

## CIRCULAR WALKS FROM SHRIVENHAM

### Using O.S. Explorer 170

#### WALK 2      3 MILES (about 1½hours)      WATCHFIELD FOLLY

The walk starts from the stocks in the High Street. Please take care when crossing the golf-course. The first part of the walk may be muddy. \*A “folly” is a rise in the ground topped by trees. Watchfield Folly is marked so on the O.S. map. Take care when crossing the golf-course.

1. From the stocks walk up to the church and through the lych-gate; continue ahead with the church on your right.
2. Reaching a lane turn left and walk straight ahead on a track between trees.
3. When the track reaches a field turn sharp right and continue with the hedge on your right until reaching a stile on the right, do not go over the stile.
4. At the stile turn left and cross the field diagonally to a field gate. Go through the gate (or climb the stile) and cross the lane. Use the drive entrance if you do not wish to climb the bank. Otherwise climb the bank to the first telegraph pole.
5. Follow the telegraph poles across the golf course to a bench. Take the path round to the right if you do not wish to climb down the bank. Get back in line with the telegraph poles behind you.
6. Continue across the golf-course in the same direction (the telegraph poles are now bending away on your right). Go towards a green post with the number 150. From this post look across the course and you will see a green path leading off the course, there is a red post beside it – the third red post on the left.
7. Take this path, crossing a bridge over Tuckmill Brook and continue in the same direction, still crossing the golf-course, this time slightly uphill, keeping to the slight dip between rises in the ground. Ahead of you is the top of a wind turbine.
8. Reaching some bushes follow the path as it swings to the right and joins a road.
9. Just before the road turn left into a field (The public have permission to use this M.O.D. property) and continue with the hedge on your right. Follow the path beside the hedge as it goes straight ahead, then turns left and continues beside trees on your right until, at the end of the trees, it turns right and goes towards some large M.O.D. buildings.
10. The path draws closer to the A420, on your left and the top of the wind turbine is still ahead. Go past the large buildings bearing right onto a road. Turn right onto the road and, after a minute or two, right again into Star Lane.
11. Continue along Star Lane and turn left at the next junction into Oak Road.
12. When Oak Road turns sharply right go straight ahead, through a kissing gate to cross a small field. Continue on a path between houses to come out on a road by the Eagle public house.
13. Cross Watchfield High Street to the Post Office, turn right and continue.
14. Just before the church turn left onto a footpath and follow it past allotments and the Airey Neave playing field.
15. Continue ahead and as the path goes slightly uphill ignore a path on your right and keep straight ahead. You will see the folly across the grass on your right, it is a clump of trees on a slight rise in the ground.

## **CIRCULAR WALKS FROM SHRIVENHAM WALK 2 CONTINUED WATCHFIELD FOLLY**

- 16. We are going to walk round the folly, so continue straight ahead until you have passed the Folly, then keeping it on your right walk round it on the tarmac road.**
- 17. Where the road ends in a turning circle take the left-hand footpath across the grass and follow it as it passes the allotments and the Primary School.**
- 18. Turn right into an alley just before the first house after the school.**
- 19. Coming out into Watchfield High Street, cross the road and turn left.**
- 20. Cross Barrington Road and keep on the footpath as it bears right to run parallel to the main road.**
- 21. When it ends cross the main road and turn right, crossing over the bridge. and continue beside the wall.**
- 22. Where the wall bends to the left follow left on the footpath.**
- 23. Continue straight ahead, passing a children's playground and then some houses; from the left-hand pavement you will see the path as it narrows between fences and returns to the main road.**
- 24. Turn left and just after a thatched house cross over and turn into Claypit Lane.**
- 25. Follow this road back into the churchyard and the beginning of the walk.**

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