

TILLINGBOURNE AT WORK SELF-GUIDED TRAIL

Short route 4.5 miles, allow 2.5 hours

- A.** From Chilworth railway station turn right along the A248 for 470 metres. Opposite Longfrey Farm turn right along track (marked Downs Link) to cross railway bridge and bear left through gap by cottage. Cross the field diagonally, then go up bank and over a stile. Cross the field to top corner. Go through kissing gate and turn right to follow fence and then line of bank across field. Continue up track with line of trees on left to pass Postford Farm Cottages. Continue downhill following track, cross stream and continue along the track until it meets a lane. Turn right then immediately left over stile next to metal gate. Keep ahead with bank on left and Bourne Stream on right. Pass Little Ford Farmhouse, and through the kissing gate, turn left through gateway.
- B.** Turn left again through gate keeping farmhouse immediately on your left. Follow small track through gate and between trees to railway. **Cross over railway with care.** Go ahead uphill, pass clump of trees and keep ahead across field. 20 metres after fence corner on right, turn right over stile and follow path through wood.
- C.** Go over cross path, then at top of rise, go straight over following path to right. Path joins Warren Lane (track) to your left. Continue to end of track where it meets houses, this is Church Lane.
- D.** You will pass Albury church on your left, continue on following road round to right until it joins the road (A248) in the centre of the village. The Drummond Arms PH is visible to your right here.
- E.** Turn left along the road (pavement narrow in parts) past Weston Farm, passing Water Lane and Guildford Lane on your right. Stay on pavement as it climbs slightly to the left.
- F.** You will then see footpath signs on your right, cross road with care and turn into left hand footpath through staggered barrier, along left hand side of Waterloo Pond. Path can be muddy here. Take the surfaced track left at end and walk until you can join the footpath sign ahead on right. Take this and follow until you reach the stream boardwalk.
- G.** Cross the stream and go over stile into field. Cross field, go over a second stile into a second small field. Cross stile at end of field and you are on Lockner farm track that takes you up to St Martha's.
- H.** Turn to the right and you are now at the entrance to Chilworth Gunpowder Mills on your left. Go into the site through the staggered barrier, an interpretation board gives information on the history of the mills. Follow the path along past old buildings on the right and the stream on your left.
- I.** When you reach the picnic benches on your right, turn left, cross the bridge and go into the public footpath known as 'Vera's path', this can be muddy. At the end, by Tillingbourne school, turn left and you will be back at the Percy Arms PH and Chilworth station.