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St Leonard's Church was constructed in 1230 and was used by French monks from Hamble arriving by river. Shipbuilding has continued since prehistoric times, the most famous vessel being HMS Elephant, Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Copenhagen in 1801. Bursledon provided the Boom Defence at Badnam's Creek in WW1 and in WW2, and it was the home of the Royal Marines' HMS Cricket (now Manor Farm Country Park) for the D Day Landings. Today, the River Hamble is known as a yachting centre with 10,000 moorings, boatyards and chandleries.

At one time, Bursledon produced the earliest strawberries in the country. Strawberry growing at its peak 1897-1939 involved the whole village, with schoolchildren given leave from school to pick local strawberries for markets in all parts of the country. Transport to market was provided by train, for the railway came to Bursledon in 1889.

The present Windmill was built 1813-14 on one of the highest points in Bursledon. The Windmill and Old Bursledon are designated Conservation Areas to preserve the quality of the built environment. Many listed houses and walls are built with Bursledon bricks.

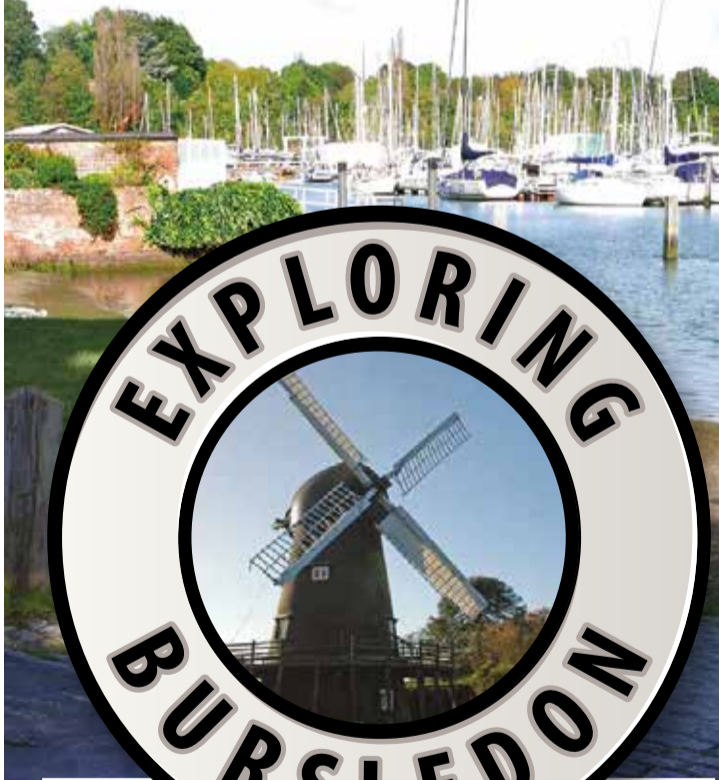
Old Bursledon is also designated a Special Policy Area for its special countryside character. Lince Grove and Hackett's Marshes and the Upper Hamble Estuary and Woods have been designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a Ramsar site (wetland of international importance, especially as a waterfowl habitat), and Special Protection Area and Special Area of Conservation under the European Birds Directive.



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Discover Bursledon's rich and varied history by walking its footpaths.



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1. Start at the Lowford Centre car park in Lowford. Cross Portsmouth Road by the zebra crossing. Turn left then right into School Road. Walk down to the old ford and turn up into The Grove **FP11** between the hedges. There is a seat at the top for a rest. Turn right and walk past the Schools. Opposite the Infant School is Great Down Park. Cross the road here and take **FP504** to the left along the edge of the Park and Cemetery, then turn right along the path **FP501** to the "T" junction of Church Lane and School Road. Take care here.

Go along School Road with the brick wall of Greyladyes Lodge on the left. Look out for the next footpath sign on the right, at the house named Ladymead. Follow **FP6** and come out at Kew Lane. Turn right and, almost immediately, take a steep gravel path **FP7** a down to Hungerford. Take care crossing the road at the bottom, and follow the narrow tarmac path **FP7b** passing over a stream into Pilands Wood.

Find **FP502** on the right, and next right, there is a boardwalk into the Woodland Park. **FP502** continues to Batchelor Green with play areas alongside and leads to Estridge Close. Turn left and walk to Reeves Way. Turn right to Lowford Hill and walk towards the Lowford Centre car park where this walk began.

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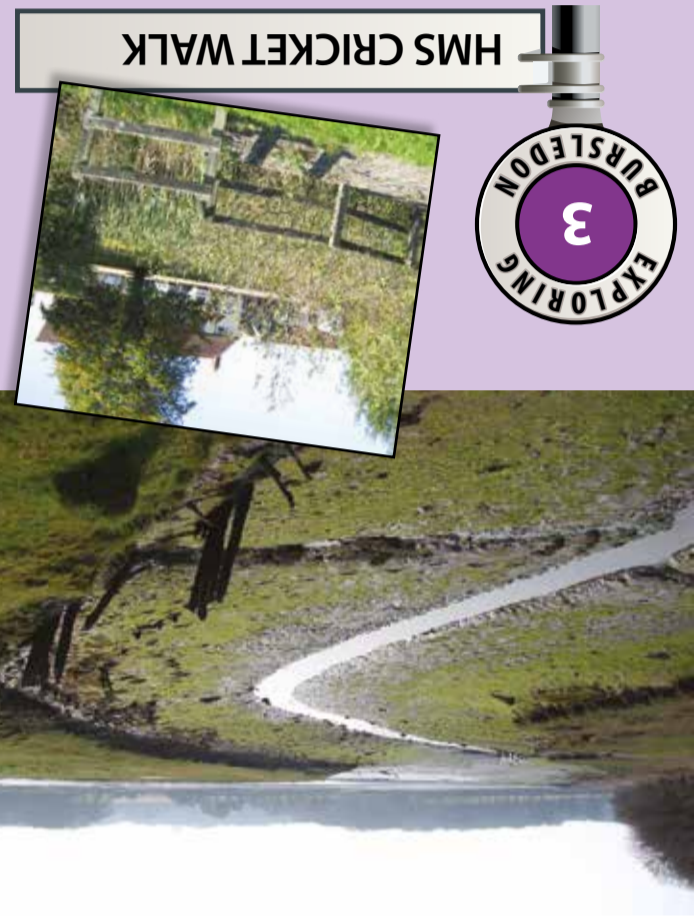
Walk uphill from the Fox and Hounds at Hungerford. Take a sharp right turn into Kew Lane and have a rest on the seat in the Parish Council's Pocket Park. Continue along Kew Lane, passing the Allotments, to Salterns Lane. Turn right, investigating the cul-de-sac **FP3** (Dirty Lane) on the bend, or proceed to **FP17** at the bottom of Salterns Lane. Follow the footpath under the railway bridge along the mounds to where Badnam Creek joins the River Hamble. Retrace your steps to the top of Salterns Lane and turn left. Between Thatched Cottage and Arne, take **FP4**, which becomes a tarmac road at Hungerford Bottom.

Pass the Parish Council Allotments on the right and the **FP5**, waymarked as the Strawberry Trail, to the Pooh Sticks Bridge over the stream at the entrance to Mallards Moor. Return to Hungerford Bottom via the tarmac road. Pass the electricity sub-station and keep walking until the Parish Council's Ecology Park with pond come into view near **FP7**. Proceed to the Fox and Hounds on the left.



The 15 mile long-distance walking route from Botley to Hamble/Netley goes via Bursledon through Mallards Moor ancient woodland. The trail is waymarked by strawberry signs and can be followed in either direction from Bursledon Station car park. The River Hamble may be crossed at Bursledon Bridge and by the Pink Ferry, that plies between Warsash and Hamble.

Start at Dodwell Pond, the Parish Pond in Dodwell Lane. Use **FP16** to walk along Pylands Lane passing Dodwell Farm. Take to the grass at the finger post before re-joining the road leading to the gated entrance to River Hamble Country Park. Pass the Rangers' Office (the flat-roofed building is the former guardroom of the wartime HMS Cricket Landing Craft Base) Continue along the path passing the Scout Activity Centre and Q&Z Activities Centre on the left. Bear left and take one of the footpaths to the right to emerge on the top opposite the green. Make your way to Barnfield Kiosk (toilets and refreshments available). Note the D-Day Memorial to the Landing Craft Crews from HMS Cricket. Follow the sign to the jetty and River Hamble. Note the excellent views. Take the main path **FP15**, to the right leading downriver and walk with Hoe Moor Creek to the left and the wood to the right. Just before reaching the road, bear left on the first of two paths through Hoe Moor Copse. Emerge at the gated entrance to the park and continue on **FP16** to the left and back to Dodwell Pond.



Start at Bursledon Station car park. Walk up **FP505** alongside the car park, noticing on the right, Upcott, the home of many of Bursledon's ship-builders. At the top of Station Hill, on the right, is Greywell, which used to be a public house on a village green. Turn left to the railway bridge and turn sharp left down **FP2**. When you get to the Elephant Boatyard, bear right along **FP2** and pass two fine houses: Boathouse and Ewers. After Ewers, turn right up the steep **FP2** to Land's End Road, or, if you prefer, take the paths **FP9** through the Jolly Sailor.

At the bottom of Land's End Road is the recently-refurbished public hard with seating area and a good view of boats. Walk back up the hill to the High Street and admire many examples of Bursledon brick in the houses, walls and chimneys, and the listed houses, including the largest, Greyladyes, which give the area its designation of Old Bursledon Conservation Area.

At the Viewpoint on the left or near the red, listed telephone box on the Triangle, sit on the seats and admire the view of the River Hamble down to the Isle of Wight. Pass the Old Cottage and the Vine Inn, noticing The Dolphin (formerly a public house), Walnut Tree Cottage and the White House. You are now in Kew Lane, a sunken drove road. Turn right into **FP6**, which leads to Ladymead. At the junction with School Road, turn left and walk to Greyladyes Lodge, crossing Church Lane carefully to enter the Cemetery.

Walk along **FP510** and then **FP501** to the zigzag path and then cross Church Lane. Enter the Mausoleum site; admire the architecture and sit on the commemorative seat to view Greyladyes Park. Take the permissive path over a wooden bridge and through the gate to Church Lane. Take the first right turn, and enter the New Churchyard on the left, where many well-known Bursledonians are buried. Soon after the War Memorial, pass through the Lynch Gate into St Leonard's Churchyard. Behind the Church are steps down to **FP1**, which leads via a spur **FP507** on the left to Station Hill. Return to the station.

KEY TO WALKS

- HMS Cricket Walk - - - - -
- Wildlife Walk - - - - -
- Heritage Walk - - - - -
- Wendy's Walk - - - - -
- The Strawberry Trail - - - - -
- Other footpaths - - - - -
- Old Bursledon Conservation Area - - - - -



Bursledon Landmarks

- 1 Bursledon Windmill
- 2 Dodwell Pond
- 3 River Hamble Country Park
- 4 Queen Elizabeth II Activities Centre
- 5 River Hamble
- 6 Elephant Boatyard
- 7 Land's End Hard
- 8 St Leonard's Church
- 9 Greyladies Park
- 10 The Rec. (Bursledon Village Green)
- 11 Primary Schools
- 12 Pilands Wood Public Open Space
- 13 Woodland Park
- 14 Scouts and Guides Hut
- 15 Bursledon Station
- 16 Pooh Sticks Bridge at Hungerford
- 17 Lowford Centre
- 18 Mausoleum
- 19 Great Down Park
- 20 War Memorial
- 21 Greyladies Arts Centre
- 22 Village Hall
- 23 View Point

Bursledon Public Footpaths

- FP1 St Leonard's, Church Lane to Station Hill
- FP2 Lands End Road at railway bridge to Jolly Sailor
- FP3 Salterns Lane to Saltings
- FP4 Thatched Cottage, Kew Lane to Hungerford Bottom
- FP5 Bursledon Allotments to Mallards Moor
- FP6 Ladymead, School Road to Bondfield, Kew Lane
- FP7 Hungerford to Mallards Road
- FP8 Hill Place, Jarvis Fields, Church Lane to Yachtsman's Close
- FP9 Church Lane to Hill Place/Bursledon Heights and Recreational Ground
- FP10 Long Lane across Recreational Ground to FP9
- FP11 Long Lane to School Road (The Cut)
- FP12 School Road to Portsmouth Road
- FP13 Portsmouth Road to Providence Hill
- FP14 Blundell Lane to FP15 in Manor Farm Country Park
- FP15 Hoe Moor Copse and Vantage Copse in Manor Farm Country Park
- FP16 Dodwell Farm to FP15 in Manor Farm Country Park
- FP17 Salterns Lane to Badnam Creek
- FP501 Church Lane to School Road (Zig Zag Path)
- FP502 Batchelor Green to FP7
- FP503 Bridleway Heathhouse Lane to Tanhouse Lane
- FP504 FP501 to Long Lane
- FP505 Station Car Park to Station Hill
- FP506 Forge Close to Kingsfield Gardens
- FP507 Station Hill to FP1
- FP508 Jolly Sailor Paths from Lands End Road to foreshore
- FP509 Church Lane to FP1 at St Leonard's Church
- FP510 School Road to FP501

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