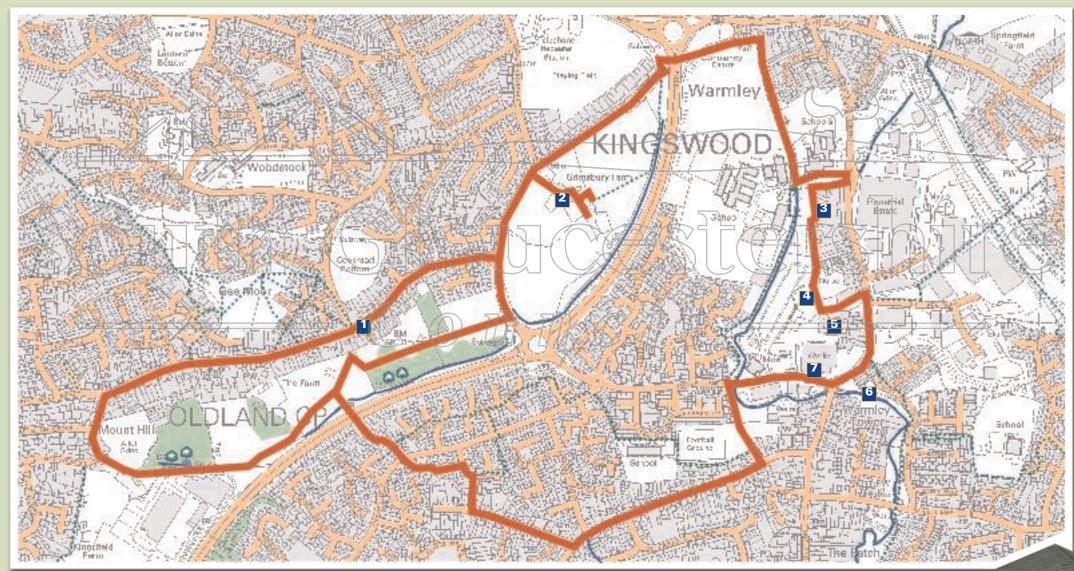




The Cadbury Heath and Oldland Parish Walk is particularly suited to those who appreciate local history.

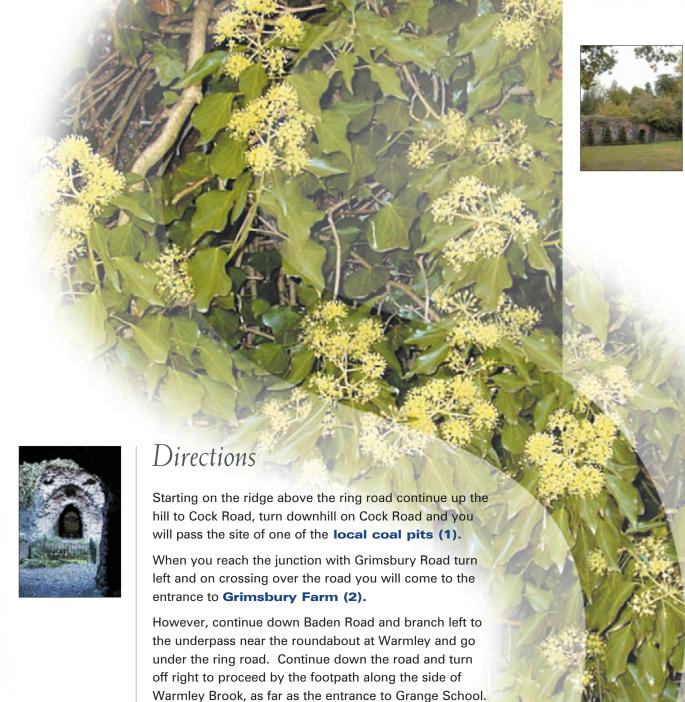
The route begins in open heath-land with views south-east towards Bitton and the River Avon. The route then moves into a more urban environment (passing a working farm) which holds its own charms as you look out for historic buildings and remnants of the areas history before entering Warmley Gardens, which has been designated a Scheduled Ancient Monument by English Heritage. Finally, there is the Kingswood Heritage Museum to add even more depth to the history of the area.



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- Local coal pits
- **2** Grimsbury Farm
- **3** Elm Walk
- **4** Echo Pond

- **5** Champions House c1750
- 6 Champions Pin Factory in the 1750s
- William Champion's 1740-1769 zinc, copper and brass works



Instead of going straight on turn left over the bridge and

on your right you will see the Summer House built over the brook. This is where, in the 1750s, a man who controlled the level of the water in Champions Lake lived.

Going up to the main road turn right, then after 30 metres turn into the new housing development (3 Bell Pits found) and cross it via the public footpath, entering the Warmley Gardens and **Elm Walk (3).** 

Proceeding over the wooden bridge you come to open grassland with **Echo Pond (4)** on the right. This area is open and worth spending a few moments wandering around as it contains many interesting features. To leave, turn left up over the grass through the gateway in the wall to see **Champions House c1750 (5)** then down the drive into Tower Road North. Turn right and go past Warmley Clock Tower, which was **Champions Pin Factory in the**1750s (6). As you pass the mini roundabout the new building on your right is on top of **William Champion's**1740-1769 zinc, copper and brass works (7).

Turning right at the roundabout into Tower Lane, go past Kingswood Heritage Museum. Cross the road turning left on the far side of the road bridge to go past Cadbury Heath Football Ground into Cadbury Heath Road where you turn right and proceed along Barrs Court Road and turn right again onto the right of way that passes under the ring road and back onto the ridge.





## Points of Interest

- Smiths Coal Pit. The eighteenth century engine house is still standing in the grounds of no. 54 on the right. There was another pit further down on the left in the lane leading to Lower Cock Road.
- Grimsbury Farm. Home of the local BTCV volunteers group and a working educational farm. Just by the edge of the ring road was the site of Grimsbury Pit. There were two shafts here, with another just over the other side of the ring road.
- Elm Walk. This was the grounds of William Champion, b1710-d1789, who was the main producer of Zinc, Copper and Brass in the area, if not in the country. As you walk along this path, on the right is the site of the 16-acre lake. Just before you cross a wooden bridge look to the right and at the top of the mobile homes site stands Neptune's Statue c1750. It is 30ft tall and once stood on an island in the middle of the lake.
  - Echo pond was used to breed fish in the 1750s, and is now a breeding area for wild ducks.
  - 5 Champions House c1750.
  - 6 Champions Pin Factory 1750s.
  - William Champion's zinc, copper and brass works 1740-1769.