

How to get there Shearsby ([SatNav – LE17 6PN](#)) 9 miles south of Leicester, just off the A50/A5199.

Car parking Roadside parking with discretion at Shearsby. Lane between Arnesby and Bruntingthorpe, near bridge and sewage works.

Public transport Poor (United Counties X60). Ring Busline.

Map [Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley](#) or [Ordnance Survey Explorer 223 Northampton and Market Harborough](#)

Route Easy walking. Well waymarked. Mud in places.

Refreshment Bruntingthorpe, The Plough (does not do meals) and The Joiners Arms (serves excellent food and drink). Shearsby: The Chandlers Arms.

Items of interest The villages have a charming mix of houses.

Shearsby has a thatched yeoman's house by the church. Pause to read the fascinating gravestone inscriptions (one to a priest who died in 1601 and one to William Weston, aged 36 who died in 1756 after the windmill sails caught him). The nearby Bath Hotel is a reminder that there was once a salt spring here, and it was hoped that it could become a prosperous medicinal spa.

Bruntingthorpe is an old Anglo Saxon settlement which later acquired its Danelaw name. It was enlarged when it became an airfield in World War II and a US airbase.

The walk *From Shearsby crossroads, the church lies to your right, the village green lies straight ahead. (The Chandlers Arms lies to the left.) The road straight ahead goes round the village green and bends left along Back Lane to Mill Lane.*

From Mill Lane, signposted to Bruntingthorpe, turn right, into the field near the de-restriction sign. Walk close to the hedge beside the house on your right. Pass a pond on your left and continue with the hedge on your right. Continue through the tree-edged hollow, close to the fence on your right and keep close to the hedge on your right until you pass the tall poplar trees on your right. Cross the hedge, where it kinks and continue in the same direction close to it on your left as you go gradually downhill. Move slightly right to cross the footbridge at the bottom of the field.

Continue uphill, close to the fencing of a plantation of trees, and keep in the same direction across a big (ploughed) field, aiming for a waymarked gate at the top of the hedge on your left. Cross the stile by the gate near the rising bank of the field and follow the hedge on your right. Pass a farm shed and follow the firm farm track in the next (very long) field. The track continues, curving slightly left to pass an old gravel pit on your left.

Here we are about to turn right, past an isolated ash tree, to leave The Leicestershire Round, but the pretty village of Bruntingthorpe with tempting pubs lies ahead. You could continue through the waymarked gate and walk along Little End to meet the main village street. The Plough is to your left and The Joiners Arms to your right, on Church Walk.

From Bruntingthorpe return to this point by going through the waymarked gate at the end of the lane near Rose Cottage and swinging left past an isolated ash tree.

The waymarked path now goes due north towards Arnesby. Keep in a straight line, crossing a series of waymarked stiles beside the gently meandering stream down to your left. (These fields are usually ploughed but reinstated by the many feet which walk the route.)

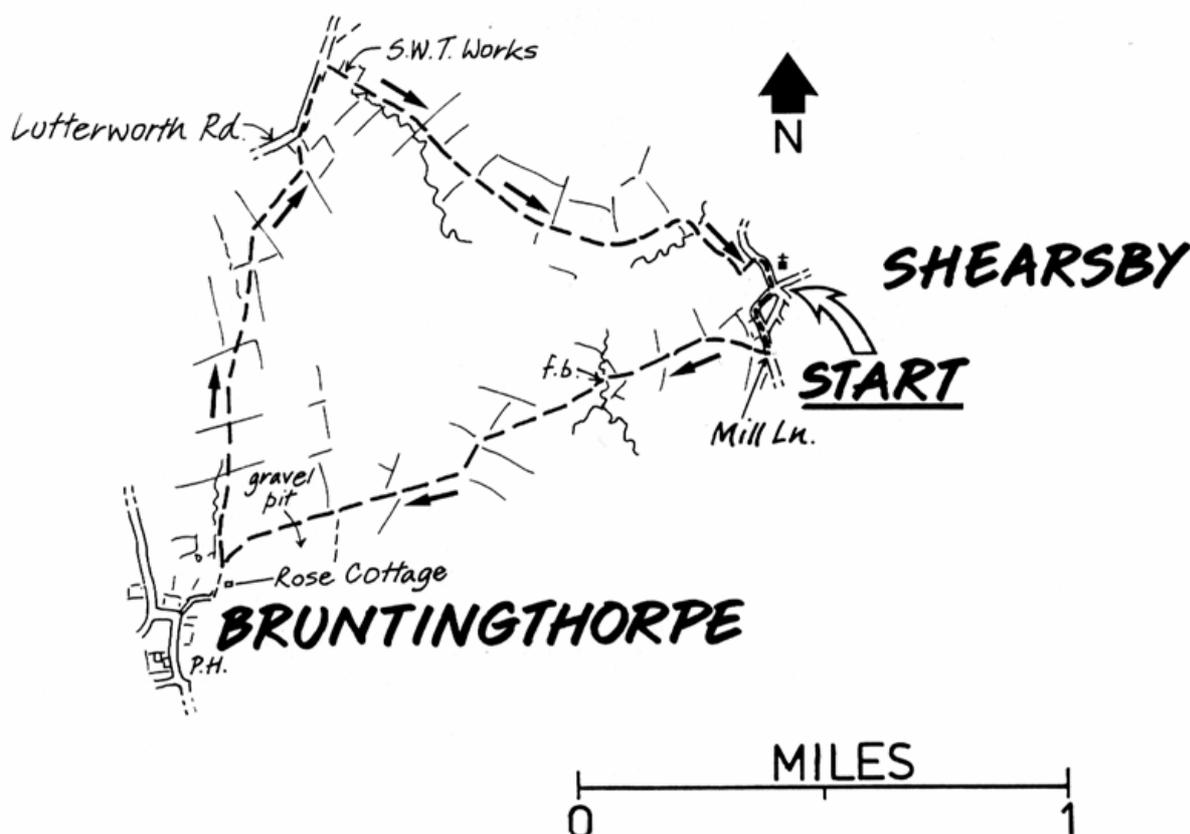
When the stream takes a bend and cuts across your path, swing slightly right and keep in this direction to cross waymarked stiles, aiming for the far right corner of a field beside a big ash tree. Continue diagonally right to cut off a corner of a little field. Cross the (parish boundary) hedge and look for a little brick building at the far side of the field and telegraph wires coming in from your left. Go straight across the field aiming for the telegraph pole to the left of this barn. The waymarked crossing is to the right of the telegraph pole. Cross the footplank (with care) and move left across the little field alcove, to meet the road.

Turn right and walk along the Lutterworth Road towards Arnesby for about 100 yards and then right onto a concrete road towards the sewage works. Continue along this road past the sewage works for approx 400 yards, then left onto a farm track through a gate. (There is a stile 10 yards to the left.) Keeping to the left of the field pass a barn and follow the hedgerow to your left to the corner of the field to a waymarked stile. Stay in line with the previous hedge, straight across the field to a marker post.

At the hedge turn left to a gate and then follow the contours of the field, bearing slightly left to a gate and stile on your left. Cross the field with the hedge on your right and cross the stile in the corner. Bear left to walk all the way round the field to the bottom corner, where you cross a stile and footbridge.

Keep the hedge on your right and walk uphill. Cross the stile in the corner and join a lane past cottages, new houses and Shearsby church.

Fred Heighten (Walked by Ted and Betty and Kate and Edward, who all enjoyed it.)



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