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12. Turn left at the road and follow the pavement until reaching a stile on the left (approximately 150 metres past Hilltop Farm).
13. Following the path, cross the top of the field and walk diagonally over two more fields to the bridge.
14. Take a stile immediately on the right and follow the path along the top of the field to a gap. Turn sharply right down a field to stile and a footbridge at the bottom of the field. Turn left to a further stile in the hedge.
15. Follow the field boundary (adjacent to the golf course) through the next two fields. On reaching golf club gate bear right with hedge on left to field boundary.
16. Cross the next field and take a path between the houses. On reaching the main road turn left back to the starting point.



<b>WALK TYPE</b>	Footpaths through undulating farmland and woodland, small sections on quiet country roads
<b>DISTANCE</b>	5 miles (8 km)
<b>TIME</b>	Allow 3 - 3.5 hours
<b>BUSES</b>	Traveline on 0871 200 2233 (7.00am - 9.00pm)
<b>TRAIN</b>	Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950 (open 24 hours)
<b>WAYMAKING</b>	Routeway 2
<b>OS MAP</b>	Landranger (1:50,000) 119 Buxton & Matlock Explorer (1:25,000) 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

### For further walks and visitor information go to [www.visitambervalley.com](http://www.visitambervalley.com)

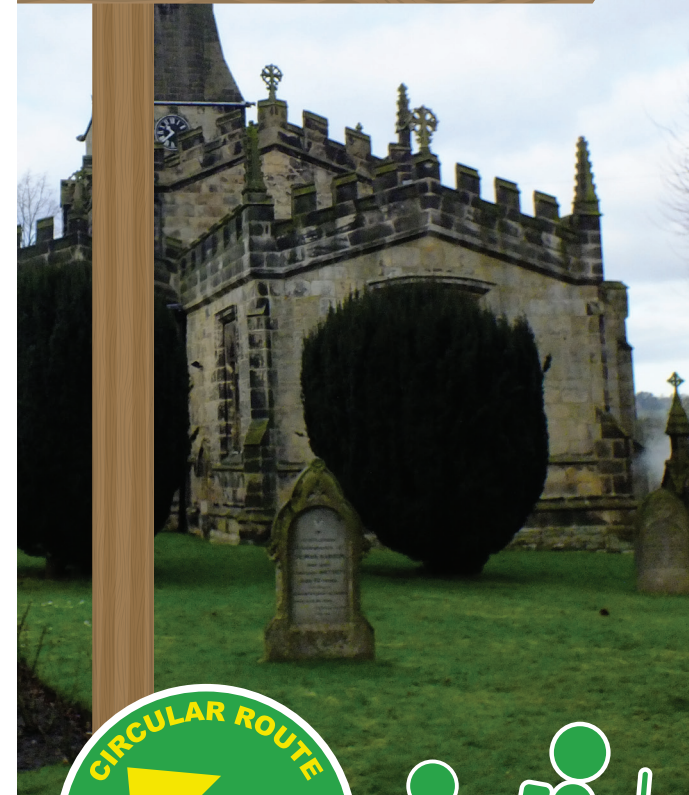
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# AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

## HORSLEY TO HORSLEY WOODHOUSE



**Start - In front of the Coach and Horses public House, Horsley Village**

1. Turn right and follow Church Street through the village to St Clement's Church.

*Horsley stone pillar box, the 'home made' pillar box can be found at the corner of Church Street and French Lane. This was erected and brought into use on 24 December 1896. It appears today that the Horsley pillar box is unique in Derbyshire possibly even in the country.*

*The fountains in the village (see front cover) are called Sophia, situated 'beneath the spreading Chestnut tree', Rosamund on the triangle opposite the Coach & Horses Inn and Blanche standing opposite the pillar box at the top of French Lane. These are three fountains given to the village in 1864 by the Sitwell family and named after their daughters. The fountains came into use in 1864.*

2. Take the footpath on the left just before the church, towards Coxbench.

*St Clement's Parish Church dates back to 1200. The tower shows the decoration of that period and has a wonderful broach spire. Around 1800, whilst England anticipated invasion by the French under Bonaparte, many villages formed a 'Home Guard'. The Horsley Corps, formed by squire E. S. Sitwell, gathered men from Horsley Woodhouse and di strict. It is believed that the damage that is evident on the side of Horsley church tower was a result of poor marksmanship by Squire Sitwell's volunteers.*

3. On entering the field, bear left, walk diagonally across and follow the line of pylons through three fields.

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4. Turn right at the road and take the footpath on the opposite side of the main road,

approximately 100 metres along.

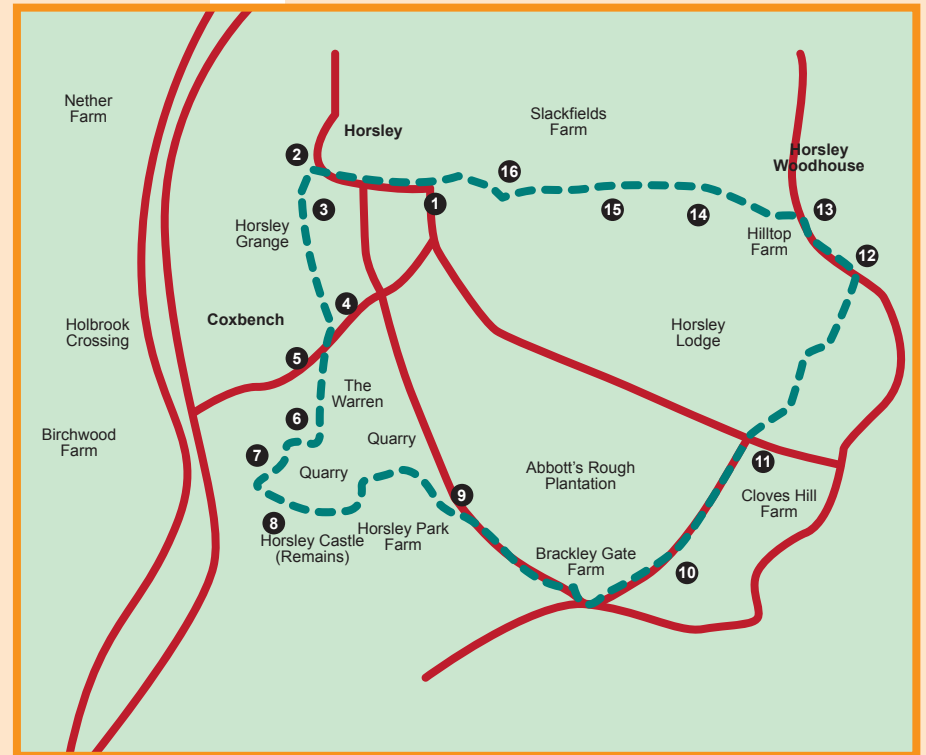
5. Upon reaching the stream, cross and turn right up the hill (ignoring the stile on your right). Follow track for approx. 400m until reaching stone wall.
6. Cross the stile on your right and continue across the field heading towards the house, passing a telegraph pole. Cross the stile a few metres along the wall on the left.
7. Follow the path, keeping the wire mesh fence to the right until an old quarry is reached. Leave the fence and follow a well-defined footpath on the left.

*Castle of Horeston - (Look carefully to the left to see the crumbling remains on the sandstone spur.) This was built by Hugh Buron in the 12th century. It passed to King John in 1198 who had it rebuilt between 1200 - 1203 He visited twice during his turbulent reign, breaking his journey from Burton Abbey to Nottingham.*

8. Keep to the woodland path around the edge of a sandstone spur, until a cart track is reached at a T junction. Turn right to join Sandy Lane.

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9. Continue up the hill towards Brackley Gate. Follow the road past a cul-de-sac and take the path to the left, adjacent to a farm gate. Cross the yard to a stile and carry on along the side of the wall through two fields.



*Ryknild Street - runs from the Roman fort at Templeborough, near Doncaster, enters Derbyshire in the north-east and runs southwards, close to Chesterfield and the Roman fort at Little Chester, now part of Derby City. It leaves the county towards the fort at Wall near Litchfield. It may well have been a road built by the Romans, as indicated by the latin word Street.*

10. Descend through the field aiming for the left side of a large gap in the trees. Go through the gate and follow the field boundary to the road (Smalley Mill Road).

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11. Cross the road to a stile opposite and follow the path to the footbridge. Take the path diagonally across the field to the hedge on the right. Continue along this path to join the road (Wood Lane).