

## Walk 9

# Higgin's Grave and Fosse Way

*(Roger & Brenda Drayton)*

From St James's St Car Park cross over to South St past the Library, and after Burnworthy and the house adjacent, turn R down the narrow path (83) down to Hele Lane. Turn L past the water splash and along Hele Lane until you reach the sharp L turn, next to the barn on your R. Cut across the corner and through the kissing gate on the path (49) behind the gardens of the houses on South St, emerging through another kissing gate at the junction of South St and Coles Lane. In the shadow of these fine beech trees, turn R up South St to the bridge over the A303 to Watergore. Turn R onto Moondown Lane as you descend from the bridge, then after a mere 20m turn L up the path (92) to emerge in the loop road at Watergore. Cross the old A303 in the gap in the fence, onto Northfield Lane (79).

Walk along the lane for 300m, past the houses, until you reach a crossroads. Turn R up Long Lane (81) - this runs along the route of the old Fosse Way. Follow the path over the crest between the orchards, noting the recently planted vineyard to the S, then along the edge of the orchard on your right - this is the bottom end of the Touring Caravan Park. As you near the end of this orchard, in the far corner with some protected badger setts over the fence on your L, there is a steep path down the bank on your L which emerges onto the road with the memorable name of Higgin's Grave Lane; this is also the Parish boundary. At the bottom, turn L down the road and follow it for 800m to the junction with Field Lane. Turn L up Field Lane (79), past the crossroads at the start of Long Lane which you walked earlier, and down Northfield Lane back to the old A303. From here retrace your route down South St or Hele Lane as you see fit, back to the Car Park.

3½ miles, no stiles, 1½ hours

