

I. Great Lane to Church Path.

Starting near the junction with Kiln Lane this Public Footpath leads across a valley to the Old Church.

J. Church Path.

The Public Footpath starts from the north-east corner of Townshott, near the garages, and joins Church Path to lead up past the Old Church.

It then forks left at the entrance to Pedley Wood Farm and continues across a field with kissing gates. Then it follows the perimeter of a second field to where there is a footbridge over a stream. Here it crosses path K and continues to Great Lane.

K. Great Lane to Appley Corner.

This Public Bridleway starts at Great Lane and, after crossing path J, leads alongside Pedley Wood then Chicksands Wood to Appley Corner.

L. The High Street to Cainhoe Castle.

This Public Footpath starts opposite Town Shott between numbers 118 and 120 High Street. It crosses the River Flitt and leads around the Fuller's Earth lakes to the A507 road. The field is 'Open Access' so you can visit the site of Cainhoe Castle, an important Scheduled Ancient Monument comprising a medieval motte and bailey castle and associated moated site, fishponds and field system.

M. The A6 to the A507 through Warren Wood.

This public Footpath starts at the A6 road nearly opposite the Silsoe turn. Once into the wood follow the avenue of hornbeam and beech trees until you reach the A507 road.

Permissive Access

This access is provided under the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs' farm conservation scheme as managed by Natural England, which helps farmers and land managers protect and improve the countryside, its wildlife and history.

Y. There is a Permissive Bridleway along the farm track which then crosses the brook and continues on the other side.

There is a short length of Permissive Footpath joining footpath D with footpath E.

Z. Around the perimeter of this field is a Permissive Bridleway.

General Information

You will walk across surface types ranging from hard surfaces to field footpaths.

Facilities in Clophill

Post Office, Stores and Café. The Green.
01525 860 988

The Green Man. The Green. Italian restaurant.
01525 860352

The Flying Horse. The Green. Country pub and dining. 01525 860 293

The Stone Jug. Back Street. Traditional village pub with food. 01525 860352

There are no public toilets in the village.

How to get to Clophill

The village is situated near the intersection of the A6 between Bedford and Luton and the A507 between Ampthill and Shefford. There are half-hourly buses from Bedford and Luton and a less frequent service from Biggleswade and Ampthill.

Postcode for Sat Nav – MK45 4AD

CLOPHILL DISCOVERY WALKS

Walk 6

Public Footpaths around the Village of Clophill

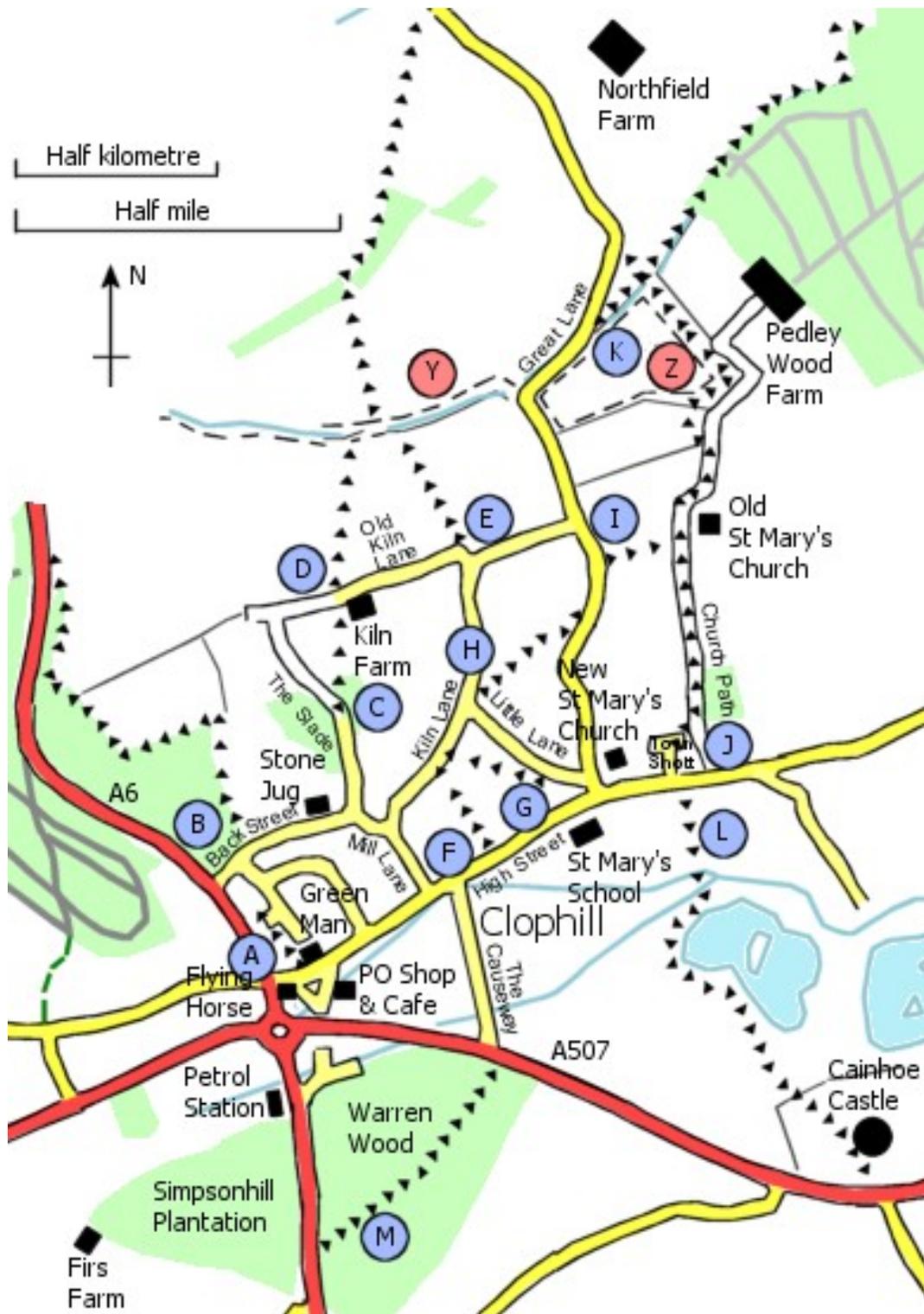
Including Public Footpaths, Public Bridleways and Permissive Bridleways.

Describes thirteen Public Footpaths and two Public Bridleways in and around the village.

Also three Permissive Bridleways and one short Permissive Footpath.

All the walks in the series:-

1. Clophill to Appley Corner and back through Chicksands Wood.
2. Clophill to Wardhedges (with optional pub stop) then Silsoe and back.
3. Clophill to Maulden and back through Maulden Wood.
4. Clophill to Haynes (with optional pub stop) and back.
5. Clophill to Historic Cainhoe Castle and back.
6. Public Footpaths around the Village of Clophill.



A. From the Green Man to Readshill.

There are no Public Footpath signs but this path takes you through the Green Man car park past Beverley Court to Beverley Gardens from where you can continue along Readshill to Back Street.

B. From Back Street to the A6.

There is a Public Footpath sign on Back Street between the quarry and the first house. The Definitive Map shows the path going across the quarry but it seems accepted that it is now rerouted around the east and north sides. At the GRW sign it turns left up some steps and emerges in the field called Holly Bush. It continues round the field then through a kissing gate and alongside the next field until it emerges on the A6 road.

C. From The Slade to Kiln Farm.

Fork right at the north end of The Slade at the Public Footpath sign. This path passes through a delightful wooded area, then a smallholding with horses and, finally, a field which may contain Highland cattle. It emerges on the farm track that is an extension of Old Kiln Lane.

D. From Kiln Farm to the middle of nowhere.

Opposite the end of the previous path is a Public Footpath sign pointing north into the hedge. The Definitive Map shows a path running for 470 yards (430m) and stopping at a stream. Here it connects with a Permissive Bridleway. There is no sign of a footpath, no gaps in the hedges or stiles.

E. From Old Kiln Lane/Kiln Lane to Great Lane/Haynes.

A Public Bridleway runs northwards across a field, with fine views, to a gap in the hedge where it crosses a farm track. There is a Permissive Bridleway along the track. The path continues towards Great Lane, north of North field Farm, where there is a Public Footpath that leads on to Haynes Church End. Keep your dogs under control as pheasants are reared here.

F. From the High Street to Kiln Lane.

This Public Footpath starts between numbers 55 and 57 High Street and crosses the Playing Field.

G. From Kiln Lane to Little Lane.

This Public Footpath starts past the last house on the left at the bottom of Little Lane and emerges on Kiln Lane next to 'Hard Earn't'.

H. From Kiln Lane/Little Lane junction to Great Lane.

This Public Footpath passes to the left of Shepherd's Cottage and skirts Sheephill Orchard to emerge on Great Lane. *Continues overleaf:-*