



Walk 1. Lambley

The Woodlark / Robin Hood Inn

Length – 5 miles (8 km) allow 2½ hours.

Terrain – Some hills, easy walking with one or two stiles. Part of the walk follows a path alongside a road.

Route – From the village centre walk past The Cross Keys and turn right up Padleys Lane. Turn left down a path after house number 15 and then turn right up Lambley Lane as far as Stockhill Farm.

Turn right and then left after a gate in 200 yds. Follow this path for ½ mile to a road and continue by the road, crossing to the other side after 150 yds. Follow the road for ¾ mile until you reach Crimea Farm.

Turn right over a stile to follow a path by a field edge. After crossing a stile look for a path going off to the left over another stile. Follow this down a field to another stile.

Cross the next narrow field and walk along its edge to a bridge over the 'dumble'. Walk around the right edge of the next field to an information board. Cross another bridge to follow the path for about 1/3 mile to a children's playground. Cross to the left side of the field to a stile and follow a path up the hill to the top right corner and a stile to a road.

Turn right and then cross the road at the bend to a gate and follow the track to the far end. Turn left down a path which crosses a road and then a footbridge to arrive at **The Woodlark** on your right.

From here, walk into Lambley as far as All Hallows Church. Walk through the churchyard to a road. Turn left and left again to the **Robin Hood Inn**.

Continue along Main Street for ¼ mile to a track on the right that takes you over the hill and back to Burton Joyce.



Laceworkers Cottages



Lambley Lace Factory



Robin Hood Inn

Information – Spring Lane formed the boundary to Gedling Colliery waste tip. This tip swallowed up four farms before the colliery closed in 1991. Crimea Farm is named after the era in which it was built, i.e. around 1856. Opposite this farm was a footpath down the hill to the colliery down which miners who lived at Lambley walked to work.

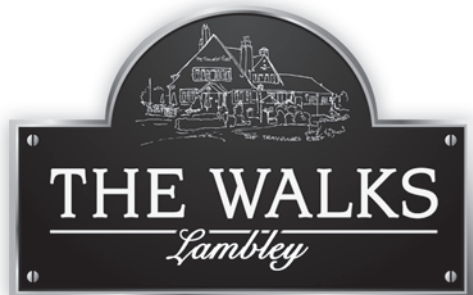
The name Lambley is derived from the Anglo-Saxon for a field for keeping sheep. In the fields around the village can be seen the remains of a once thriving market garden industry.

Flemish weavers were recorded in the village as early as 1434 and the introduction of the stocking frame brought a thriving industry. In 1844 there were 381 machines in use and there are many cottages surviving from that era. A factory and a row of workers cottages dating from this period can be seen along the Main Street. The factory is at the back of house number 52, and the cottages further along the street.

Holy Trinity church is a fine example of a C15th restoration in the perpendicular style. The rebuilding was carried out by Ralph de Cromwell, Lord High Treasurer, whose badge, a purse, can be seen in the stonework at the eastern end.

Opposite the Robin Hood a spring emerges from the field where there is a display panel at the roadside describing village history.

The track back over the hill from Lambley was used to bring produce to Burton Joyce station for transportation by rail. As recent as 1950 flower sellers used to carry baskets of flowers over the hill to sell in Burton Joyce.



Walk 2 Lambley

The Travellers Rest

Length – 8 miles (11 km). Allow 4 hours

Terrain – Hilly, field paths & lanes, short stretches of road.

Route – Follow paragraph 1 of Walk 1. Turn right at Stockhill Farm and right after the gate in 200 yds. Turn left over a stile and left after the next two stiles down the hill. After another stile turn right over a small footbridge down a path into Lambley.

Turn left along Main Street to a road junction and enter the school drive on the corner opposite. Follow the path through a play area, and along field edges for about 1¾ miles. At a marker post turn right, again on field edges, for ½ mile to reach a road (Catfoot Lane)

For **The Travellers Rest**, turn left to a road junction and then right for 300 yds. Return down Catfoot Lane for 100 yds past the gate where you emerged. Turn left at a stile to follow a well marked path for about a mile to reach a lane.

Turn right on the lane for ½ mile to a road, and turn right over a stile for ½ mile to a lane at the bottom of the hill. Turn left to reach a road into past the church into Lambley, left at a T-junction, and right after 200 yds for the track back over the hill to Burton Joyce

Information – Lambley ‘Dumbles’ are an interesting geological feature. After the last ice-age water courses cut their way back into the hillsides forming these steep sided gullies. There are several display boards around the dumbles describing the natural history of the area, as well as suggesting other walks. The fields around here were once popular for visitors coming to pick cowslips, and ‘Cowslip Sunday’ was once celebrated with festivities. D H Lawrence is reputed to have wandered in this area.

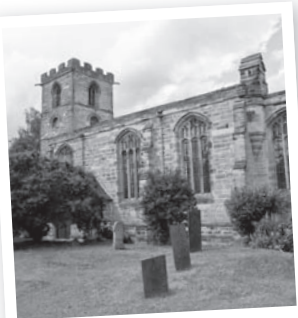
The Travellers Rest was built in 1930 on the site of a previous inn of the same name. The earlier pub is unlikely to have been more than 100 years old as there was not a main route along here prior to 1850.



Lambley Dumble



Can you find the sundial



Lambley Church



Walk 3 Woodborough

The Four Bells/The Nags Head

Length – 7 miles (9 km). Allow 3 hours.

Terrain – Hilly, a few stiles, some road walking.

Route – From the village centre walk past the Cross Keys and turn right up Padleys Lane. At the top turn left and then right up Bridle Road. Continue all the way over the hill to Lambley.

Cross the road and take the path opposite through Lambley Reed-Pond field and through two gates at the far side. Turn left and after 25 yds fork right up the hill to a gate and past the old windmill stump to the top left corner of the field.

Keep on the road and then turn into an airfield, keeping by the hedge and into the next field beyond. Cross a stile on the left after 200 yds and at the second electricity post in the field walk diagonally left down to a small metal gate in the bottom corner.

Turn right and keep by the roadside to the bend at the top of the hill.

Go through two metal gates on the left and follow field edges over the hill and down to the left of a farm. Turn right on the road and right again at the bottom of the hill into Woodborough. Walk through the village to **The Four Bells**.

Continue along Main Street to the far end and to the **Nags Head** at the corner. From here Turn right from the pub car park for 150 yds and take a footpath on the right at the side of a house. Follow this path for ¼ mile to a path junction and turn left up the hill to Ploughman Wood. Skirt the wood to the right and continue along field edges, past the eastern end of the airfield, and down to a spinney. Go through this and then along a field edge to reach a road.

Cross the road and follow the field edge uphill to a stile in the corner. Cross two more stiles to follow field edges uphill and eventually to a lane. Turn left and in 300 yds turn right and follow the track all the way down to Burton Joyce village centre.

Information – In Saxon times there were three manor houses in Woodborough. One of them became the residence of the de Wodeburghs, from whom the village is named. Framework knitting became a village industry in addition to agriculture, and market gardens once covered the hillsides around.

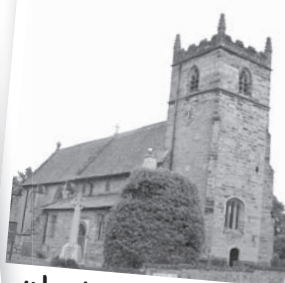
The two pubs in the village are the only ones remaining of the original seven. There are three Village Heritage display boards in Woodborough illustrating village history.

St. Swithun's church was considerably restored in the 1890s, but is a fine building with some interesting features.

On the Main Street is an old village pound used for retaining stray animals. This has been recently renovated.



Lambley Reed pond



Woodborough Church



The Four Bells