



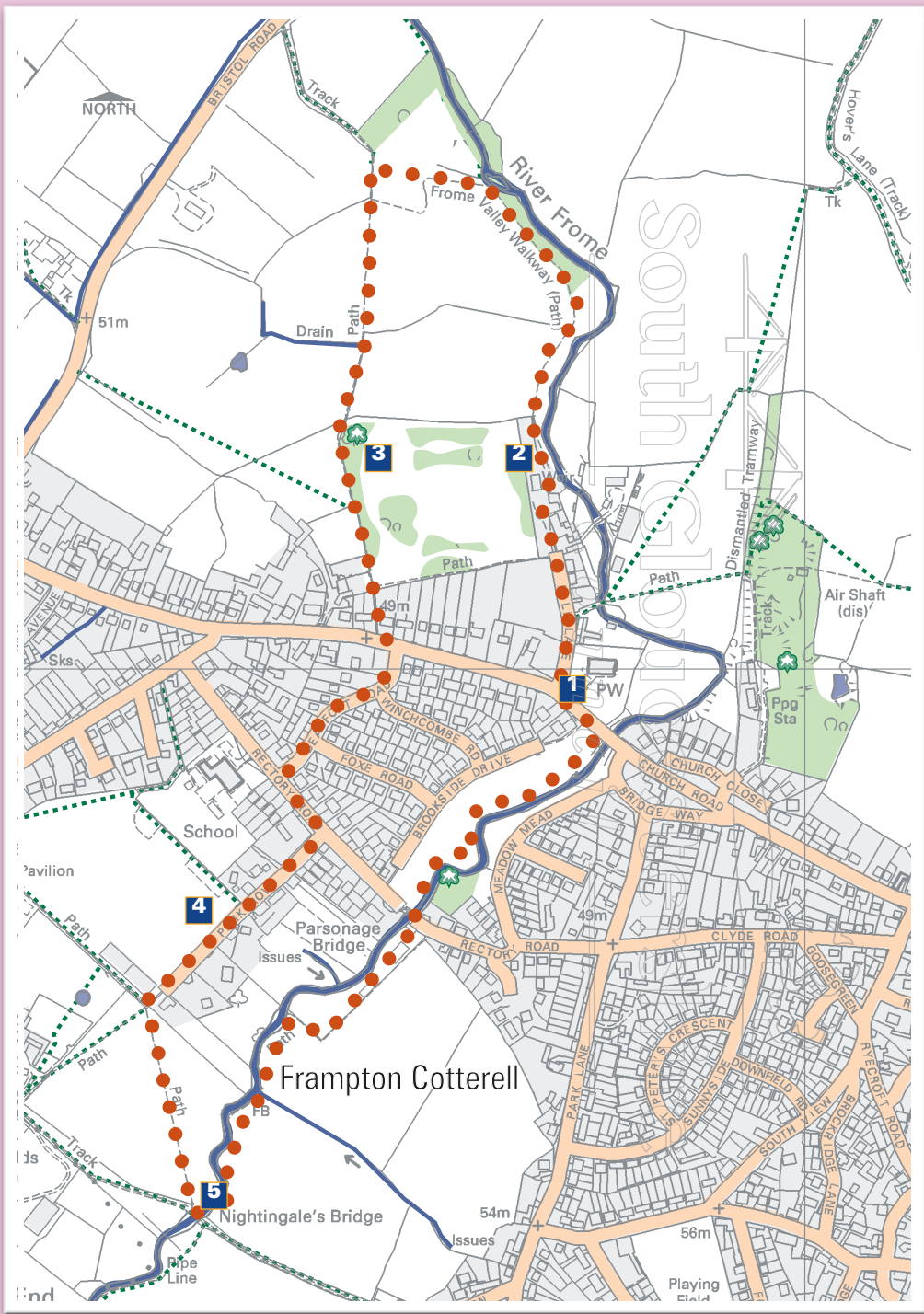
Frampton Cotterell



Whilst Frampton Cotterell would never claim to be a “chocolate box” village, its many surviving pinkish stone buildings and boundary walls give it a distinctive character which is highly valued by many of its residents.

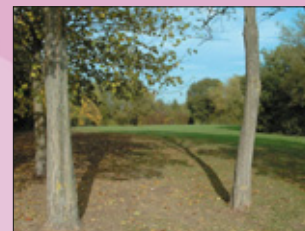
Also highly valued is the countryside in which it sits. The village straddles the River Frome which provides enjoyment for young and old alike, for bird watchers and children with their fishing nets, for joggers and walkers, many with dogs.

Enjoy this Parish Walk - go for it!



Points of Interest

- ▶ **1** St Peter's Church
- ▶ **2** Modernised weir
- ▶ **3** Centenary Field
- ▶ **4** The Park
- ▶ **5** Nightingale's Bridge





Directions

There are at least 7 different countryside walks around Frampton Cotterell/Coalpit Heath. This 'Parish Walk' is being made accessible for people with disabilities. Visitors alight from a bus beside the Parish Church, so the description starts here.

Walk along Mill Lane past **St Peters Church (1)**, through Drew's Yard (where a steel foundry flourishes), to reach the river beside a **modernised weir (2)**.

Alongside the Frome, bushes overhang the pathway. They are often alive with bird song, and you may spot a Kingfisher. The millpond was once here, where the river is deeper, and village youngsters used to learn to swim here.

Beneath deciduous trees the Frome babbles over rounded stones; the remains of a fallen mill. The Frome Valley Walkway crosses a girder bridge, but the Parish Walk turns southwards, crossing a field towards an ancient stile and gateway.

The stony pathway crosses arable land, leading to a kissing gate for entry into the **'Centenary Field' (3)**.

Some may cross back over the Centenary Field towards allotments and the parish church and terminate their walk. Others continue parallel to the hedge, to follow the path between bungalows then across Church Road. Go along Beaufort Road through Benson's Estate with chalet bungalows.

Make a dogleg to walk along Park Row, a tree-lined cul de sac. Come now to **'The Park' (4)**

At the end of Park Row go through a kissing-gate to the Hilly Fields to get our best views across the Frome Valley. Walk diagonally towards the river then cross **Nightingale's Bridge (5)**

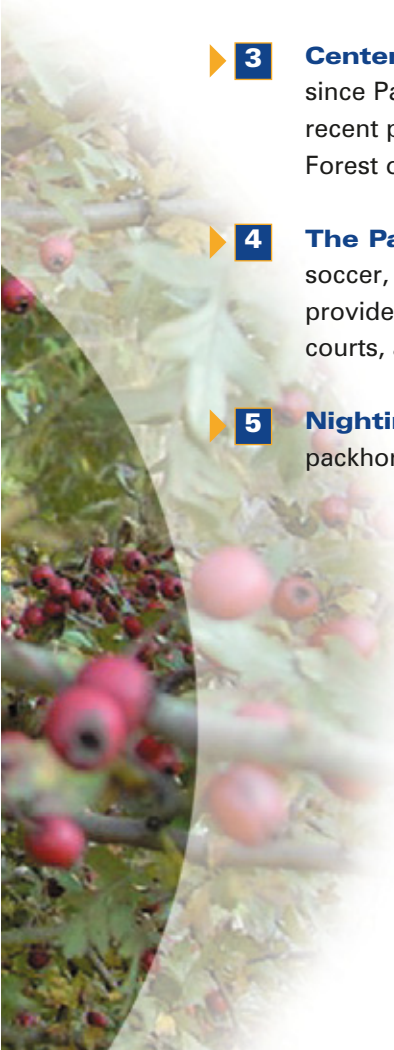
Having rejoined the Frome Valley Walkway, turn northwards to follow the river across two meadows and a wooden bridge. Walk along the perimeter of Bridge House, a home for elderly people, then into Rectory Road.

Cross the river-bridge, then go over the Glebe Field where there is another small Forest of Avon plantation.

This concludes the circular tour for the Parish Walk, taking about an hour.



Points of Interest

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- ▶ **1 St Peter's Church** built of pennant sandstone, has a 17th century tower with 19th century main buildings, also wrought iron gate with stone posts, reinstalled from the village pound. Nearby is 'The Globe Inn' from 18th century, which is convenient for refreshments.
 - ▶ **2** In former days the **modernised weir** was a mill-race which activated the grind stones converting corn into flour.
 - ▶ **3 Centenary Field:** Purchased 1994 to celebrate 100 years since Parish Councils were established. It is open space with recent plantation of 1800 native trees forming part of the Forest of Avon.
 - ▶ **4 The Park:** Where may be seen a game of cricket, rugby, or soccer, on pitches adjacent to a Sports Pavilion. Also provided is children's play equipment, while nearby are tennis courts, a skateboard ramp and a netball court.
 - ▶ **5 Nightingales Bridge:** Built of pennant stone and used by packhorses during earlier centuries.