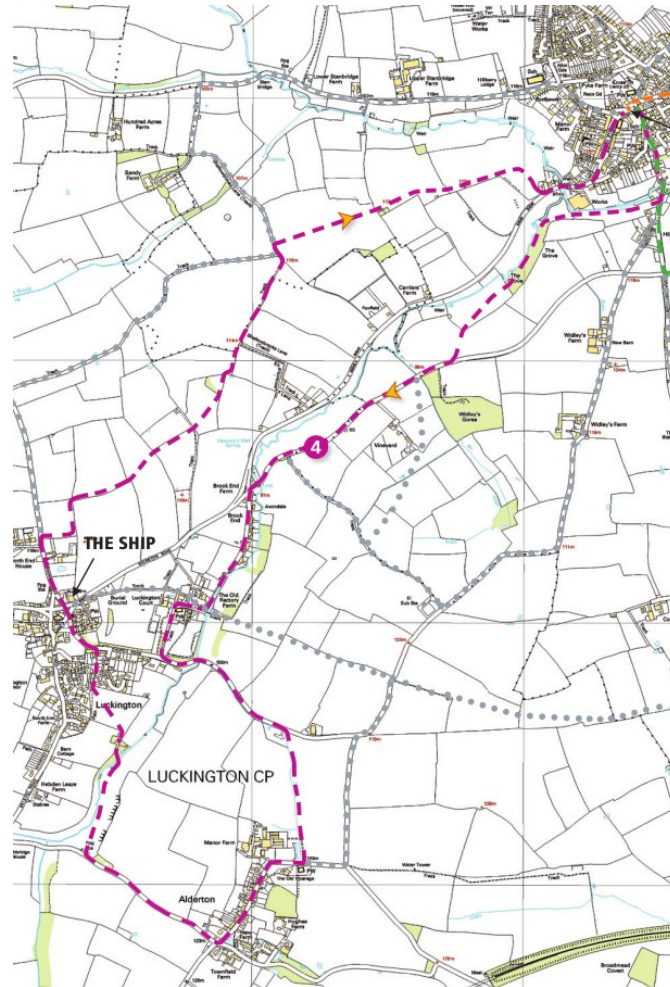




Stage 4 - Sherston - Luckington loop



Directions:

From the Rattlebone Inn, turn Right down Noble Street; keep Left down Tanners Hill and cross the Avon. Bear Right on Thompsons Hill and then turn Right after Mill Cottage to take permissive path following the river to reach the footbridge on Luckington Brook. Don't cross, instead continue along Brook through The Grove wood.

After leaving the nature reserve, path goes diagonally uphill to Left to reach a stone stile into another field. Continue across field to stone stile onto Backrill Lane. Turn Right and follow the road to Brook End (keep Left) and past 2 fords to reach The Old Rectory.

Turn Right then Left in front of Luckington Court, follow the path around St Mary's Church then out onto Church Road. Right will take you to the centre of Luckington

To continue to Alderton. Turn Left downhill, taking care on the road. After about 1km, turn Right after the sewage works and follow stream on Right to reach St Giles Church. Turn Right and follow the road through Alderton to the duck pond.

Turn Right at cross roads. After 630m; take the path on Right (next to pumping station) into fields along river. Follow river to footbridge in wood. Over bridge, turn half Right uphill to opposite corner. Take the path between houses onto Church Road and then turn Left to centre of village.

Bear Right at the village green, then straight ahead across B4040 past Triangle Cottage. Follow Sopworth Road then turn Right onto the footpath after North End Farm. Go down side of field then Left at the end (in same field) to reach opposite corner.

Cross stile, continue to stile ahead across field. Bear slightly Left to another stile then straight on to where several paths cross. Straight on into next field but bear half Left to stile into wood. Follow fenced path to another stile out. Next section is offline, head slightly Left to corner then drop down into next field then go through a gate to your right onto Shallowbrooks Lane.

Turn Left on lane. Continue until another track joins from the Left. Shortly turn Right over a stile. Straight ahead through a couple of gates until you can see the river ahead, downhill, with Sherston above it. Turn Right and cut across the slope to reach the access road to Apple Cottage. Turn Left on the B4040, cross the river and follow the road up Brook Hill to Sherston High Street.