

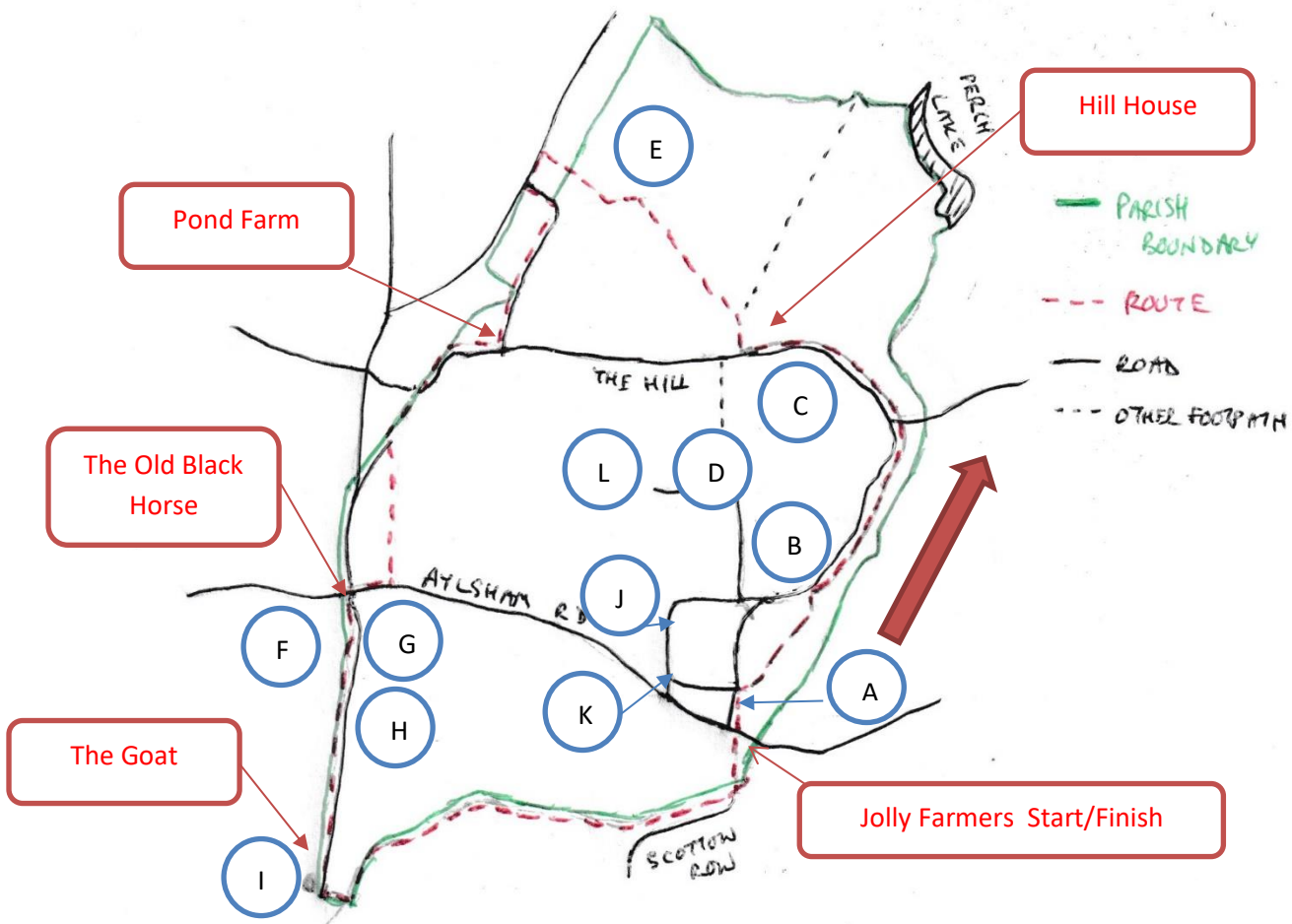
# WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC

## Swanton Abbott- Beating the Bounds

This is a 5-mile walk around Swanton Abbott sticking as closely to the parish boundaries as the footpaths and minor roads will allow. Dogs will need to be on a lead in places, but the walking is easy and the route is well marked. There is opportunity for refreshment about two-thirds distance.

If you like, answer the questions in red and email them to: [sasocial@btinternet.com](mailto:sasocial@btinternet.com)

Historic buildings are marked on the map and highlighted in blue; details supplied on a separate sheet.



Begin at the village sign, opposite the Jolly Farmers. With the phone box on your right, proceed up Long Common until you reach a footpath sign opposite the thatched Glebe cottage.

1. After **St Johns,(A)** take the path going diagonally across the field towards a house in the distance. The parish boundary runs along the beck at the edge of the field at this point.
2. When you reach the road you will find your first listed building, **Lilac Cottage, (B)**.
3. Turn right onto the road and follow it up until you reach the junction

i): ALL THE HOUSES BETWEEN HERE AND THE JUNCTION HAVE A PLANT IN THE NAME, APART FROM ONE. NAME THE PLANTS AND IDENTIFY THE ODD ONE OUT

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4. At the junction by the village sign and the gasworks the parish boundary swings left, as must you. Carry on up The Hill until you reach Hill House. [The church \(D\)](#) can be seen lurking over the horizon on your left and pass the [Old Manor @](#), another listed building.

### ii): WHERE MIGHT A SMALL CHANGE MAKE YOU BAREFOOT?

### iii): WHAT TRANSPORT IS ON THE SIGN OF THE MONKEY PUZZLE

5. At the top of the hill just after Hill House follow the footpath sign to your right and enter poor land. Not so common, I understand.

### iv). WHY MIGHT MATHEMATICIANS BE TOXIC?

6. Follow the track through the woods for about 200 yards until you reach a five-bar gate, where you take the path across a field to your left towards a gap in a hedge. Go through the hedge and continue on until you reach a track. [Find spot,\(E\)](#). You are probably at the highest point in Swanton Abbott about here, so enjoy the views of open countryside ahead and to the left. The Parish boundary goes up into Westwick Woods, through Perch Lake and then returns to us at the track.
7. At the track turn left for about 20 yds away from the building (Brakes farm), then right at the sign to follow the path across the field. At the road, turn left and follow it down to the junction. Warning: walk fast here: you are briefly in SKEYTON!
8. At the junction turn left, re-enter Swanton, and follow the road round and down to another junction, parallel to the parish boundary.

At the junction follow the fingerpost towards Skeyton past Pond Farm and Pitt Farm

### v): WHEN WAS TCB ENCLOSED IN A SQUARE?

9. The road turns sharp left, then sharp right. At the right-hand corner take the footpath across the field. At a fork in the paths take the left hand one, gradually descending downwards. The boundary in fact goes down the road on your right.

### vi): WHEN WAS THE RIGHT OF WAY ACT PASSED?

10. The path runs along the edge of a field until it reaches a small bridge, and then Aylsham Road, where you turn right.
11. Continue on up to the cross-roads and re-join the Parish boundary by turning left into Black Horse Lane, signposted "The Goat".
12. At the [Black Horse \(F\)](#) Stay on Black Horse lane, following it down until you reach the Goat. Down a long avenue of trees you will catch a glimpse of [Swanton Abbott Hall and Dairy Farm \(G\)](#), once home of village benefactors, the Jex-Blakes. [Hall Farm \(H\)](#) is also clearly visible from the road.
13. At the junction you cross into Skeyton. If you wish to, and if it is open, you may be able to take refreshment at [The Goat\(I\)](#) before completing the journey back to Swanton Abbott.
14. Cross Stakebridge Beck on a white-railed bridge and look for a gap in the hedge on your left, marked with a style and a sign. This path follows Stakebridge Beck, and the Parish boundary, through a number of fields to Scottow Row. Warning: cattle are often grazing in this field, and occasionally horses. So keep dogs under control, and watch your step!
15. Finally you enter Scottow Row opposite Scottow Pond via a kissing gate. This was once a fine lake but now fairly silted up. Turn left, and walk past the houses on your left.
16. At the junction turn left again to reach your starting point. Maybe the Jollys is open so you can reflect on a job well done!

### vii): HOW MANY THATCHED BUILDINGS WERE ON THE ROUTE? Name them.

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