

Mattishall

Walk 3

Distance - 8¾km (5½ miles) Ascent - 20m (66ft) Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 238, Aylsham etc., 1:25,000

Mattishall is a large, rather scattered village, with its most attractive features closely grouped around All saints parish church. There are Georgian buildings, the Swan Inn, useful shops and an unusual drum-shaped village sign.

East Tuddenham is pleasantly residential.

This walk has lengths of good footpath combined with a long, un surfaced lane and minor roads to make a satisfying circuit, visiting both villages.

There are three stiles, all within the first short length of footpath at Mattishall.

Note: It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made. Thank you for your help. *Happy walking!*

Start/car parking - Area behind Mattishall Church, [grid reference 053110](#).

Refreshments - Swan Inn, Mattishall

WALK

Start along the road to the south, away from the church, passing a row of cottages and modern properties.

1. In 200m. turn left over a signposted stile, immediately before a street called 'The Oaks'. The path is between hedges, with the base of a former windmill to the left. Go over a second stile and then a third, before crossing a cultivated field on a reserved path through the crop. Cross a minor road and continue along a signposted track. In about 200m., the track bends to the left, leave the track here towards a small pond on the left as the path continues across a field. Ignore a waymarked path to the right, following a path (green waymark) reserved across a cultivated field. At the far end of the field go right, then left, to pass through a little wood. Continue along the edge of a cultivated field, turn right to reach a ditch in 30m. Turn left to walk beside the ditch.

2. Cross a minor road, along a good grass track, with a hedge, and soon woodland, on the right. Follow the indicated direction to cross a large rising cultivated field on a reserved path. After the field, go left and immediately right, alongside another field, then bear right on a grass path, go through a wooden barrier and metal gates to pass stables and join a public road.

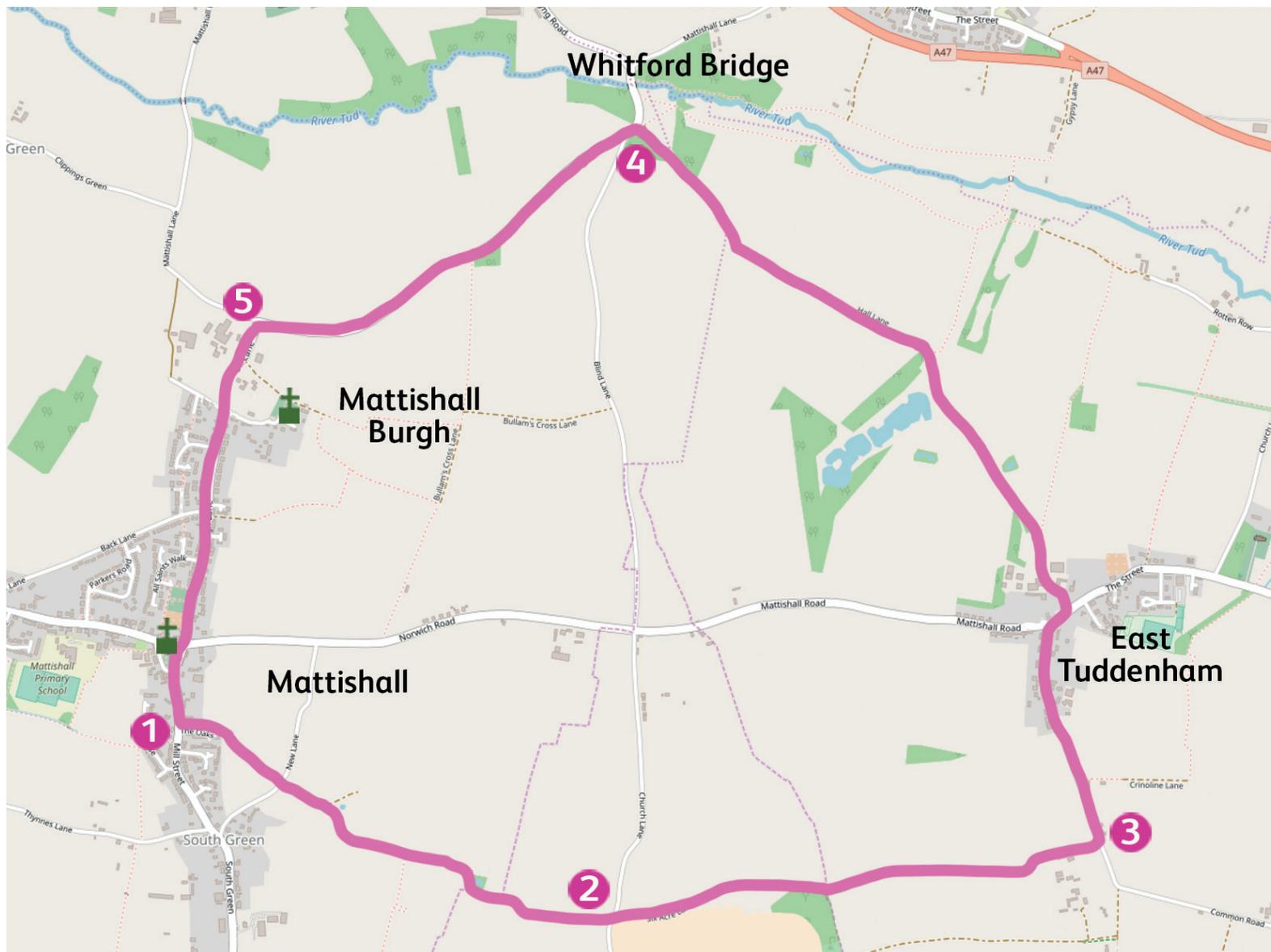
3. Turn left to walk by the roadside through East Tuddenham to a junction with the main road, where there is a village sign and a covered former well/pump. Turn right then, in 40m., turn first left via road to pass between commercial and farm buildings on a surfaced lane. The surface is soon lost as the lane heads towards Whitford Bridge, passing a little wood and rising very gently.

4. Join a surfaced road (Whitford Bridge over the River Tud is 120m. to the right). Turn first left via road to head for Mattishall. As the road forks in 60m., keep right to stay with this minor road, initially rising gently. The square tower of St. Peter's Church, Mattishall Burgh is in distant view ahead. Pass a plantation of young trees on the left before reaching a road junction.

5. Turn left, signposted 'Mattishall', (St. Peter's Church is a short diversion to the left) to walk past the residences of Mattishall Burgh back to the main road, with the Swan Inn and an overflow car park on the right. Cross the road to return to the parking area behind the church.

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