

# TIMSBURY CIRCULAR WALK 4

Timsbury—Parish's House—The Folly—Lower Conygre Pit—Radford Hill—Timsbury

This is a short walk that is ideal for taking the dog for a walk and is Lillie Bennetto's favourite walk in Timsbury. Although it is a short walk, there are several features which illustrate Timsbury's past including Rectory Lane, Parish's House and Lower Conygre Pit.

## **START**

### **Location 1 - Miner's Commemorative Garden**

This walk begins at The Miner's Commemorative Garden at the junction with Magg's Hill and Rectory Lane. Walk along Rectory Lane. Rectory Lane has some of the oldest buildings in Timsbury, some of which were used as shops. After 110 yards, turn right.

### **Location 2 - Crock Barton**

Rectory Lane veers round to the right. Walk 90 yards down to the junction with South Road. Cross South Road to the gate on the opposite side of the road.

### **Location 3 – Entrance to Great Tyning**

Walk diagonally across the field for 280 yards along an obvious path to a metal gate in the hedge. Pass through the metal gate and enter the next field. After 70 yards pause and look left at Parish's House.

#### **Location 4 – View of Parish’s House**

Parish’s House is one of the best known houses in Timsbury. The building seen now was built in 1816. Continue walking diagonally across the field for 230 yards following the line of telephone line posts. There is a metal gate to the left of the buildings in front of you.

#### **Location 5 – The Folly**

Pass through the metal gate, turn left and walk up the drive for 20 yards. On the right by the hedge is a stile. Cross the stile and walk alongside of the hedge.

#### **Location 6 – Giant Ammonites**

Continue walking along the side of the hedge until you reach a large gap in the hedge. Ignore the metal gate straight ahead. Walk through the gap, walk diagonally down and then up the slope for 150 yards to the top left corner of the field.

#### **Location 7 – Purlinch**

Walk through the metal gate and continue ahead for another 170 yards until you reach a wooded path. On the 1784 map of Timsbury the fields either side of this path were still divided into small strips which were part of the pre-enclosure landscape of Timsbury.

#### **Location 8 – Entrance to Old Quarry**

As you enter the wooded part of this path, immediately on the right is the entrance to an old quarry. Continue for another 80 yards until you reach a metal gate with a small wooden stile. Carry straight on. On the left is the site of Lower Conygre pit.

### **Location 9 – Lower Conygre Pit**

On the left of the path is the site of Lower Conygre Pit. This was in operation from the mid-nineteenth century until it closed in 1916. There is little to be seen now from the path, but this was once one of the largest pits in the area. Continue walking along the path for another 120 yards until you reach a stile on your left and a wooden gate on your right.

### **Location 10 – Entrance to Lower Conygre House**

Turn right through the wooden gate and continue walking up the slope to the next gate. Go through the gate and cross the tarmac drive to another wooden gate. Continue walking ahead, keeping the fence on your right. When you see the side wall of Lower Conygre House, turn left and go through a metal gate. Continue ahead keeping the conifers and then fence on your left until you reach Radford Hill. Turn right and walk up Radford Hill.

### **Location 11 – Radford Hill**

Continue walking up Radford Hill until you reach the junction with South Road.

### **Location 12 – South Road**

Turn right at South Road and walk 70 yards until you reach the junction with Magg's Hill. Turn left and walk up the hill.

### **Location 13 – Magg's Hill**

Continue walking up Magg's Hill to the Miner's Commemorative Garden.