

WITHOUT DETOUR

7 **2.4** **250ft** **~1¼**
STOPS MILES ASCENT HOURS

WITH DETOUR

8 **3** **370ft** **~1½**
STOPS MILES ASCENT HOURS



Parking at Fownhope
Pavilion



Mainly flat pavements
through the village; some
uneven, steep paths on
Common Hill



Several landmarks
accessible without the full
route

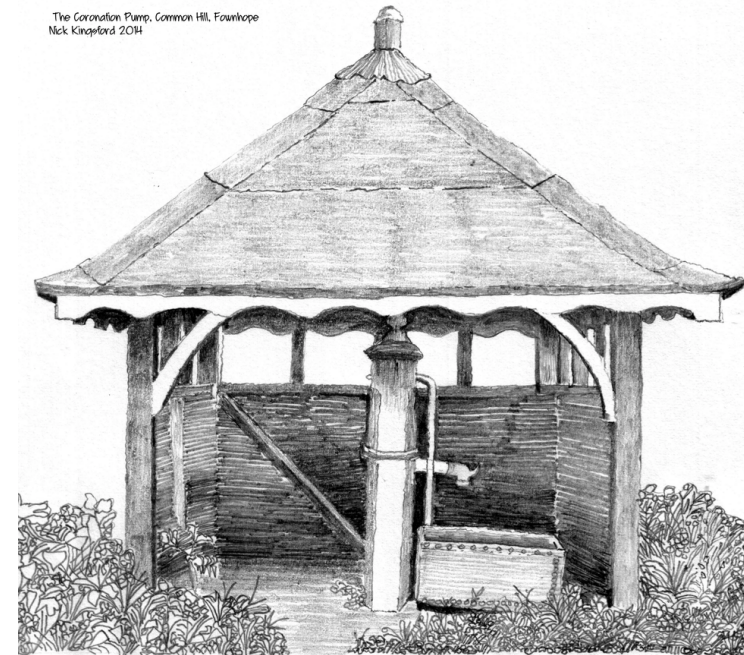


Dog-friendly throughout

Directions

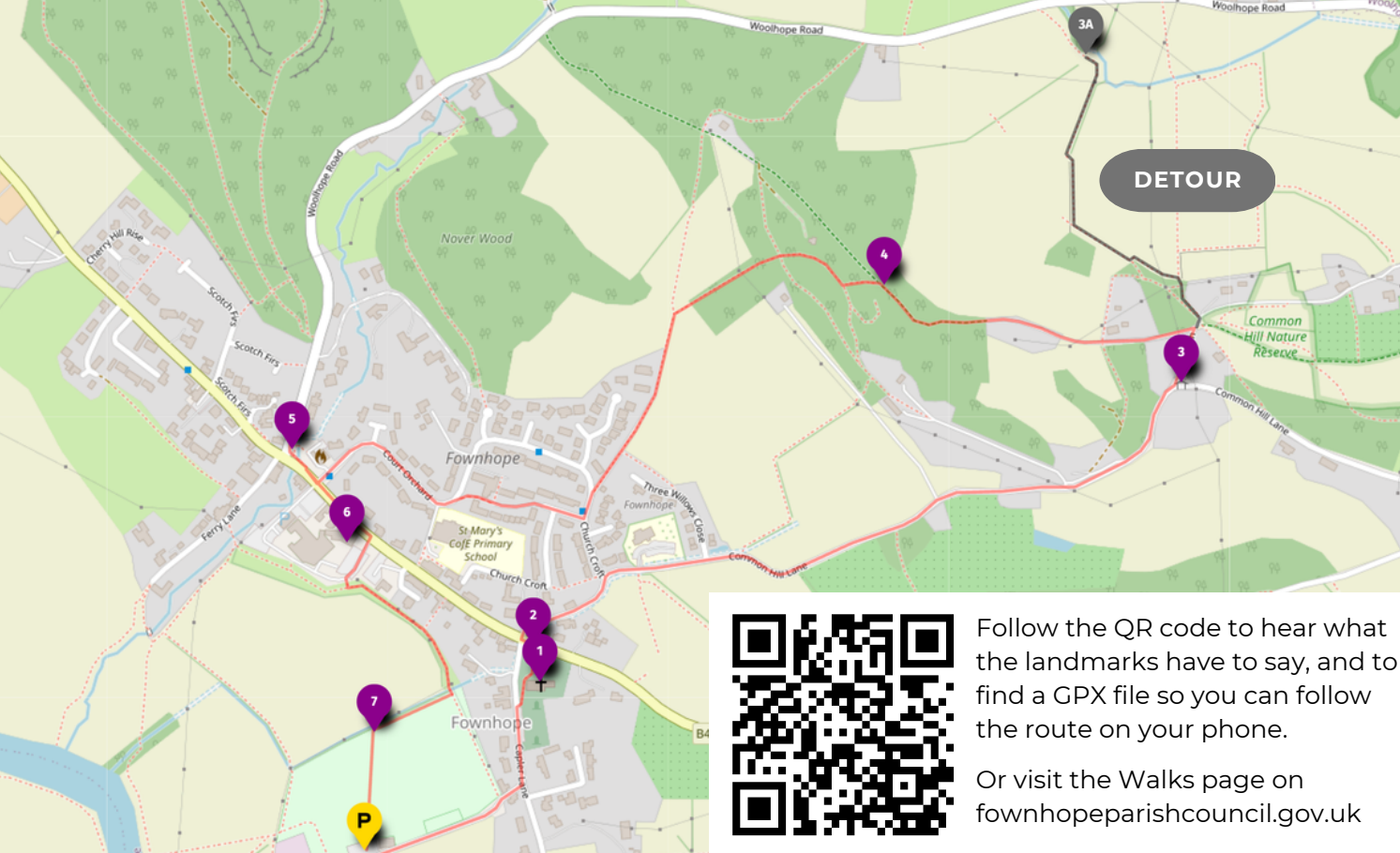
- Leave the car park and walk back the way you came in, past the playground.
- Turn left onto the road. After a few metres, enter the churchyard through the gate.
- Visit **St Mary's Church**, then leave via the lych gate to find **The Stocks**.
- Cross the road carefully and head up Common Hill Lane.
- Continue to the red phone box; the **Coronation Pump** is just beyond.
- From the pump, go up The Pitch (the short, steep track in front of you).
- **DETOUR: The Tom Spring Memorial is a further ½km north. Follow the sign & map before returning to this point.**
- At the top, turn left onto the **Wye Valley Walk**.
- Follow the stony track until it becomes a path and climbs to a ridge. Follow the ridge to the carved bench celebrating 50 years of the Wye Valley Walk.
- Just past the bench, take the narrow path downhill keeping the old quarry on your left.
- Follow the path through the woods before emerging at the edge of the village onto Nover Wood Drive.
- Continue past the bus stop, and turn right into Church Croft.
- As Church Croft ends, continue on the footpath between buildings to the school and join Court Orchard.
- Follow Court Orchard to reach the main road, the B4224.
- Turn right, cross the Tan Brook bridge, then just round the corner on the Woolhope Road you'll find the **Jubilee Pump**.
- Retrace your steps along the B4224 to **The Green Man**.
- Go through the car park and out via the gate in the hedge by the barrier.
- Turn left along the grassy track to reach the Recreation Field, then turn right.
- Follow the hedge line to the **Dark Skies bench**. Cross the field to the car park.

The Coronation Pump, Common Hill, Fownhope
Nick Kingsford 2014



Voices of Fownhope

A VILLAGE WALK LINKING
IMPORTANT LANDMARKS —
EACH WITH ITS OWN STORY,
CHARACTER, AND VOICE



Follow the QR code to hear what the landmarks have to say, and to find a GPX file so you can follow the route on your phone.

Or visit the Walks page on fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Fownhope has been a living community for nearly a thousand years. The landmarks on this walk have witnessed much of it. Each one has been given a voice. They are not guided tour notes — they are the landmarks speaking for themselves, in character, with opinions, and occasionally with something to say about each other.

1

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Village centre · 12th century

"Peace be with you, traveller. I have watched over this village for a very long time. My tower first rose here in the twelfth century, when Norman masons..."

2

THE STOCKS

By St Mary's Church · medieval

"Look at this. Just look at it. A cage. A roof. Railings all round like I'm some sort of fragile museum piece. Do you have any idea what that does to a set of stocks..."

3

CORONATION PUMP

Common Hill · est. 1905

"Before mains pipes finally reached this part of the village in 1968, if you wanted water you came here and worked for it. No taps in kitchens. No turning..."

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TOM SPRING MEMORIAL

Common Hill · erected 1954

"Name's Tom Spring — though when I was born here at Rudge End in 1795 they called me Thomas Winter. I grew up on this hill with mud on my boots and..."

4

WYE VALLEY WALK

Common Hill · an ancient path

"I was a path long before I was a walk. Worn into the land by feet, not ink — by those who had somewhere to go, and work to be done when they arrived..."

5

JUBILEE PUMP

Village centre · erected 1897

"Allow me to introduce myself properly. I am the Jubilee Pump, erected in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria..."

DETOUR

6

THE GREEN MAN

Village centre · est. ~1485

"Pull up a chair, then — and mind you don't spill your pint while I'm talking. I've been standing here since Henry VII took the throne. Back then I had a ..."

7

DARK SKIES BENCH

The Recreation Field · recent addition

You've made it to the end of the walk. Sit down for a moment. There's no hurry. The others you've visited today have long memories. The church has stood..."

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

Do you have photographs, stories or memories connected with any of these landmarks? We'd love to hear from you. Email fownhopeflag@gmail.com