

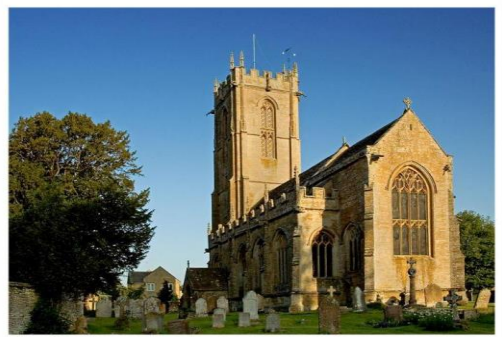


# The Ham Hill Villages cycle route





We would like to invite people to cycle through our beautiful 7 parishes around Ham Hill. These are all South of the A303 between the exits for Yeovil and Crewkerne.

The listing suggests starting at Norton sub Hamdon and travelling anti-clockwise around the Hill ending at Stoke sub Hamdon (both those churches are Grade 1 listed and both feature in Simon Jenkins 1000 best Churches). You may, of course visit them in any order. **(The shortest and the least up-hill ride would be from Odcombe, through Stoke and finishing at Middle Chinnock – just 7.2 miles). The total distance from any one church back to the same church is 10.5 miles.**

Non of the churches have available toilets at present – but buy something in a local pub and you can use their facilities. More information about the parishes and churches at [www.hamhillchurches.org](http://www.hamhillchurches.org)

The distances in the 2<sup>nd</sup> column are a) from previous church and b) from start. Distances in column 4 are approximate.

	<p>St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, <b>Norton sub Hamdon</b> TA14 6SU</p>	<p>Exterior is almost identical to when it was built c 1480. Dovecot in churchyard. Tower at 98' and 8 bells, various Arts and Crafts items.</p>	<p>At bottom of Church Lane, turn Lt (Great St) continue for 800 yds and follow road sharp Rt towards Chiselborough. After 900 yds turn Rt beside Village Hall and after 100 yds, opp. Cat Head, Rt into Church lane.</p>
	<p>St Peter &amp; St Paul. <b>Chiselborough</b> TA14 6TR</p> <p><b>1.3 m</b></p> <p><b>1.3 m</b></p>	<p>One of Somerset's few spires. Various parts from 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century – with a rebuilt Norman Arch.</p>	<p>Go towards Cat Head and turn Rt (Cat Street) for 300 yds then Lt at crossroads. Uphill for 200 yds then Rt and down into West Chinnock – St Mary's on Rt after 800 yds</p>
	<p>St Mary, <b>West Chinnock</b> TA14 7QA</p> <p><b>1.1 m</b></p> <p><b>2.4 m</b></p>	<p>Rebuilt by the Hayward family c 1890 but retains some older features</p>	<p>Continue up Higher Street 400yds – and follow road Lt at signpost. After 600 yds Lt at T-junction and St Margaret's on your Lt after 300 yds</p>

	<p>St Margaret, <b>Middle Chinnock</b> TA18 7PN</p> <p><b>0.6 m</b></p> <p><b>3.0 m</b></p>	<p>Ancient doorway. Interior largely Victorian rebuild. There is an unusual sundial above the porch</p>	<p>Continue road through Middle Chinnock. After 800 yds – at top of climb – turn Rt at a T junction. Follow road, which soon goes Lt, for 2 mls then Lt at T-junction. Skirt farm buildings and turn Lt following narrow (sometimes muddy) road into Odcombe. Go across cross-roads to Church</p>
	<p>St Peter &amp; St Paul, <b>Odcombe</b> BA22 8UQ</p> <p><b>3.3 m</b></p> <p><b>6.3 m</b></p>	<p>a church here for 800 years – but almost totally rebuilt in the 1870s. It retains 15<sup>th</sup> c tower</p>	<p>Continue (west of Church) downhill 1000 yds and turn Lt onto major road. After 1000 yds (ignoring entrance to Montacute House) St Catherine’s is on your Lt.</p>
	<p>St Catherine <b>Montacute</b> TA15 6UZ</p> <p><b>1.4 m</b></p> <p><b>7.7 m</b></p>	<p>Originally a Norman chapel, enlarged in middle ages and almost entirely rebuilt c1871</p>	<p>Continue along road out of village 800 yds and into Stoke sub Hamdon. Passing after 200 yds Stancheater Secondary School on Rt. Travel a further 400 yds and track to St Mary’s is on your Lt (just 20yds off rd – but 3 optional tracks).</p>
	<p>St Mary <b>Stoke sub Hamdon</b> TA14 6UP</p> <p><b>1.0 m</b></p> <p><b>8.7 m</b></p> <p><b>(1.8 m to Norton; total route Norton to Norton 10.5 m)</b></p>	<p>Chancel and nave were built c 1100. Porch added c1325 (with interesting tympanum above door). The Norman arch was restored in 1857</p>	<p>To return to Norton carry on towards main Stoke village – you can either a) after 1 m turn Lt at Working Men’s Club and over Ham Hill (turning Rt after View Point on Rt to go down narrow road to a junction where you turn Rt to go back into Norton) or b) 1.2 m through Stoke and turn Lt into Norton Rd (shortly after disused Methodist Church on your Rt) and turning Lt at T-junction arrive at Church Lane after 100 yds</p>