

**How to get there** ([SatNav - LE16 7UG](#)) Stonton Wyville lies south east of Leicester, due north of Market Harborough. Turn off the A6 at Kibworth and go through Tur Langton. Follow signs towards Hallaton.

**Car parking** There is usually space on the field road at the start of the walk.

**Public transport** [Service 44 Market Harborough to Fleckney to Thorpe, East or Church Langton every hour](#). See <http://traveline.info/> or phone 0871 200 22 33

**Map** [Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley](#)

**Route** A climb up the Caudle then gently downhill and flattish. Beware mud in the narrow gateways at the foot of the hill and the ford in times of flood. Keep dogs under control. This is pasture country with very pretty villages. Views over the Welland valley towards the wooded hills of Northamptonshire.

After the climb up to the Caudle the walk goes through flattish pasture and arable land with wide views across the Welland valley.

**Refreshment** The Mill House at Stonton Wyville serves coffees, afternoon teas, meals (at weekends and bank holidays) and provides accommodation.

Pubs at Thorpe Langton, East Langton and Church Langton.

**Items of interest** Stonton Wyville is a little village with a grand house and small church with Brudenell family connections.

A windmill once stood on the top of Langton Caudle. Views of all the Langton church steeples, Church Langton with its most impressive tall tower, Tur Langton's redbrick spire, Thorpe Langton spire and West Langton Hall.

East Langton cricket field, a place to loiter in the sunshine.

Church Langton, with its splendid church in golden greyish stone, is famous for its connections with the rector William Hanbury, whose bequests provided musical festivals, charity schools and woods. The school founded for the education and religious instruction of boys and girls of the parish by William Hanbury MA Rector of Church Langton in 1767 and erected in 1873 is now the Hanbury Centre.

**The walk** *From Stonton Wyville church walk back to the Kibworth-Cranoe road. Cross the road and follow the field road, signposted to Thorpe Langton, for a hundred yards.*

*(It is possible to follow this track beside Langton Caudle all the way to the ford. As the ford may be impassable in wet weather, we suggest the prettier route over the top of Langton Caudle.)*

*Turn left at the bridleway sign (signposted to Welham) and go diagonally uphill to reach the top left corner of the field. From the gate walk uphill with the hedge on your right. At the next fence turn left (ignoring the handgate ahead) and walk along the contour of hill with the fence on your right. Cross the hedge and continue with it on your left. Ignore the handgate on your left and go through the one in the far corner of the field.*

*Turn right and walk with the hedge on your right to reach the trig point. Continue downhill from the trig point with the hedge on your right. Cross the stile at the foot of the hill and continue along the long sloping scrubby valley pasture to the spinney at the far end. Go through the spinney on a well trodden path and swing right to enter the next long pasture field. (Move slightly uphill to avoid the worst of the wetness by the spring.) Go down to the ford, by the bottom right corner of the field.*

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*Cross the footbridge beside the ford and continue up the track to Thorpe Langton, emerging by the Bakers Arms (on your left), opposite the telephone kiosk. To reach Thorpe Langton church turn right, along the road and then left. Turn right to pass close to the church on your left.*

*From Thorpe Langton church follow the walled green path which leads into an open field and continue to the redbrick farm ahead (dated 1823 in brick patterning) Turn left here and follow the green lane into the open field ahead. Turn right to follow the hedge on your right.*

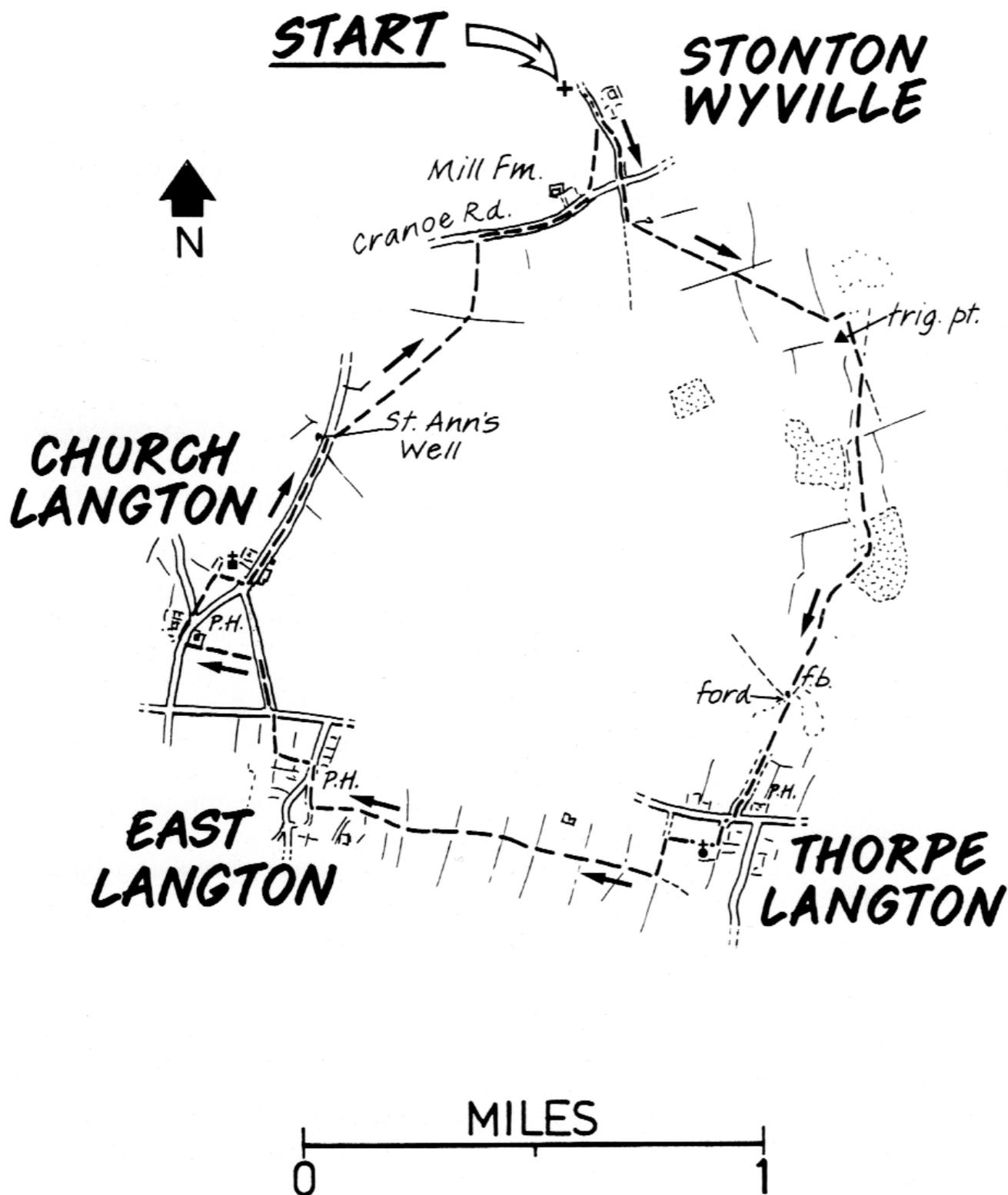
*Follow the series of waymarked stiles. Pass Park Farm uphill to your right. In open fields move very slightly right. Follow the hedge over to your left in two fields. As you approach the houses of East Langton, move slightly right of the field corner to cross the last little field. Go straight across this and then swing sharp left up a short length of old hedged way. Cross the fence and turn right along the road to East Langton to pass the Bell Inn on your right.*

Turn left at the footpath sign and keep close to the left hedge of the cricket field. Follow the waymarks and turn right to reach the road at the T-junction with Church Causeway to Church Langton. You could continue on this road all the way to the church, but I prefer to turn left and take the footpath to the pub. Cross the signposted stile just past the house on your left and go straight across the field, following the line of ridge and furrow. In the next field you see the pub, with good views of West Langton Hall ahead. The footpath sign points you into the Langton Arms pub car park. Turn right at the road, passing the pub on your right. Church Langton green and the impressive red brick Georgian rectory lie ahead, in the fork of the roads. Go straight ahead and walk along a little path between redbrick walls of house and rectory. This takes you to the church. Turn right to go through the church yard.

Pass Church Langton church on your left and go down the road towards Stonton Wyville and Tur Langton. When the road begins to swing left and flatten out, turn right (opposite St Anne's Well) to go through a gate into the corner of the field. Go downhill, parallel with a fence over to your left. Cross the waymarked stile in the fence. Make straight for the Mill House with its distinctive mansard roof. Cross the stile into the corner of the field. Follow the straight hedge on your right to meet the road at the signpost.

Turn right along the road to reach Mill House and the Stonton Wyville crossroads. The church lies to your left.

*Heather mac Dermid: "Give yourself time to wander through Church Langton and East Langton and to sample the pubs."*



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