

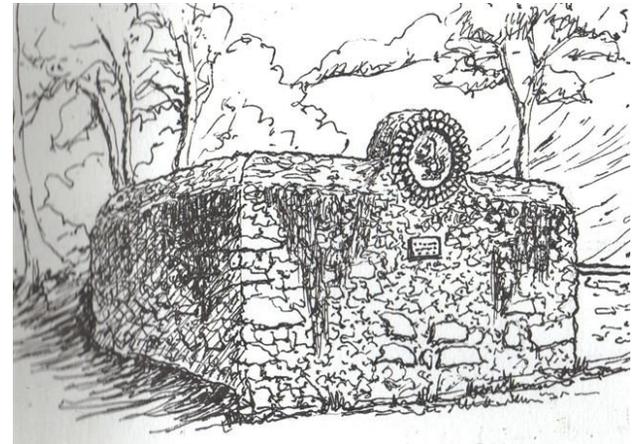
Village Links in Action

A Series of walks through Nether Stowey and neighbouring parishes

Holford, Bicknoller Post and Alfoxton

8. Turn left and after 250 yards several paths meet. Take the third path on the right across the hill, descending into trees. This path then bears right onto a metalled track which leads down, over a cattle grid, to Alfoxton Hotel grounds. Passing another cattle grid, continue on the metalled track towards Holford. Look to your left and you are likely to see a herd of deer. The metalled track then takes you to the Dog Pound and keeping on the track will bring you back to Holford Bowling Green and the car park.

Should you wish to shorten the walk, at the point in 8 above where “several paths meet”; you take the first path on the right which will lead you, via the Holford Beeches, directly to the Dog Pound. Go straight on to the metalled track to return to the car park.



Holford Dog Pound

"This ancient dog pound was given to the village of Holford in 1982 by the family of the late John Lancelot Brereton, descendants of St Albyn's owners of Alfoxton since the 15th century whose crest appears above."

Length: 4 miles or 6.4 kms.

Start: Holford Bowling Green car park; GR 155410

Map: OS Explorer 140—Quantock Hills and
Bridgwater

*The details of this walk were correct at the time of publication but may be subject to minor changes particularly when walking over open ground or farmland. If you do have any problems or feel the directions could be clearer, please contact:-
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Nether Stowey Parish Footpath Group*

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1. From the car park turn left onto the dirt track immediately adjacent to the Bowling Green and, passing Stella's Tea Garden, enter Hodders Combe.
2. After another 200 yards take the left hand fork (the right fork leads to the Round House), go through the stock-proof gate and continue on this path keeping the stream on your right.
3. Keep on this path until you descend for about 10 yards down a steepish bank and cross a tiny tributary (one pace or less across) to the main stream and then turn sharp left to continue up the Combe, still keeping the main stream on your right.

4. After a further 350-400 yards, cross a stream (a tributary to the main one) and take the right hand fork in the path (the left leads to Somerton Combe).
5. After another 200 yards take the right hand fork, cross a stream and bear left immediately.
6. Path continues through the woods for a short way and then begins ascend gently. Ignore a small upward path leading to the right and follow the main path as it emerges more into the open along Lady's Edge. Eventually the path narrows and, as you ascend more steeply for approx 250 yards, look back to views of Danesborough(Dowsborough), the Knaps and Frog Hill. The path flattens out at Bicknoller Post. Go straight ahead to the Post and enjoy views of Dunkery Beacon and North Hill, Minehead to the west and more of the Quantocks around the rest of the compass.
7. Retrace your steps for about 30 yards and turn left onto a wide greenway and head over Longstone Hill. After 200 yards take the right fork and take in the extensive views across the Quantocks, Bristol Channel and Bridgwater Bay while ascending gently and then descending, ignoring the first crossroads of paths until reaching a wide grassy cross roads with scrub and a stand of some 60 conifers (the Holford/Kilve War Memorial) directly in front of you.