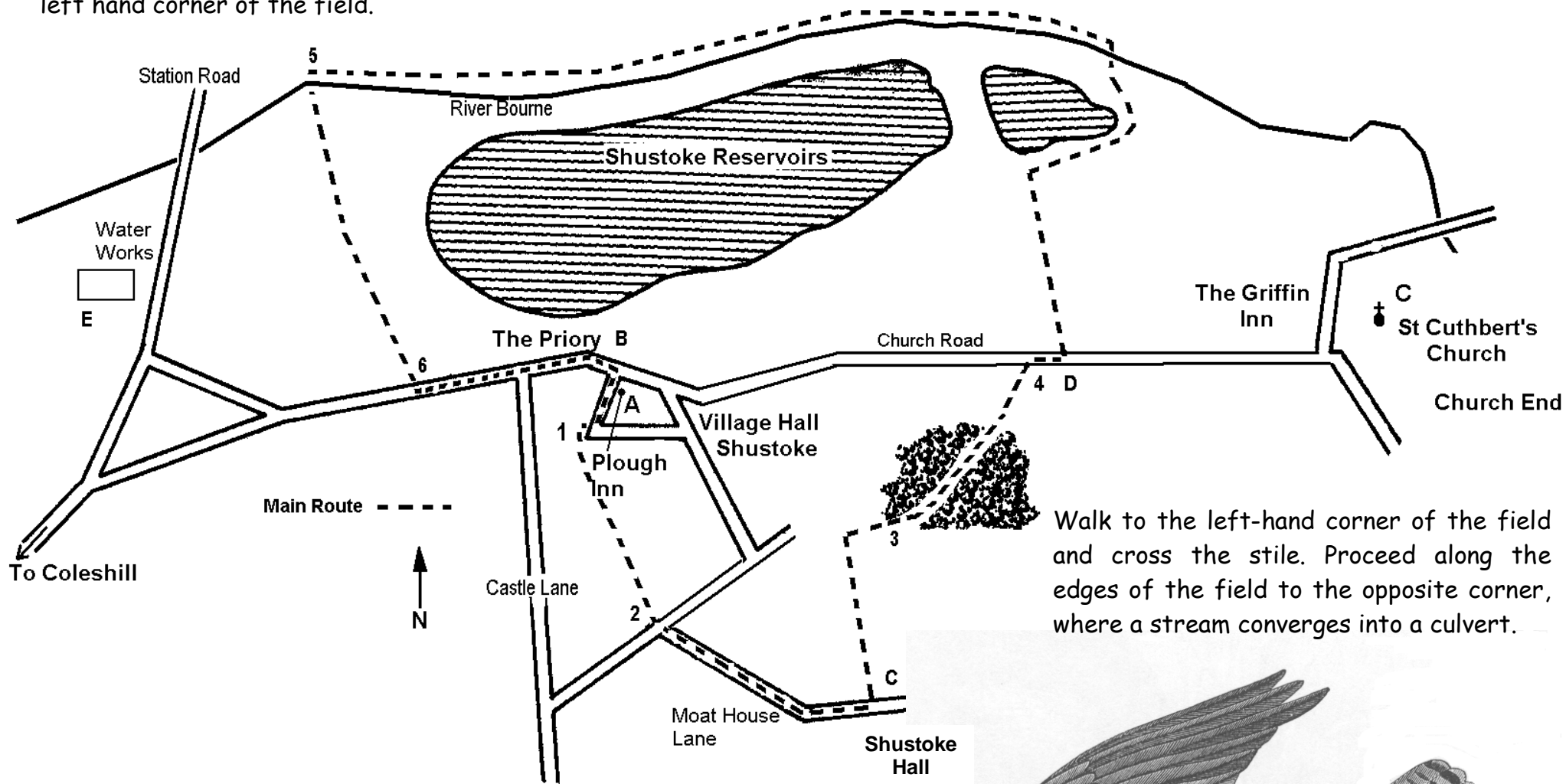


Shustoke Circular Walk

Main Route — —

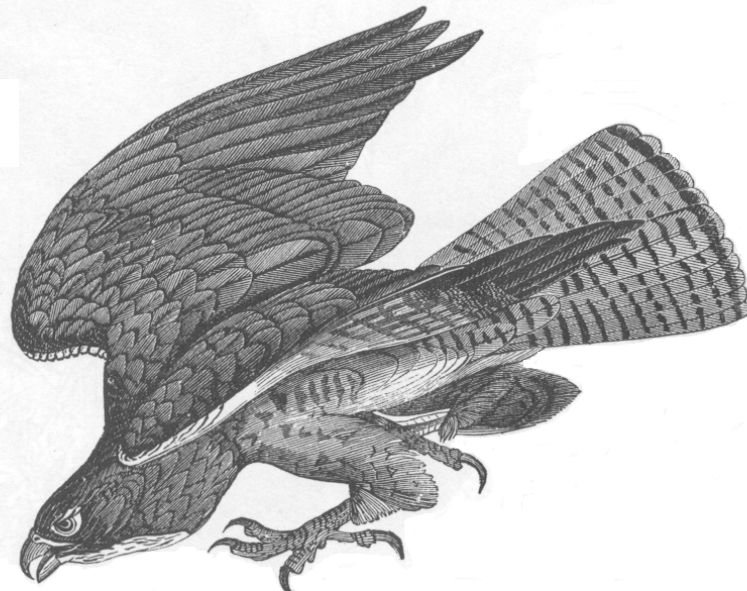
The Walk starts at the Plough Inn (A), to the right of which is Back Lane. Proceed along Back Lane for 50 yards to the way-mark which directs you across "The Green" in front of a house (1). Walk for 20 yards, turn left through the gap in the hedge and over the stile onto a well-defined footpath through a field. Follow the line of the hedge, and cross over the stile in the left hand corner of the field.

Turn right and proceed for 30 yards before crossing, with care, the busy road. Cross the stile and continue along the left-hand side of the field, following the line of the hedgerow.



Walk to the left-hand corner of the field and cross the stile. Proceed along the edges of the field to the opposite corner, where a stream converges into a culvert.

Cross over the track and proceed through the gap in the fence, continuing across the field to the stile 250 yards ahead (2). Cross the stile and continue straight on along the road (Moat House Lane) for 300 yards. When you reach a gate on your left, cross the stile and bear left. At this point look for the remains of the Elizabethan fish ponds (C). Proceed over the bridge and continue for 40 yards. Turn right and cross over the stile. Continue along the headland of the field for 300 yards towards a wood (3) following the well-defined path, which was once the village road. Leave the wood and cross over the stile, proceeding diagonally across the field towards the gate in the far right hand corner. Cross over the stile onto the Coleshill road (4) adjacent to the line of white cottages (D).



Buzzards can be regularly seen and heard around Shustoke and are easily distinguished as they soar in the thermals on a sunny day. The "miaow" call made is also an indication that they are around.



Otters are making a comeback in local rivers and reports of sightings along the River Bourne have been noted.

Cross the stile and follow the track with the fence on your left. To your right is a railway embankment and the River Bourne, which feeds into Shustoke Reservoir. Continue along the footpath, past the edge of the reservoir and over the brick bridge. Progress along the path to the railway line. Turn left and go through the gate following the path between the hedge and the railway line. Continue past the Reservoir and the tunnel on your right hand side.

After approximately 3/4 mile follow the path along the hedge to your left through the field (5), until you reach the bridge over the River Bourne. This is part of the Centenary Way long distance footpath (*). Turn left at the bridge and cross the field along the remains of a road, taking in the view of the Victorian Water Works (E), until you reach the Coleshill road (6). Turn left and return to Shustoke.