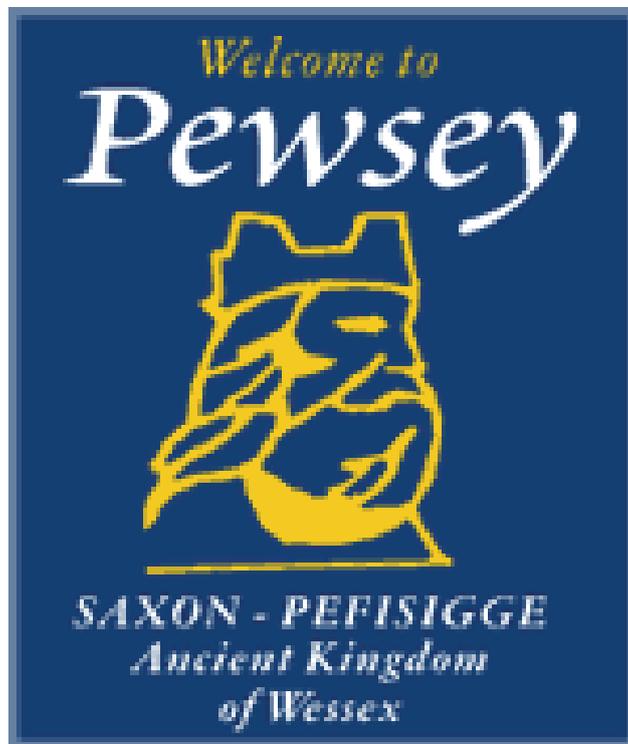
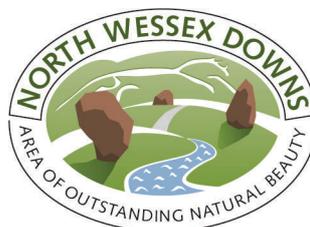


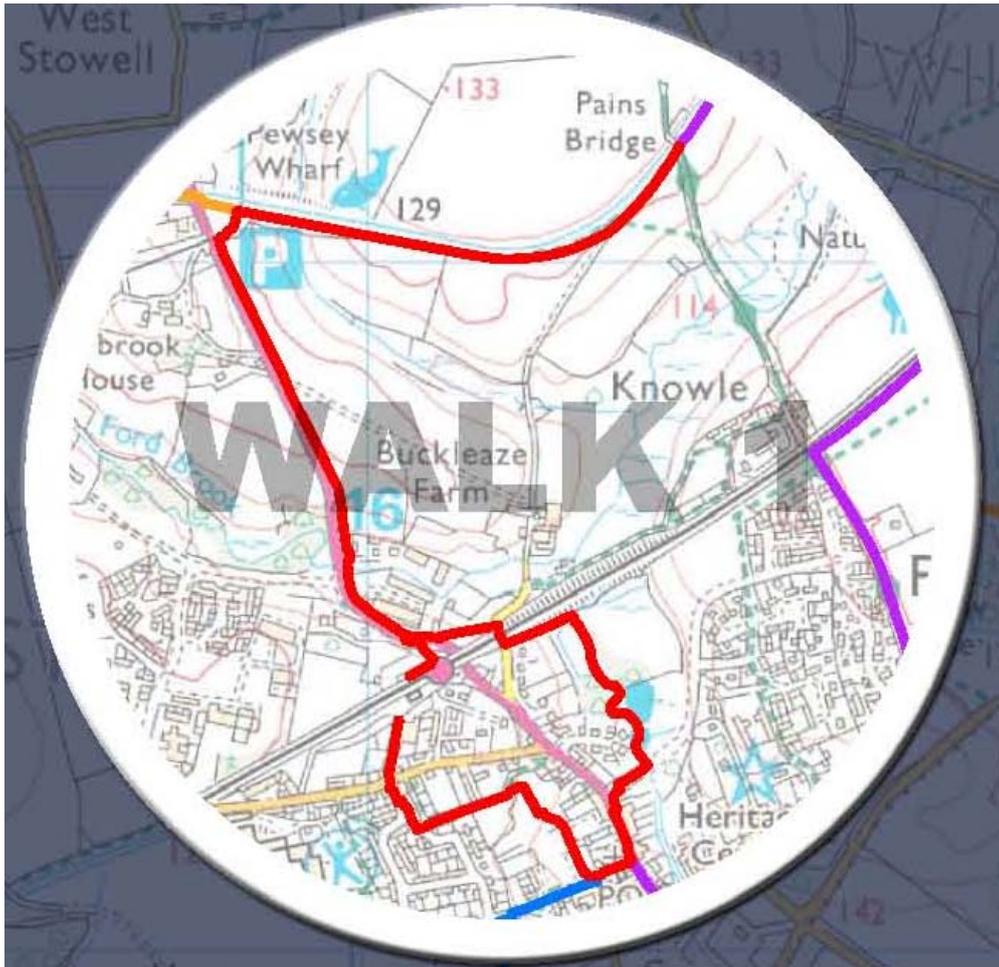
Guide to

The King Alfred Trail



Pewsey





WALK 1 – PEWSEY – Countryside, Carnival, Canal, Community

This walk takes you out of the village and up to Pewsey Wharf on the Kennet and Avon Canal. If you have arrived by train and have walking disabilities please follow the map and way marks that will provide an easy access route into the village avoiding steps and a steep roadway. During wet weather the towpath can be muddy so it is recommended that should you return to the village by the circular route stout shoes will be required.

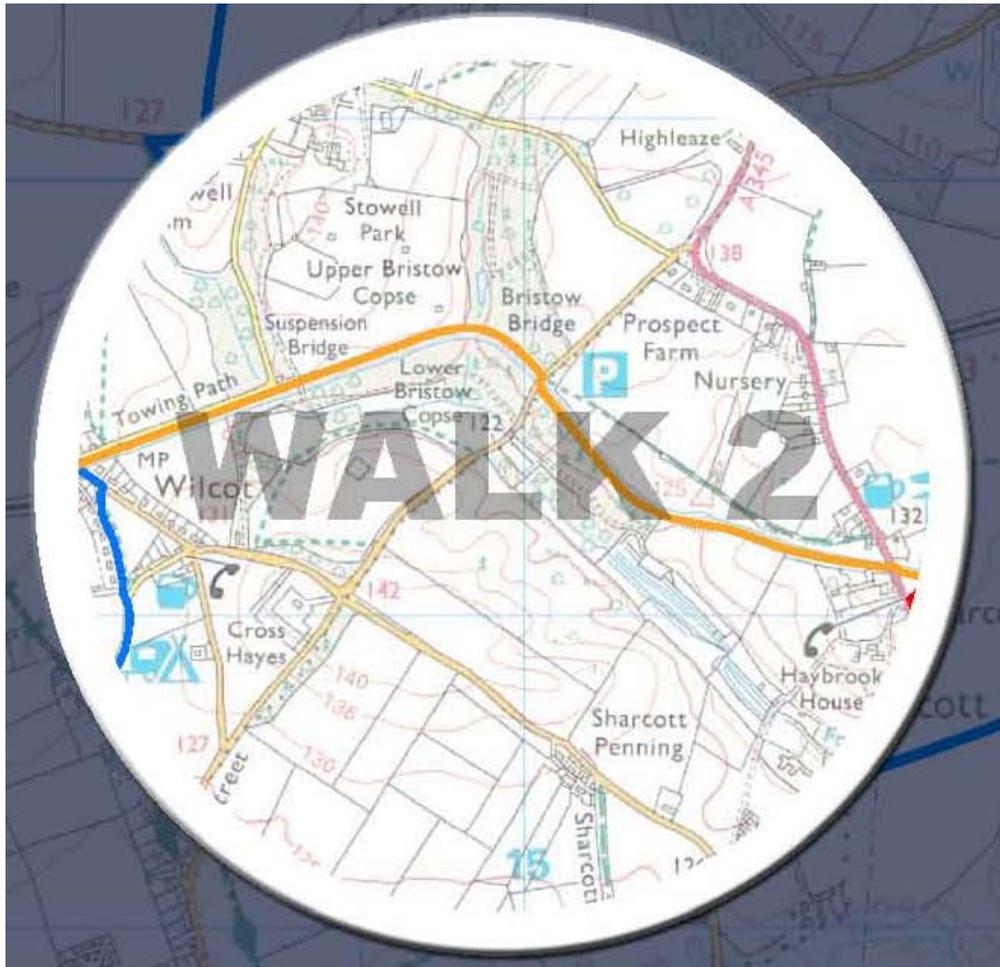
Walk 1 of the Trail should be regarded as a complete walk of its own beginning at the Bouverie Hall Car Park (if you have a chance visit the PACT centre or the Pewsey Heritage Centre nearby in the village centre).

Leave the village via North Street heading north after passing the Royal Oak turn right and access – The Scotchel Nature Reserve – This reserve is owned and managed by Pewsey Parish Council. The alder wood within the reserve was planted around 1839 probably to provide the wood for charcoal for the Foundry (Now the Pewsey Heritage Centre).

At the end of the Scotchel turn right onto the road and then left under the railway bridge onto 'Ways Way'. At the end turn right. You are now on the Marlborough Road. Proceed up the hill until reaching Pewsey Wharf.

On reaching the Wharf, there are three options:-

- a) Return to village using the bus, the bus stop is located over the canal Bridge opposite the French Horn Pub.
- b) Turn right on to the Kennet & Avon towpath past the café, and continue to Pains Bridge (the next bridge), pass under it and then turn right on to bridle path following this until you reach the hamlet of Knowle. Continue straight on via the minor sunken road until you reach a T-junction. Continue straight on for 300 yards, until you reach a mini roundabout, then turn right on to Milton Road and almost immediately joining High Street to return to start.
- c) Continue on to Walk 2 by turning left on the K & A towpath.



WALK 2

Start from Pewsey Wharf car park (access by bus from centre of village – or on foot via the Scotchel) turning left on to K&A towpath. At Bristow's Bridge ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile), cross over the canal and continue on the opposite side until Wilcot Bridge (1 mile). Passing under this bridge leave towpath via the ramp and cross the bridge via the minor road and almost immediately turn right onto track running past Wilcot Green on your left. After 200 yards the track joins a minor road (leading to Wilcot Church), giving two options: -

- a) Turn left on to minor road, proceeding to Golden Swan Inn, to pick up bus and return to start.
- b) Continue on to Walk 3, by turning right on to minor road leading to church.



WALK 3

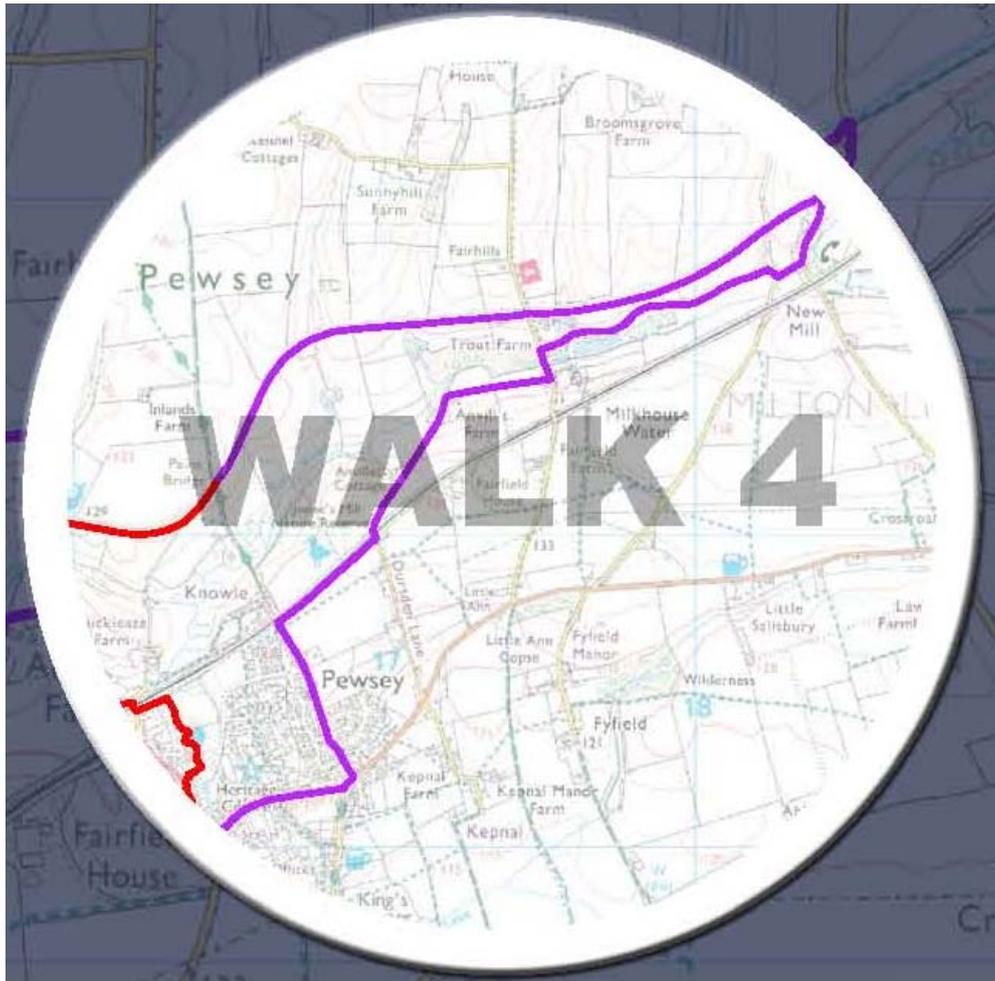
To join at start of Walk 3, catch bus to Golden Swan, Wilcot or do Walk 2, walking down minor road signposted Wilcot Church and proceed to the church itself. Proceed on to track, passing Church on your right. Continue until you reach junction of paths where you continue straight ahead on through gate, progressing along the boundary of two fields on a track until you reach gate.

Turn right on to the busy Pewsey-Woodborough minor road, after 100 yards cross the road, with care, at the point where a Byway sign indicates the path you are about to take, again along the boundary of fields.

After ½ mile you will reach the railway line, and once over the bridge turn left at the fork on to the minor road leading to the hamlet of West Sharpcott.

After ¼ mile look for the signpost, East Sharpcott, on your left, following this minor road until reaching East Sharpcott. At T-junction turn left, following minor road for 300 yards, then turning right on to footpath signed Pewsey (known locally as Sandy Lane). Follow this path for about 1¼ miles, past fields, the boundary of Pewsey School playing fields and the edge of the Crescent housing estate until you reach a fairly steep incline taking you on to Crescent Hill.

Turn right and almost immediately left on to pavement bordering A345, passing St John's Church on right before reaching King Alfred's statue and centre of village.



WALK 4

If not on continuous walk, as for Walk 2 take bus from centre of village to Pewsey Wharf. Turn right on to Kennet & Avon towpath, following this for about 1¼ miles passing under Pains Bridge and Milkhouse Water Bridge. At the next bridge leave the towpath just before the bridge to reach the minor road. Turn right to the hamlet of New Mill, and after ¼ mile at T-junction turn right and then after 50 yards right again on to another country lane. Follow this for about ¾ mile until reaching Milkhouse Water. At the T-junction, turn left on to this minor road, and after 50 yards turn right on to bridleway leading to Anvill's Farm. Continue past farm for another ¼ mile to cross Railway Bridge and then immediately turn right on to footpath following perimeter of field for ½ mile until it reaches hamlet of Knowle. Leaving footpath at the kissing gate, turning left down slight slope, continue left down Hollybush Lane until you reach a T-junction. Bear left and continue a further 300 yards to reach a mini roundabout, turn right into Milton Road, leading to High Street, for a further ¾ mile to centre of village.

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Clues to plaques 1 – 20 on the King Alfred’s Trail, Pewsey

Plaque No.	Walk No. (colour coded as leaflet)	Location clue	Image to collect
1	1 red	I’m near the village and just a hop and leap from the Scotchel nature reserve. Look out for me near the entrance.	Frog
2	1 red	You’ll find me where walkers cross the river that runs through the Scotchel and I’ll tell you about the birds and other insects that live near by.	Spider
3	1 red	Don’t leave the nature reserve but take a break on a comfy bench and listen to me buzzing around the riverbank.	Bee
4	1 red	It’s quite a steep path by a busy road but you can stop on a seat close to me and catch your breath – you can even read the history of the Pewsey carnival!	Bare tree
5	1 red	You’ll find me near the water’s edge where the history of Pewsey Wharf is pictured for all to see (I’m the only one without a number!)	Horse & cart
6	1 red	Don’t forget to stop for some light refreshment by the water before the path takes you eastward. I’m at the bottom of the blue steps and you’ll need to look closely.	Duck
7	4 purple	I’m at the entrance to a Wiltshire Wildlife Trust reserve just past the first bridge. Eyes right or you’ll miss me!	Fish
8	4 purple	You’ve walked a long way to find me and now you’re leaving the water to walk into the countryside.	Heron
9	4 purple	You found a fish on my other gate and now you can enjoy more wildlife from the other side of the reserve.	Dragonflies
10	4 purple	This can be a muddy path back to the village, watch out for trains passing overhead! You’ll find me where the path opens out near the houses.	Bullrushes
11	4 purple	Need a newspaper, some sweets or a drink? You’ll find me on a shop selling all these items. If you’re clever you’ll find plaque 13 close by!	Kingfisher
12	4 purple	Call in and buy your lunch or your supper perhaps from this ‘super’ store, there’s a really good car park nearby. I’m very close to the large red post box!	Bat
13	4 purple	If you missed me after plaque 11, retrace your steps and you’ll find me where all the artists gather to show off their work.	Grasshopper
14	4 purple	My name is also the name of a ‘regal’ hostelry in the village serving ale! You’ll find me near the front door and attached to the building.	Oak tree & acorn
15	2 yellow	You’ve come a long way to the west of the Wharf, and now you’ve got to cross the road to continue your journey. Look out for me before you reach the road. Be careful not to step back to admire your work!!	Ant

16	2 yellow	Close to a picturesque village green and pretty cottages in Wilcot you'll find both rest and refreshment where I reside.	Swan
17	3 blue	You'll find me between Little Abbots and the railway bridge, but you'll need to look carefully along the hedgerows. Keep your eyes peeled when you reach the entrance to a field on your right.	Rosehips
18	3 blue	Cross the railway bridge and you'll find there are plenty of my sort by the little green, but I'm right in the middle!	Tall tree
19	3 blue	Turn right by a pretty little thatched cottage to head back to the village and I'll be looking down on you from the bank.	Corn stook
20	3 blue	I don't live in the houses but along the path that looks across at the Pewsey White Horse.	Beetle

For information on reaching Pewsey by train, bus or coach please go to:

Rail travel: www.nationalrail.co.uk; 08457 484950

Bus and coach: www.carlberry.co.uk; www.wdbus.co.uk;
www.kennetandbeyond.co.uk; 01225 713446

Local information: www.pewsey-uk.co.uk

All parking in car parks in Pewsey village is free. However, parking at Pewsey Wharf is charged and there is limited space.