

### Walk 3 – Lyncombe Vale circuit

Please read the general introductory notes before walking.

Total distance – 4.4kms. 2.7miles. Duration – approx. 2hours at a moderate pace.

Starting from the rear of Bath Spa railway station cross the River Avon by the footbridge.

*Halfpenny Bridge was originally built in 1863 as a toll bridge. In 1877 it collapsed as hundreds of people were crossing the river to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bath and West of England Agricultural Society Show at Beechen Cliff. Sadly, eight people lost their lives. Shortly afterwards the current bridge was built and was strengthened in 1992. The toll house became a newspaper kiosk for a short time but is now a private house.*

At the end of the footbridge cross the dual carriageway at the traffic lights, then turn R and take the first L to go up Lyncombe Hill. Immediately on the R is St Mark's Road. Ignore this and take the next R, Calton Road. After 10 metres turn L up a path, cross the road at the top and continue up the steeply stepped path.

At the top of the steps, just before the allotments turn L through a KG onto Lyncombe Hill Fields.

*Lyncombe Hill Fields are managed under licence from the council by the Friends of Lyncombe Hill Fields. Volunteers are working to improve the biodiversity and maintain the wild nature of the fields whilst ensuring there is still public access.*

Bear R and follow the intermittent footpath contouring around the hill. It drops down to join another path from the L. Turn R and continue on this path through a KG and along the bottom of the school playing fields (ignoring a L turn) until the path meets the road (Greenway Lane).

Turn R on this road for approx. 75 metres, then turn L down a steeply stepped path - at the bottom turn R and continue for 200 metres.

Then turn sharp L and follow the footpath uphill – ignoring the path to the R by 'Beechlands'. Turn L at the junction approx 15 metres after an old KG and continue into an open field planted with saplings. Bear L and continue on the main path, which turns R and then L around some trees, to a road (Fox Hill).

Turn L onto Fox Hill and continue downhill to a bend. Ignore the path to the L and turn R into Perrymead. At the end of this road turn L into Prior Park Road, pass the Prior Park Garden Centre (which has a café) and Forefield Rise, then turn up a small slope on the L and walk along Prior Park Buildings with the mill stream on the R.

At the end of Prior Park Buildings cross straight over into Millbrook Lane and follow this along to the end and down a short flight of steps leading to the end of Widcombe Parade. Turn L and at the traffic lights cross the dual carriageway at the traffic lights to return to the station.

Alternatively - at the end of Prior Park Buildings turn R and then L to continue along Prior Park Road. At the end turn L into Widcombe Parade where there is a good selection of shops and places to eat and drink. Continue straight to the traffic lights, cross the dual carriageway and the footbridge to return to back of the railway station.

### Map of the walk

