**The route** is on foot paths and bridal ways through woodlands and open fields . As well as panoramic views and abundant wildlife, this walk is packed with historic interest. En route are the Iron Age /Roman fortification of Ham Hill, the deserted medieval village of Witcombe and the Georgian Folly on top of St. Michael’s Hill near Montacute.

HHV Walk for Water 2021

June 12th 1030-1pm

**Come and join us** to walk for water – enjoy a fabulous circular walk through woodland, meadows and our historic Ham Hill (4 ½ miles, approx 2 hours)

**Bring a picnic** or finish at one of our excellent pubs (e.g. Prince of Wales, Ham Hill;
Kings Arms, Montacute; Lord Nelson, Norton or Cats Head, Chiselborough)

**Choose a start point** near your village (to avoid overcrowding):

* 1.‘Norton car park’ on top of Ham Hill – near Stoke/Prince of Wales
* 2.Base of *liberty trail* in Little Norton – near Norton, Chiselborough and Chinnocks
* 3.Top of Hollow Lane - near Montacute & Odcombe

**Optional diversions up St Michaels Tower and Ham Hill memorial**

**Make it a family adventure! Dogs welcome!**



There are **three starting points** to avoid any risk of congestion and directions follow an anticlockwise route. At 10.30 a guide will be available at each one with maps. Please bring your own water (and picnic) and maintain social distances. Several picnic spots are marked on the map and there are excellent hostelries near the route in Norton (The Nelson), Montacute (Kings Arms), and the Prince of Wales on top of Ham Hill.

**1.** **Joining from Stoke**: we start in the Norton car park on the right hand side just past the viewpoint on Ham Hill Road. Take the track on the left beside the hawthorn tree and continue approximately 1 mile through the woods ignoring all

side turnings. Keep left at Tinkers Bubble and when you come to open fields, at T junction of paths, turn right and downhill onto the Liberty Trail and continue to bottom of hill.

**2.** **Joining point from Norton and Chiselborough**: junction of Hocker’s Hill Lane from Little Norton and Liberty Trail. Proceed through the gates signpost Witcombe Lane. Continue through valley past deserted medieval village marked by hammocks and ridges. Picnic site. Keep to the left of the sign and series of ponds at the base of the Valley then bear right and climb towards a big dead tree trunk; through gates and left up the track to Ham Hill Road.

**3.** **Joining point from Odcombe and Montacute**: junction of Hollow Lane and Ham Hill Road. Crossover and onto footpath to left of Hollow Lane. Proceed alongside field edge for 200 yards then turn left and follow path bearing left. Picnic site with lovely views over Montacute. Go through small gates and after 100 yards bear right down the

hill and along the track to the corner of Hill words. Continue straight across the fields to far gateway. (Optional diversion to the east across the field to visit St. Michael’s Tower – a gate is clearly visible at base of St Michaels Hill; note - the path is very steep.)

**4.** **Going through** the gate turn left alongside Hedgecock wood [this stretch maybe muddy after rain] and continue along cart track. Where track forks keep right along the lower edge of the hill and ignore side turns. Continue until come to hard-core surface then bear left up the hill and continue to the Prince of Wales pub (up the steps). Here either stop for refreshments Or take optional diversion around the war Memorial sites on the right, or continue along the lane and bear left via the Ham Hill Park picnic site(tables) just above Ham Hill Road. Crossover and turn left onto Road, past the viewpoint and proceed to Norton car park a hundred yards on the right. **Continue to** **1.**



**BWANGA HILL consists of a community of 900 people, mainly pupils and staff of the secondary school, and a small kindergarten. In common with many schools in Uganda there is no clean drinking water at the school and the nearby present water supply is inadequate, polluted and inaccessible, and sanitation facilities are likewise poorly constructed and overloaded**.

**The WATSAN scheme will provide new large tanks, repair of the borehole and the spring plus new latrines plus health and hygiene education, and sanitation improvements for pupils and the wider community.**

**As part of their mission to share God’s love in practical ways, the Ugandan Church manages an integrated project for drinking water supply, hygiene education and sanitation. WATSAN , (https://watsanuganda.org) which stands for water and sanitation, is a UK charity which is partnering** **with them and serves an area of rural S.W. Uganda the size of Somerset. Revd Annie is a founder member of WATSAN and has witnessed first hand their transformational work.**

**Get Involved. Please visit our website at** **https://Hamhillchurches.org/walkforwater**

