

The Monks' Walk

(7 miles or shorter loops of 2 miles and 5 miles - see green text below) ●●●

1. Park at the rear of the Selborne Arms, turn left out of the car park and walk along the main village street (B3006) until you reach the Queens Hotel. Here take the narrow Huckers Lane (now a bridleway), a metalled way to the Priory built by monks in the 14th century and then known as 'Via Canonorum' (Monks' Way). Descend past some cottages to enter a wood by a gate; continue NE through the wood and across fields to reach the access road to Priory Farm (1 1/4 miles).

[For 2 mile loop turn left onto track across valley and then left (SW) over stile onto footpath along s.edge of Coombe Wood - see map]

2. Turn left (N) along the access road through the farmyard, cross over Oakhanger Stream and turn right through a gate to follow a footpath with the stream at first on your right and then on your left. At a signed crossroads of paths turn left (N), crossing the stream and then right along a field edge over a double stile and stream and then another double stile (signed 'official diversion'), re-crossing Oakhanger Stream. Turn left onto road through Oakhanger (Red Lion pub here) to Mary Magdalene Church (2 1/2 miles)

[For 5 mile loop turn left onto road just north of the pub to rejoin route near point 4 - see map]

Mary Magdalene Church

3. Beyond Church Cottage turn left (W) between two houses and then right behind the houses to a path junction. Turn left (W - signed 'Binswood Farm'), past the farm, across a stile and through trees to reach the Hangers Way at a stile; do not cross this but go sharp left along the Hangers Way through woods, passing a pool and crossing a track to reach a road near a T-junction.



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4. Turn right (SW) onto the lane and then left (SE) onto a drive signed 'Estate Office'. Follow the Hangers Way on a track through fields and Long Lythe National Trust wood before finally climbing up through a field to reach Selborne church. Walk through the churchyard and across Selborne's ancient Plestor. Turn left (S) and walk back to Queens Hotel and the start of your walk.

Blackmoor

Blackmoor is a rural community in attractive countryside close to the expanding town of Whitehill and Bordon. It is a Victorian village that has remained largely unspoilt. Sir Roundell Palmer, later 1st Earl of Selborne, commissioned Alfred Waterhouse to design the village in the 1860s.



The War Memorial Cloister

St Matthew's Church is particularly fine and well worth a visit; note especially the stained glass windows. Other buildings of interest are the village hall (formerly the school) and the row of Victorian cottages along Church Road.

The War Memorial Cloister, designed by Sir Herbert Baker in 1920, has been described as one of the best memorials in the UK. The names of thirty-six Blackmoor men who died in the First World War are inscribed on plaques by Charles Wheeler (later President of the Royal Academy). The names of those who died in the Second World War were added later.

The village has only one shop, the Blackmoor Farm Shop. Visitors may wish to note that as well as selling local Blackmoor apples, it also serves coffee and light refreshments.

The Blackmoor Discovery Trail

(3/4 mile - 30mins) ●●●

Visitors not wishing to be too energetic may park by the church or farm shop. They can begin by exploring the war memorial and the church and then follow the pavement to the left to view the cottages.

More energetic visitors can park in the same place, view the war memorial and the church, and then follow the main road to the right for 200 yards, taking care as there is no pavement. Turn left by the grain dryer onto a footpath (two stiles on this route), and enjoy views across the wide open unspoilt valley towards Temple Woods and the steep hangers in the distance. As you emerge onto Sotherington Lane, turn left and walk back to the staggered crossroads (again no pavement). Turn left into the village and walk along the pavement back to your starting point via Church Cottages.



Welcome to the parish of Selborne. This leaflet is designed to help you explore our beautiful countryside and our villages: Selborne, Oakhanger and Blackmoor.

Selborne

The village of Selborne is famous for its association with the eighteenth century naturalist Gilbert White. In his book *The Natural History of Selborne*, he meticulously records his observations on the plants, birds and animals of this lovely part of Hampshire. The Hanger overlooking the village, with its zig-zag path cut by Gilbert White and his brother, is part of the 275 acres of National Trust meadow, woodland and common which are open all year round.

Oakhanger

The village of Oakhanger, a settlement since the Iron Age, is home to Tudor Thatch, one of the original models for the Lilliput series of pottery miniatures. Oakhanger has been a settlement since the Mesolithic and is famous for its historic finds including Mesolithic implements and the massive Roman hoard (over 11,000 silver pieces) that are now held by the British Museum. The village church is notable for being only partly consecrated, the nave having served as a schoolroom in the past. To the north, beyond the village green is Shortheath Common, a European Site of Special Conservation due to its extremely rare bouncing bog.

Useful Contacts

Selborne Parish Council
www.selborneparishcouncil.com

Public Houses/ Restaurants

Selborne:

Gilbert White's House & Oates Museum (incl tea rooms) 01420 511275
Selborne Arms Pub 01420 511247
Queens Hotel 01420 511454

Oakhanger:

Red Lion Pub 01420 472232

Blackmoor:

Blackmoor Farm shop & café 01420 473782

Public Transport

National Travel Line 0870 608 2608
National Rail 08457 48 49 50
Stagecoach 0845 121 0180

Tourist Information

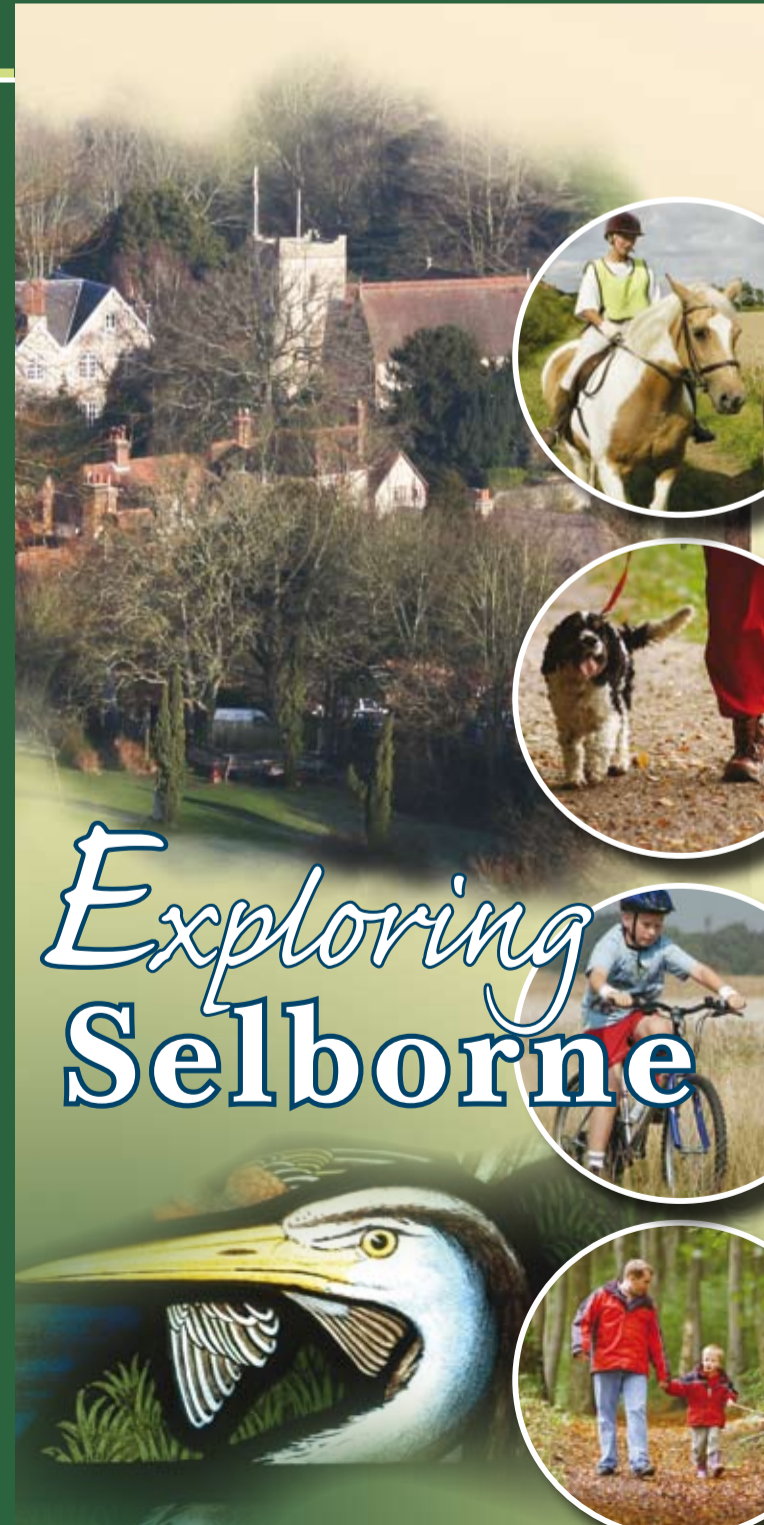
Hampshire County Council
Information Centre 0800 028 0888

Enjoying Hampshire's Countryside:
www.hants.gov.uk/countryside

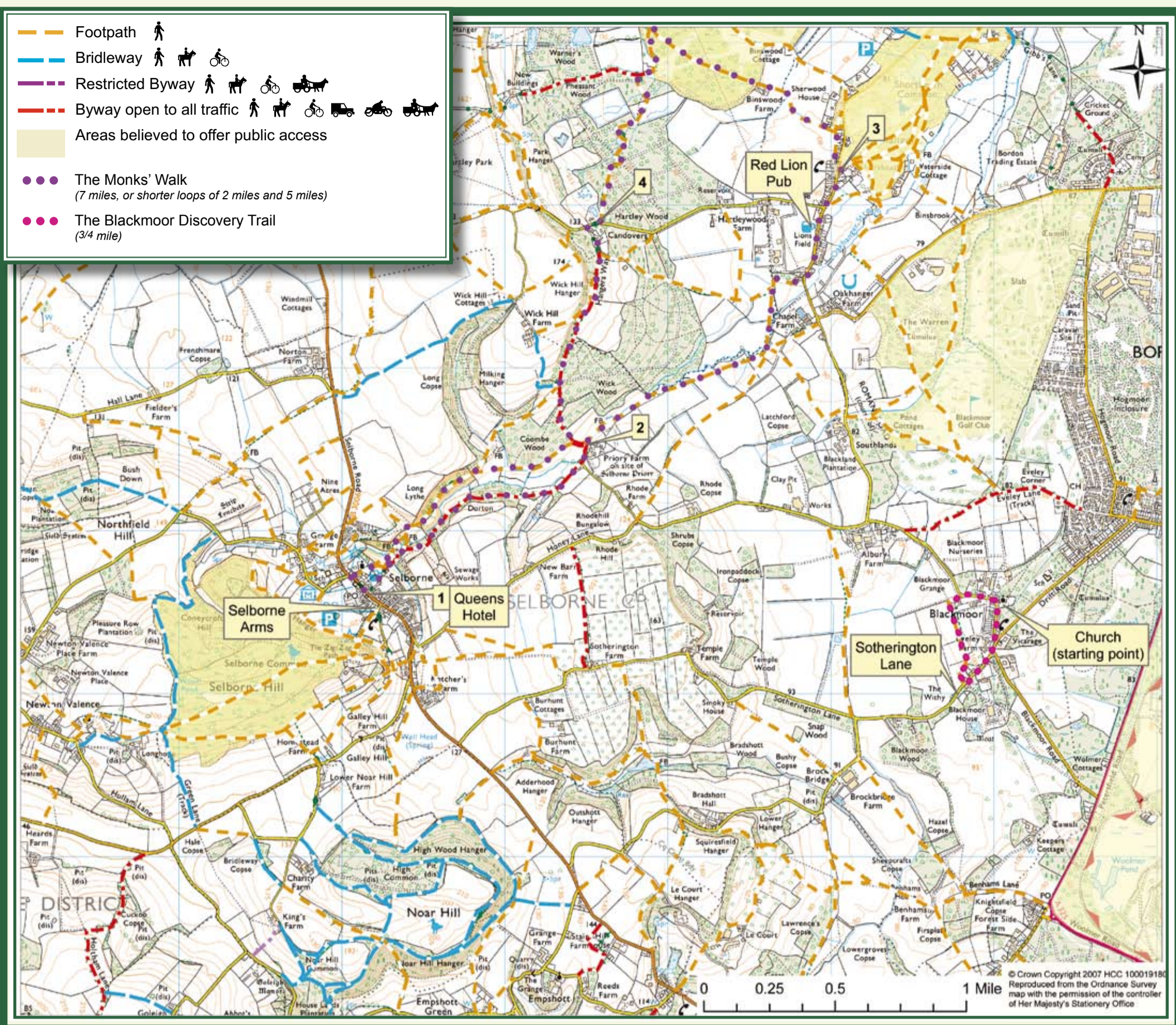
Rights of way maps on-line:
www.hants.gov.uk/maps/paths

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Exploring Selborne



Enjoying the countryside

Hampshire boasts an extremely rich and diverse countryside and an extensive network of public paths which provide a range of opportunities for enjoying the great outdoors. Rights of way are linear routes, often ancient trackways through deep countryside; there are over 3,000 miles of these in Hampshire. The map in this leaflet may also show access to other areas of land, such as commons, woodland, recreation grounds or conservation areas, and your Parish Council may know of guided walks or events. Many people will be able to reach countryside within a few hundred yards of home, and the plants, trees and views along the same paths often change dramatically through the seasons. We hope that this leaflet will encourage you to explore and enjoy your local countryside.



Using Local Paths

Many rights of way cross private land, and we ask you to bear this in mind by keeping to the path and being responsible when using them. There are four types, as shown on the map key; please check which paths you are entitled to use (for example, cyclists cannot use footpaths). Wheelchairs, pushchairs and dogs are allowed on all types of right of way. Any permissive paths or areas marked are not rights of way, but the landowner has given permission for the public to use them. To ensure that the countryside is protected for future generations be sure to:

- be safe – wear suitable clothing and shoes and take care when crossing roads
- plan ahead and follow any signs
- leave gates and property as you find them and take your litter home
- protect plants and animals
- keep dogs under close control
- consider other people
- lock valuables out of sight

Maintaining rights of way

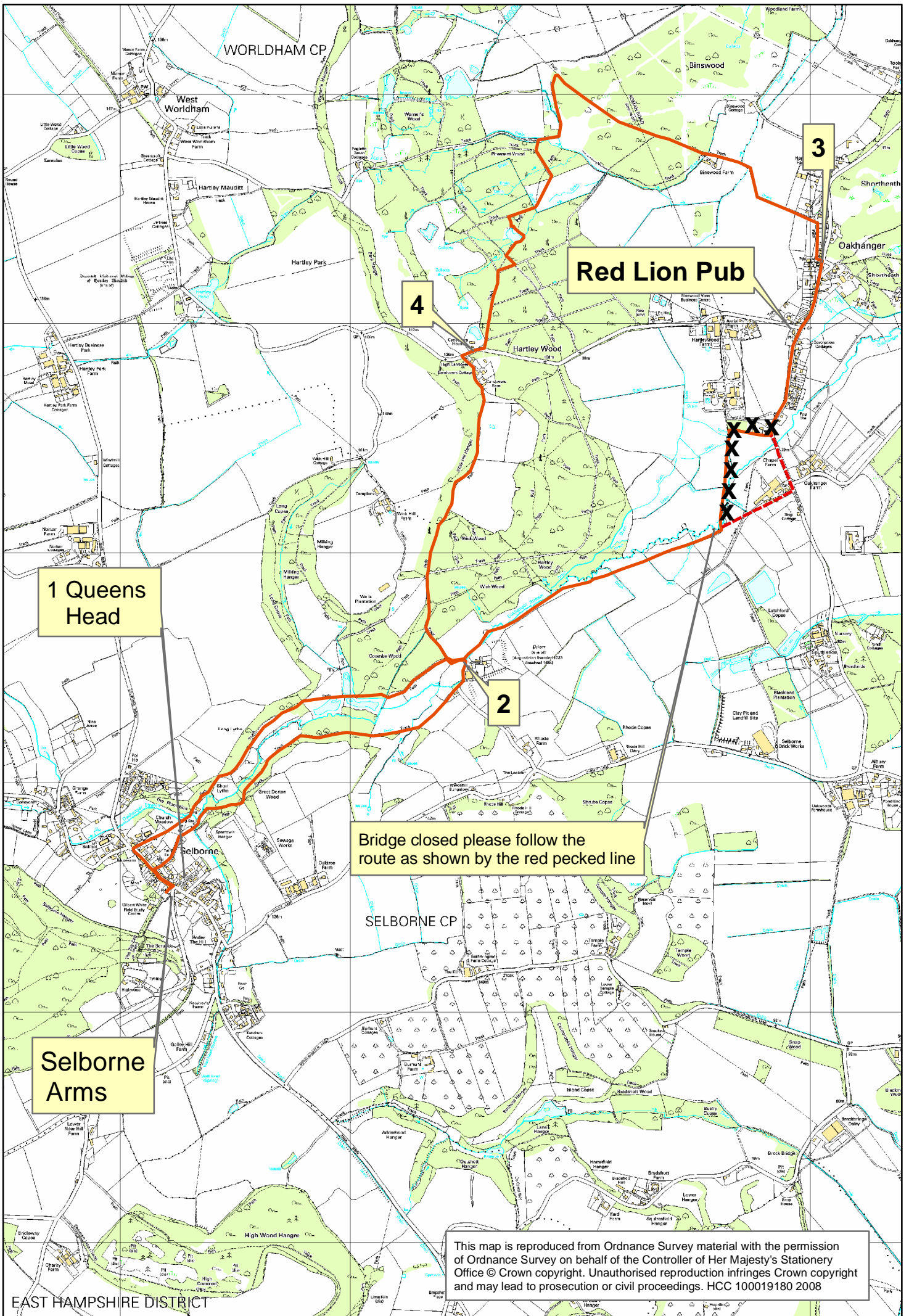
Hampshire County Council:

- ensures that rights of way are not obstructed
- maintains the surface in a fit condition for its intended use
- maintains some bridges
- signposts and waymarks paths
- authorises stiles and gates
- keeps the definitive map up to date

Landowners:

- keep back side growth and overhanging vegetation
- reinstate paths across fields after ploughing or planting crops
- maintain most stiles and gates
- should not obstruct paths or deter use of them
- should not plough paths at field edges
- should not keep dangerous animals (including certain bulls) on paths





Red Lion Pub

1 Queens Head

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Bridge closed please follow the route as shown by the red pecked line

Selborne Arms

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