottage across the fields, leave the brook and head towards the left of Shustoke Hall Farm. Continue past the farm and onto Moat House Farm Lane.

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Turn left, passing the cottage on your right, until you reach a T-junction. Directly ahead is a white cottage, to the right of which is a waymarked path across a field. Head towards the right of Green Farm and cut across the front of the bungalow.

Turn left onto Back Lane and walk back to The Plough Inn

(*) For further information on The Centenary Way long distance footpath, contact Warwickshire County Council on (01926) 410410.

(**) For further details on The Heart of England Way long distance footpath, write to: John Roberts, 8 Hillside Close, Bartley Green, Birmingham