

left through an open gateway area opposite number 23 and cross stream on bridge. This track now goes under the A38, bears left over a cattle grid and then right over a bridge crossing the former railway line.

13. At a sharp left hand bend in the track go through a squeeze-stile straight on to be left of the electricity pylon. Follow the footpath which runs uphill, next to the hedge. Continue straight on when the hedge takes a sharp right hand bend.

14. Go through the squeeze-stile opposite and slightly diagonally right to follow a track (with hedges on both sides) uphill towards Holbrook. This comes out at Brown's Lane. Turn left onto Moorside Lane and left again back to the start.



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| <b>WALK TYPE</b>  | Undulating countryside with steep climbs   |
| <b>DISTANCE</b>   | 4.5 miles (7.2 km)   |
| <b>TIME</b>       | Allow 3 hours  |
| <b>PARKING</b>    | The Spotted Cow Public House, Holbrook - parking by kind permission of Holbrook Community Society. Grid Ref SK 364 448 |
| <b>BUSES</b>      | For up-to-date information call Traveline on 0871 200 2233 (7am-9pm)   |
| <b>TRAIN</b>      | National Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950 (24 hrs)  |
| <b>WAYMARKING</b> | Routeway 20  |
| <b>OS MAP</b>     | Landranger 128 Derby, Explorer 259 Derby, Uttoxeter, Ashbourne & Cheadle   |

#### PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Be safe — plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

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# AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

## HOLBROOK



*This walk takes you through four villages Holbrook, Coxbench, Horsley and Lower Kilburn over rolling countryside with splendid views.*

**Start: The Spotted Cow Public House, Holbrook - parking by kind permission of Holbrook Community Society. Grid Ref SK 364 448**

1. From the Spotted Cow, cross the road, turn left and after 25 metres turn right into Stoney Lane. Follow this steep road downhill as it becomes a path, travelling with allotments on the right.
2. At the end of the allotments turn right to follow a track (beware of traffic) all the way through Nether Farm and onto the main road.

*There are good views all the way down the valley. Horsley Church with its impressive spire, dates back to the 13th Century. The church also serves the communities of Coxbench and Kilburn.*

3. Cross the main road (beware of traffic) and turn right. After about 30metres, turn left to double back through a gap in the stone wall and follow footpath which cuts diagonally across the field to the woods (to left of large oak). Enter the woods, this area is known as The Dumble. Cross over the stream and on through a squeeze-stile, looking for a second squeeze- stile in the stone wall to come out onto the track.
4. Turn right up the track and after 250 metres go through wicket gate left hand side of Rachdale Lodge and Day Park Cottage houses. Now look for a large tree next to a short section of stone wall more or less ahead. Head across the field to the large tree.



*Daypark Farm to the left is one of the oldest buildings in the parish. There are records of it dating back to the fourteenth century. It is within an area called the Duffield Frith, a royal hunting forest.*

5. Go through wicket gate to left of tree and then through second wicket gate on left of field gate. Now head diagonally left to the left corner of a wood. Go through the gap to have the wood now on the right hand side. After about 50 metres go over a stile and immediately left so the holly hedge is now on the left hand side. Go to the end of this field, and then continue straight on across the next field to reach a stile and wicket gate into a wooded area.
6. Cross the stile and after 20 metres turn left to go downhill (This is part of the Midshires Way). Follow the path as it continues downhill. The path runs into a tarmac road (Whittaker Lane) and housing and then down to the main road.
7. Turn left past the Bell and Harp PH. Continue along this road crossing it at a safe point and on in the same direction, Just into Coxbench, take time to notice the "lay-bys" (Knappers Bays) intermittently on the right. Continue all the way past the Fox & Hounds PH, then bear

right at the old station (beware of traffic) over the railway line through to the B6179 (old main road).

*There are nine Flint Knappers lay-by's which are believed to be areas where workers sorted out the different stone types from the local quarries. The stone was then transported by the horse drawn tramway (the gang-way) to then be transported by canal.*

8. Go straight over the road (beware of fast traffic) and under the A38. Turn left past St Antony's Well and up Horsley Lane. Follow the lane (beware of traffic, no pavement) round, uphill, until reaching the last bungalow on the right hand side.
9. Turn left to double back up a track so Burn Brae and Rock Cottage houses are on your right. Just after Rock Cottage, turn right up a path and up the steps. Cross the field, straight ahead, to pine trees. Go through the gate and across the former farmyard.
10. Go over a stile and straight on to a small gate. Go through the gate and head towards the electricity pylon in front. Turn left before the pylon to go through the hedge at a squeeze-stile. Now head diagonally right to go under the electricity wires and then bear left towards Horsley church.
11. Go through the squeeze-stile at right hand end of stone wall by graveyard. Follow the path and turn right to come out at the Village Green. Turn left downhill along Horsley Road for 500 metres.
12. Turn left down Tants Meadow (beware of traffic) and turn right at the main road. Travel along this road for approximately 350 metres, passing garage and then later a shop. Cross the road (beware of traffic) at this straight section and continue right for 70metres. Turn