



THE OLD RECTORY, HABBERLEY

Cross and follow path on opposite bank to a stile/gate. Continue ahead past the pool in to the wood and past Lingcroft Pool via three gates to Plealey – Oaks Road.

7 Turn left for 250 yards and turn right along the stony track. Turn right on to a footpath between the cottages, through a stable yard, to a gate in the

wood. Follow the path through Radlith Wood for about 400 yards to a junction. Turn sharp left down a steep track to the Pontesford Brook. Cross Bagger's Bridge to a gate and turn left along the field to the Lyd Hole.

8 Take the path up through the wood to a gate into the field. Continue ahead to wooden gate and follow track, past two pools, to the Pontesford Hill Road. Turn left for 80 yards and turn right along a stony track. Turn right through gate and cross field to a kissing gate. Turn right along drive to Bogey Lane, turn left and keep ahead past the library and cemetery to Stalleon Lane and School Green.

SHORTCUTS

- A Turn left along road to Habberley. Turn right at junction and re-join route by church.
- B At the top of the wood turn left down the track and follow bridleway signs to Happy Valley. Cross the footbridge and turn left up the stony track to Earls Hill Barn. Turn right along the track to re-join the route at the Pontesford Hill road.
- C Continue down the lane for 200 yards and turn left up the stony track, rejoining the main route at 7.

PUBS ON ROUTE

Mytton Arms, Habberley; Tankerville Arms, Longden (¼ mile off route at stone bridge – Section 6)

PUBS IN PONTESBURY

Horseshoe Inn, Minsterley Road; Nags Head, Shrewsbury Road; Plough Inn, Chapel Street

Chris Bagley Walk

A varied walk over hills and fields, and through valleys and woods. The walk was created in memory of Chris Bagley who inspired the regeneration of Shropshire's Rights of Way.

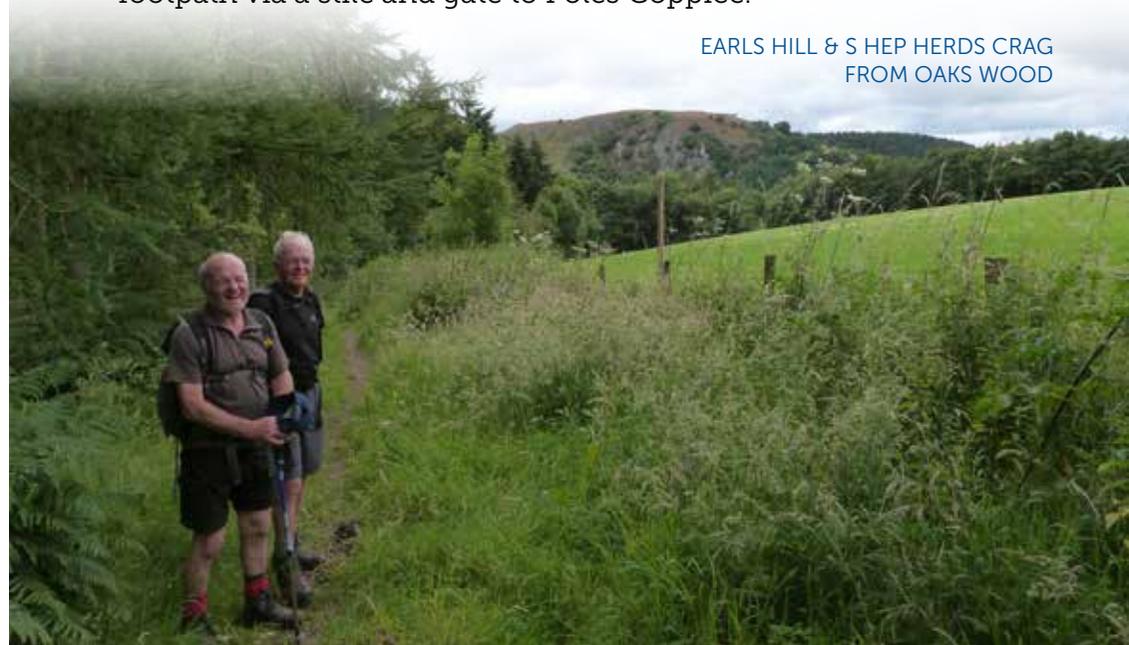


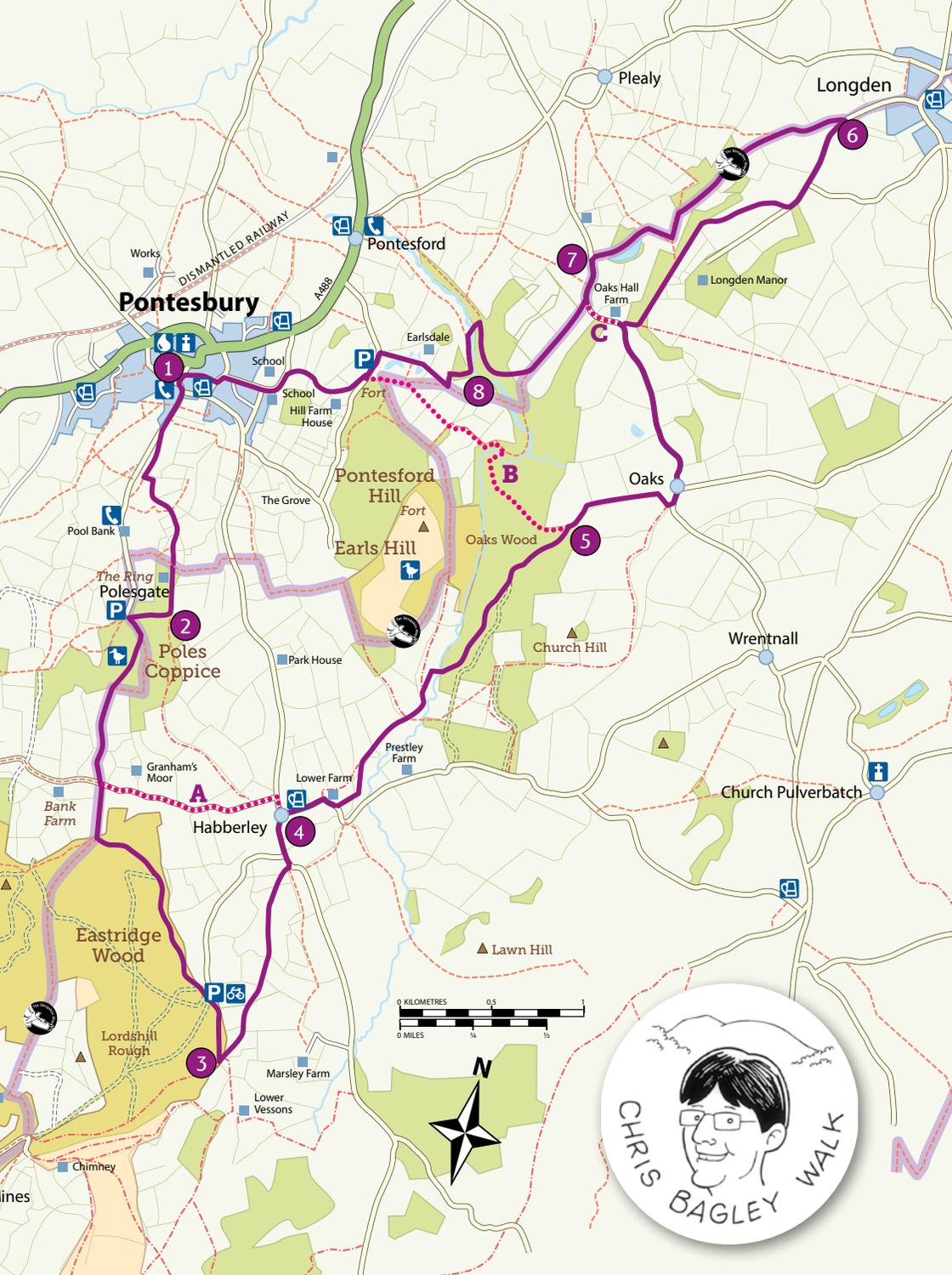
Distance: 10 miles, allow 4+ hours. Gates and stiles, several steep climbs. There are 3 shortcuts that can reduce the distance to 9, 8 or 6 miles.

START: School Green, Pontesbury.

1 From the top of School Green, Pontesbury, walk past the phone box on to Pontesbury Hill Road. At the brow of the hill bear left along Top Road. In 250 yards turn left just before Gladstone Cottage and then right along narrow path between hedge and low wall. Follow the path along edge of wood via wooden kissing gate, passing Nills Cottage to a stony track. (*Mary Webb once lived at Nills Cottage*). Bear right for 150 yards, turn sharp left on bridleway through the gate and bear right behind Nills Farm cottages along footpath via a stile and gate to Poles Coppice.

EARLS HILL & S HEP HERDS CRAG FROM OAKS WOOD





LYD HOLE – TREE ROOTS

2 Turn sharp right along woodland path to junction with bridleway. Turn left and in 50 yards fork right along path that climbs steadily through wood to a wooden kissing gate into a field.

Continue ahead to a gate onto a stony lane to cross a road **(SHORTCUT A)**. Cross the road and follow path into Eastridge Wood. Turn left along track and in 50 yards turn right along track. Continue ahead along edge of wood to a car park. Join narrow road and turn right.

3 In 350 yards turn left through a kissing gate and bear left along path by stream through four gates. Cross culvert to a 12-foot gate and bear left across field between two trees to a stile. Cross the narrow field to a large gate and join a road. Continue ahead into Habberley and turn right by the church.

4 Follow road past Mytton Arms and round double bend to a footpath on your left. Continue ahead through three gates to a grassy track and bear left to a wooden kissing gate before the vineyard. Turn right along the farm track to a field at its end. Bear right down the field to a kissing gate and cross the Habberley Brook by the footbridge. Follow the path up the slope to a forestry track. Continue ahead the track climbing steadily through Oaks Wood **(SHORTCUT B)**.

5 At the top of the wood turn right along bridleway to the Oaks. Turn left on to the road following it for about 1/2 mile towards Plealey. **(SHORTCUT C)** At Oaks Hall Farm turn right (by the VR post-box) along the farm road, past the cottages and keeping left at the junctions, to a metal gate ahead. Continue ahead on the bridleway along the edge of the field to a stony track and the Manor drive by the Lodge. Turn left along the drive for 400 yards.

6 At the stone bridge turn sharp left along a grassy track to a field gate. Keep hedge on your left and cross two fields to a small pool. Keep straight on with stream on your right to a sleeper bridge.