

Morchard Bishop

Welcome Pack

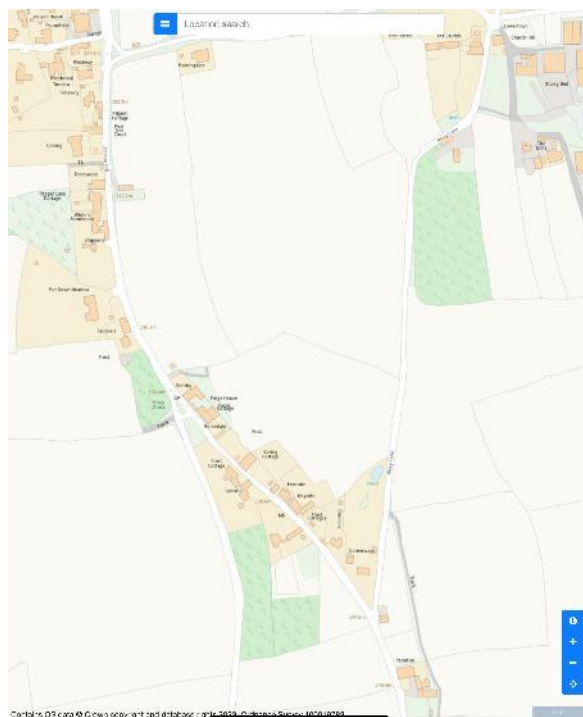


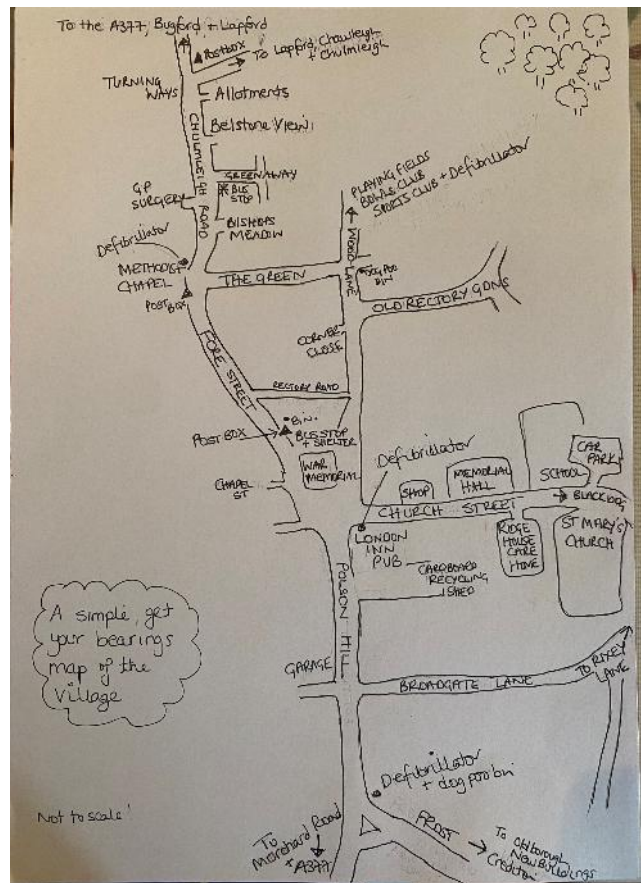
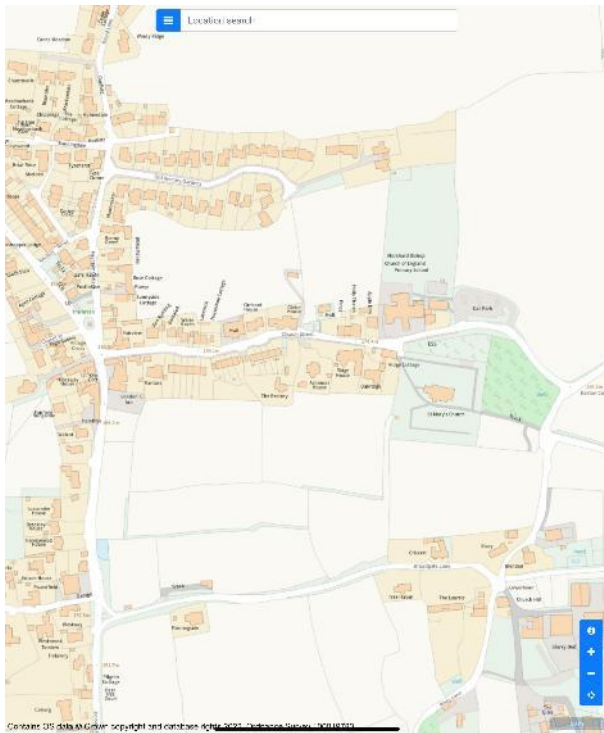
Intro

Our beautiful village of Morchard Bishop is set high on a hill with stunning views in every direction. The surrounding countryside is a patchwork of arable and pasture land separated by ancient hedges and stone walls. The air is full of birdsong, farm animal calls as well as the usual sounds of a thriving village going about its daily life. The Two Moors Way [long distance route from Dartmoor to Exmoor] runs right through the village.

Welcome: whether you are new to the village or have lived here for decades, we hope that this collection of village/parish information will be helpful to you. It will be reviewed each year to try to keep it as up to date as possible.

Maps





Tue & Thu 8.30am - 6.00pm (Please note that the surgery / dispensary and phone lines close at 1pm until 2pm)

The Morchard Messenger This is our monthly Parish/Village magazine. It is full of useful information and local businesses and is available free of charge both as a magazine, delivered to your door, or in colour, online.

Email: morchardmessenger@gmail.com by 15th of each month with contributions.

Bus. We are served by the 369 bus. This is a regular service and a lifeline for many people. It can be caught down at Greenaway opposite the surgery or at the war memorial.

Train: roughly 2 miles away at Morchard Road, a GWR train between Exeter and Barnstaple - hourly Mon-Sat. Four trains each way on a Sunday.

It is a request stop so you literally have to put your arm out to ask it to stop! On the way back, tell the guard where you want to get off. The timetable can be found at www.gwr.com. There is free parking at Morchard Road station.

19:22	11:00
Bus service 369	
Outwards:	
Morchard Bishop (Greenaway): 7.20 (7.30 Sat), 9.50, 11.55, 13.55, 16.05	
Arrive: Crediton Train Station/ Redlands: 7.59 (8.06 Sat), 10.27, 12.31, 14.31, 16.43 (16.41 Sat)	
Exeter RD&E: 8.36, (8.39 Sat) 17.14	
Exeter City Centre Sidwell St: 8.26, (8.29 Sat), 17.04	
Sidwell St (stop 40): 10.52, 12.53 (12.55 Sat), 14.53	
Return:	
Exeter RD&E: 17.15	
Exeter City Centre Sidwell St: 8.50, 11.00, 13.00, 15.05, 17.35	
Crediton Train Station/ Redlands: 9.12, 11.22, 13.21, 15.27, 18.02	
Morchard Bishop (Greenaway): 9.46, 11.54, 13.52, 16.02, 18.36	
morchardbishop-pc.org.uk	

Taxi- Crediton Car Taxi Service 01363 777714 **or** White Swan Taxis 07928 115421

Dentists. There are 3 in Crediton and 1 at Chulmleigh.

Wistaria House- 01363 773377, Park House Dental Practice-01363 777202, Mydentist-01363 772020

Chulmleigh Dental Practice-01769 580053.

Vet: the two nearest vets are

1. St Boniface Vets in Crediton which is a large, independent practice covering small animals, farm animals, equines and a rehabilitation centre. 01363 772860. info@stbonifacevets.co.uk
2. Jonathan Woods opposite Holmleigh Garden Centre entrance on the main road to Crediton. It also covers small animals, farm and equines. 01363 772319. hospital@jwoodvet.co.uk

Dog Groomers

Billy's Dog Grooming at Chawleigh. 01769 581798

Short bark and Sides at Crediton. 07704667107.

Kennels

Orchard End Kennels and Cattery between Morchard and Black Dog-01363 877371

Places to stay nearby for family and friends:

The Old Malt Scoop Inn at Lapford

Holiday home at Higher Eastington Stables, Eastington

Oil Suppliers

Moorland Fuels on 01837 55700

Ford Fuels on 01363 881007

Devon Fuels on 01392 259921

Local shops/supermarkets

Church St Stores in the village-see separate entry

Lapford Stores-see separate entry

Copplestone Farm Shop-an excellent little shop with parking. 8am-5pm daily except Sunday 10am-3pm

Station Yard Farm Shop just past Eggesford Station-another excellent farm shop selling local crafts ware too.
Closed Monday, Tues -Sat 9am-5pm.Sun 10am-3pm

Tesco at Crediton-Mon to Sat 7am-11pm. Petrol and car wash too

Morrisons at Crediton- Mon-Sat 7am to 9pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Lidl at Crediton-Mon to Sat 8am-10pm, Sun 10am-4pm.

Social media groups-Facebook

Spotted Morchard

Morchard Bishop Playing Field Association

Morchard Bishop pre-school and toddler group

Buy, sell and freebies-Witheridge, Lapford and Morchard Bishop

Morchard Bishop C of E Primary School

Friends of Morchard Bishop School [FOMBS]

Morchard Bishop FC

Village facilities:



School- the village school has about 100 pupils from pre-school to year six. It is highly regarded locally and is judged to be 'Good' by Ofsted in its last inspection. There is a hard-working group of parents and teachers [Friends of Morchard Bishop School - FOMBS] who run social/fundraising events. Their website is www.morchardbishop@thelink.academy. Tel 01363 877328

Secondary Schools serving Morchard Bishop

Queen Elizabeth School in Crediton known as QE school and Chulmleigh Community College both have Morchard Bishop in their catchment areas. Both have excellent reputations and are both rated as GOOD by Ofsted. QE is 11-18 and Chulmleigh is 11-16.

Parish council- this is led by Simon Baker [Chair]. The Clerk is David Parker. The committee is made up of representatives from the parish. They meet monthly and are very active in the village eg mending potholes, organising events such as VE celebrations, organising a laser show to raise money for FOMBS, running an apple pressing event in the autumn. Their website is <https://morchardbishop-pc.gov.uk/homepage>



Shop-we have a brilliant village shop. It sells papers, fresh food which champions local producers, frozen goods including wonderful local ice creams, fresh baked bread each day, pasties and ciabattas, fantastic gifts and greetings cards, stamps etc. Opening hours are Sat 8.30-2pm, Sunday and Monday 8.30-12pm, Tuesday to Friday 8.30-5pm. Tel 01363 877826.



Pub: another wonderful asset in our village is our pub, The London Inn. People come from miles around to enjoy huge portions of delicious food made by Sarah and Emma. A wide range of drinks including local tipplers are served by Carrie and her team. It is truly at the heart of the community, and we are extremely fortunate to have it on our doorstep. It even has a skittle alley and a moderately successful skittles team-The Londoners! Tel 01363 877222. It is closed all day Mondays. and Tuesdays. Opening hours are 12-3pm and 6-

11pm.

Post Office-a mobile post office comes to The London Inn each Friday lunchtime. They are there from 1.30-2.30pm so you can grab a drink or some food whilst you wait. The next nearest post offices are at Copplestone, Sandford and Chawleigh.



St Mary's Church-St. Mary's Church in Morchard Bishop is an historic parish church with origins dating back to the medieval period, and it stands as a key landmark in the village. The present structure, predominantly built in the 15th century, reflects the Perpendicular Gothic architectural style typical of that era, though there are elements of earlier construction.' The church, dedicated to St Mary the Virgin, stands on the highest ground in the village with spectacular views North to Exmoor and South to Dartmoor. It is the Midway point of the Two Moors Way, the long – distance footpath across Devon.

www.stmarysmorchardbishop is their website where details of services, events, fundraising and bellringing can be found. Contact is Robert Vere on 01363 877471.



Chapel -the Emmanuel Methodist Church has been in the village since 1846. It can be found at the bottom of Fore St on the left. It is a very friendly and active church. It has a large regular congregation each Sunday- service starts at 11am but tea/coffee and biscuits are served from 10.30am. It has thriving Sunday School groups and youth activities on Friday evenings, catering for both primary and secondary school ages. The minister is Rev Peter Brown. www.emmanuel-morchard-bishop.org

The Chapel host a village coffee morning every Tuesday morning from 10am till 11.30a,. Everyone is welcome. A voluntary donation of £1 covers as many cups of tea or coffee as you want plus the obligatory biscuits.



Once a month, on the first Thursday, the Chapel hosts its 'Can't Sew, Won't Sew' session. Starting at 10am sewers, knitters, crocheters and felters of all abilities are welcomed with yet more tea and coffee. We have a shared lunch and there is always delicious cake! Beginners are really welcome. Contact

sallyhurst1967@gmail.com



Memorial Hall- found in the centre of the village on Church Street, the hall was built in 1931 to honour villagers who had lost their lives during military conflict. It has a large hall with markings for pickleball and a large stage. It has up-to-date audio-visual equipment. There is a smaller room at the back which is used for coffee mornings and a meeting room upstairs.

The village Library is housed in this room with an excellent selection of modern books and jigsaws for both adults and children. Books can be taken and returned or taken and kept. Book swaps can take place at a dedicated session on the first Weds in the month from 3pm-4.30pm [when refreshments are available] or at any time when the hall is open. The hall hosts regular Saturday coffee mornings from 10am-11.15am [run by village organisations as fund raisers] and on the 2nd Saturday of the month it hosts a Market where local food producers, craftspeople and charities come together to sell their wares. Bacon sandwiches are on sale as well as tea/coffee. There is a raffle at all Saturday morning events.

Bookings through jo_eames@hotmail.com 01363 877407



Playing field – we are very lucky to have a large playing field with a fenced children's play area [including new equipment purchased this year], an elderly tennis court suitable for recreational tennis and a popular bowls club. The playing field estate including the Sports Club building and changing rooms/pavillion is run by a charitable trust. It hosts a very enjoyable and successful Vintage Rally and Fair on the 1st Saturday in August each year which raises much needed funds for the running of the estate. The village Flower and Produce Show is also held on the field each year on the 2nd Saturday in August. Contact is dticehurst@icloud.com



Sports club- the Sports Club building holds facilities for league darts, pool & skittles as well as a thriving bar. It is available for private hire and hosts the Bridge Club on a Tuesday evening from Sept-April. It plays a crucial role in raising money for the Playing Field Association as well as providing a source of entertainment and social experiences for its users. email is MeganHeath mbssc.secretary@gmail.com

Ridge House Care Home- this is found on Church Street. 01363 877335. It has a wonderful view towards Dartmoor and the home is highly regarded locally.

Defibrillators- we are very fortunate to have 4 defibrillators in the village. One is at Frost by the old forge. The others are on the wall of the pub skittle alley on Church St, on the wall of the Chapel and on the wall of the Sports Club building. They are checked monthly by a member of the PC. None of them need a code to open the cabinet. Remove it from the cabinet, switch it on and follow the instructions that it gives you. Take your phone with you when you get it if you have called 999. This is a link to a training video on how to use one. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPxgFPdGpKE>

Garages- we have two garages locally. AB Auto Services 01363 777474. Open Mon-Fri 8.30-5.30pm. On Polson Hill in the village.

Lapford Cross MOT Service Centre-found just behind the petrol station at Lapford on the A377. 01363 83373. lapfordcross@gmail.com. Open 8.30-6.00 Mon-Fri.

Petrol station- found in front of the garage above. A petrol station and mini-supermarket. Sells a wide range of essential goods, fresh bread and pastries, alcohol, parcel drop-off point. Opening hours are 7am-10pm Mon to Sat. 8am to 10pm Sunday.

Village activities:



Allotments- our very well-run village allotments are located just out of the village next to the new housing development. Applications for a plot are via Roger and Margaret Field 01363 877631. r.field@btinternet.com



Football Club-we have an extremely successful and popular football club in the village. They have just won their league again with an unbeaten record of playing 22, winning 22. Club Secretary: Dawn Parkhouse, 07851 043766, afcmorchardbishop@outlook.com Home matches are Saturday afternoons at the playing field. Refreshments are available.



Bowling Club-the bowling club opened in 1983. It is open to female and male players of all abilities. League and friendly matches take place during evenings, afternoons and at weekends. 'Roll-up' practices are on Monday evenings. Contact details are Secretary Paul Ticehurst 07444725801 ticehurstp@icloud.com

Bridge Club- this is held at the Sports Club on a Tuesday evening from September to May. 8pm start. Beginners and more experienced players are always welcome. Tuition is available. The organiser is John Chater j.chater@zen.co.uk or telephone 01363 877096

WI- the Morchard branch of the Women's Institute is nearly 100 years old. They meet at the Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2.30pm. They have a brilliant programme of talks and activities throughout the year. The contact is Sue Moody on 07946272766.



Pickleball- this is a new sport in the village. It is a much easier version of tennis played with a solid bat and a lightweight ball. Introductory sessions will be held in August and then bookings can be made for the Memorial Hall via jo_eames@hotmail.com

Chapel coffee morning- The Chapel host a village coffee morning every Tuesday morning from 10am till 11.30am. Everyone is welcome. A voluntary donation of £1 covers as many cups of tea or coffee as you want plus the obligatory biscuits.

Monthly produce market- on the 2nd Saturday of the month, the Memorial Hall hosts a morning Market where local food producers, craftspeople and charities come together to sell their wares. Bacon sandwiches are on sale as well as tea/coffee. There is a raffle at all Saturday morning events. Doors open at 9.30am

Saturday coffee mornings- The hall hosts regular Saturday coffee mornings from 10am-11.15am [run by village organisations as fund raisers]. Hot drinks, biscuits and cakes are for sale plus there is a raffle.

Monthly village walk- the Parish Council's sub-group P3 which is responsible for monitoring the upkeep and usage of our village footpaths now hold a monthly led walk on the 4th Saturday of the month. Starts at 10.30am. Routes and distance vary each month. Dogs are welcome with a well-behaved adult! Contact David Parker on clerk@morchardbishop-pc.org.uk

Footpaths- Morchard Bishop is surrounded by a network of footpaths in every direction. They are extremely well maintained and monitored by the Parish Council's P3 group. Footpath maps are available at the back of this booklet. They were beautifully drawn by a former villager Julie Rudge who sadly passed away in

Vintage Rally and Fair-this annual fund-raising event for the Playing Field Association is held on the 1st Saturday in August. It combines a rally of vintage and veteran cars, motorcycles and tractors with craft stalls, tombola, ferret racing, welly wanging, animals to stroke and groom, football target game and many more. There is a huge raffle, delicious BBQ food and tea/coffee/cakes. Volunteers are always needed to run the gate or car park for an hour/serve food/run a stall. Contact for the Rally is annierobinsonmb@gmail.com. Contact for the Fair is toni@bayhouse.myzen.co.uk. Toni Robinson.



Flower and Produce Show -This event takes place in a large marquee at the playing field on the 2nd Saturday in August. The schedule of classes can include 'best single rose', 'six sweet peas', 'a jar of marmalade', 'cheese straws', 'best embroidered item', floral art, a children's bug hotel. There is usually a class judged in situ eg best garden feature which encourages nature to flourish. Classes are cheap to enter. Judges are local, friendly 'experts'. Refreshments are available. Everyone is welcome to enter.

Open Gardens/flower festival- St Mary's Church organise these two events on alternate years as fund-raisers. The Open Gardens event sees lots of visitors looking with wonder and envy at beautiful village gardens. We can wander in, chat to the owners, ask questions and generally have a lovely time in someone else's garden! Refreshments are served at the Memorial Hall.

The Flower Festival harnesses the creative talents of the village. Artistic floral displays on a set theme are shown off in the beautiful church. Refreshments are served in the Memorial Hall.



Sustainable Morchard-the aim of this group is to raise awareness of the environment and our impact on it whilst offering practical solutions. They hold seed and plant swaps to reduce wastage, they organise talks from experts eg hedgehog, swallows, tawny owls. They also organise glass recycling for the sports club.

They meet once a month at the village hall. Contact is Frances Anson on frances.anson@hotmail.co.uk



Tractor Club-Farmers and tractor enthusiasts from all over mid and North Devon meet once a month in the Memorial Hall. Outdoor events, such as ploughing matches and tractor rallies, regularly take place.

Dance/Fitness classes at the Memorial Hall

Pilates-classes are held on Mondays [basic to intermediate] at 9am and Thursdays at 6.30pm [basic to intermediate]. Bookings with Rebecca on ivegotyourback@gmail.com

Zumba-this is on a Tuesday at 7pm. Contact is Maia on 07745 596183. £6 a session.

Children's dance classes- these are led by Rachel from Dove Dance Academy. Classes are Tuesday afternoons and Thursday afternoons. Contact doveschoolofdance@gmail.com

Other village activities

Brownies-our village pack meet on a Wednesday at the Memorial Hall from 5.30pm. Contact is Hilary Jones on mrshilaryjones@hotmail.com

Pennymoor Folk Singaround- this takes place at the pub on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from midday to most. It is a free of charge, folk music performance.

Max and Mike's Street food van- this fantastic van serves menus featuring global cuisines. It parks by the war memorial from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on the 1st Friday in the month. They have a Facebook page which advertises their menu of the week eg Greek, Moroccan etc

Over-60s Lunch at The London Inn-this delicious lunch takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Bar opens at 12.00pm. Places must be pre-booked via Mandy Tapp on mandytapp@talk21.com Or 01363 877459. A two-course meal plus coffee is just £12 per head but places are limited.

St. Gatien Garden- rest a while in this lovely little garden overlooking Morchard Woods. It is maintained by volunteers and includes a herb garden from which you can pick herbs for cooking eg thyme, rosemary, marjoram, sage, chives, mint and bay.

Local companies who advertise in the Morchard Messenger

Aerial Services-01392 279513

Architectural Services-07966347957

Beer Cross Woodland Burials-01363 877807

Bodyfix Therapies-acupuncture, herbal medicine jenny@bodyfixtherapies.co.uk

CB Plumbing and Heating 07904225234/07712177710

Charlesworth Nichols & Co-solicitor 01363 774706

John Charman -mowing and garden machinery servicing/repairs 07398595816

Country Kitchens of Devon -01363 877348

Crossways Woodland Burials-01647 24382

Devonshire Dumpling Pub-01363 85102

J Dodge-plumbing and heating 07541640114

Energy Systems-heating specialists 01392 560558

Four Seasons-tree services-01884563021

Gilbert Stephens-solicitors 01363 775566

Hedgerow Printers-01363 777595

Hunts Agricultural Service and Restoration-07355448739

KAL Home improvements 07976820163

Kerry Plant-excavation 07976641606

Kevin Osborne-aerial and satellite systems 01363 777190

Ben Kingsland-carpets and flooring 01363 776314

Landscape gardener-Ollie 07710709098

Lapford Cross MOT and Service Centre-01363 83373

John Lewis-Cottage Carpentry 07760 623109

Dan March-Seage -Joinery 01363 877236

Jo McDougall -physiotherapist 07597160558

Mid Devon Pest Control-07725520466

Mid Devon Firewood and Forestry-01363 83908

Midmoors Electrical Services-07954110569

Orchard End Kennels & Cattery-01363 877371

Peak Cleaners 07807203982

Phill Melville-chimney sweep 01363 877411

Physioworks-physiotherapist -07733227732

Viv Pulford-foot health 01884 861306

Rangemoors-heating, cooking and living-01837 680068

RDD Builders-07515555034

Sarah's Barber Shop -01363 899269

Sarah Swadling -Bowen Therapy 07840596501

Geoff Thatcher-plumbing and heating 07779515829

Tony Scoins-carpentry 01363 877796

Two Moors Accounting-01363 877001

The Buddha Barn-yoga and well-being 07534317742

FOOTPATH WALKS

There are footpaths criss-crossing our village in all directions.

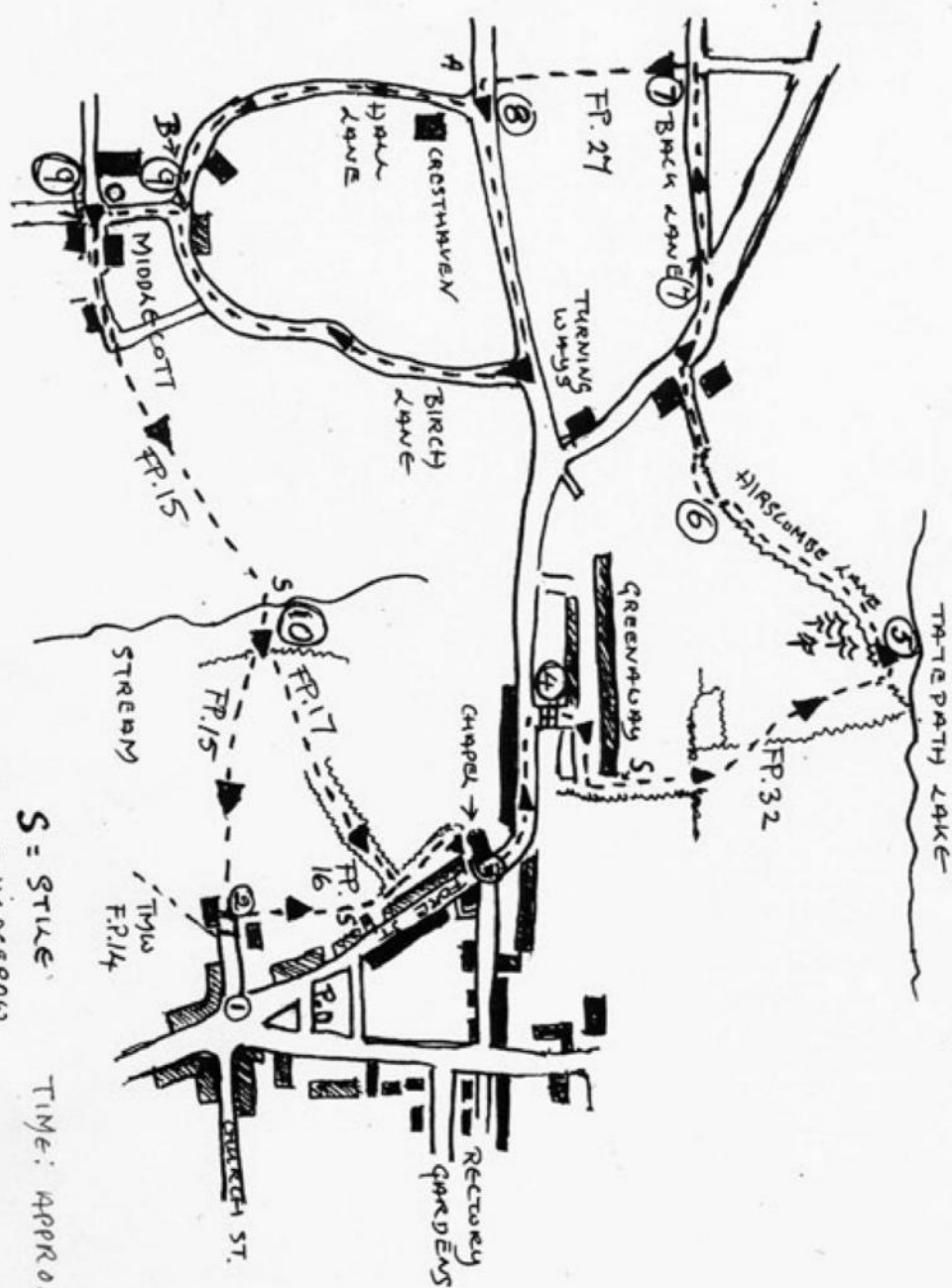
We are lucky enough to have beautiful Morchard Woods behind the playing fields which is accessible across the fields behind Rectory Gardens or by an entrance on the left just before Beech Hill Community. This is a gate straight into the woods and has a lay-by for parking.

There are footpaths and 'green lanes' providing traffic-free walks eg. starting 1. Up the lane opposite the corner of the pub, 2. Through the right-hand side of the churchyard, 3. Down the little lane to the left of the Methodist Chapel-through the big metal gate then right again 20m on through another large gate at right-angles to the track, 4. Up Wood Lane, past the playing fields. Dogs to be on a lead on the playing field. No dogs allowed in the children's playground. 5. Though the back of the school car park.

Longer mapped routes are shown below on these hand-drawn maps.

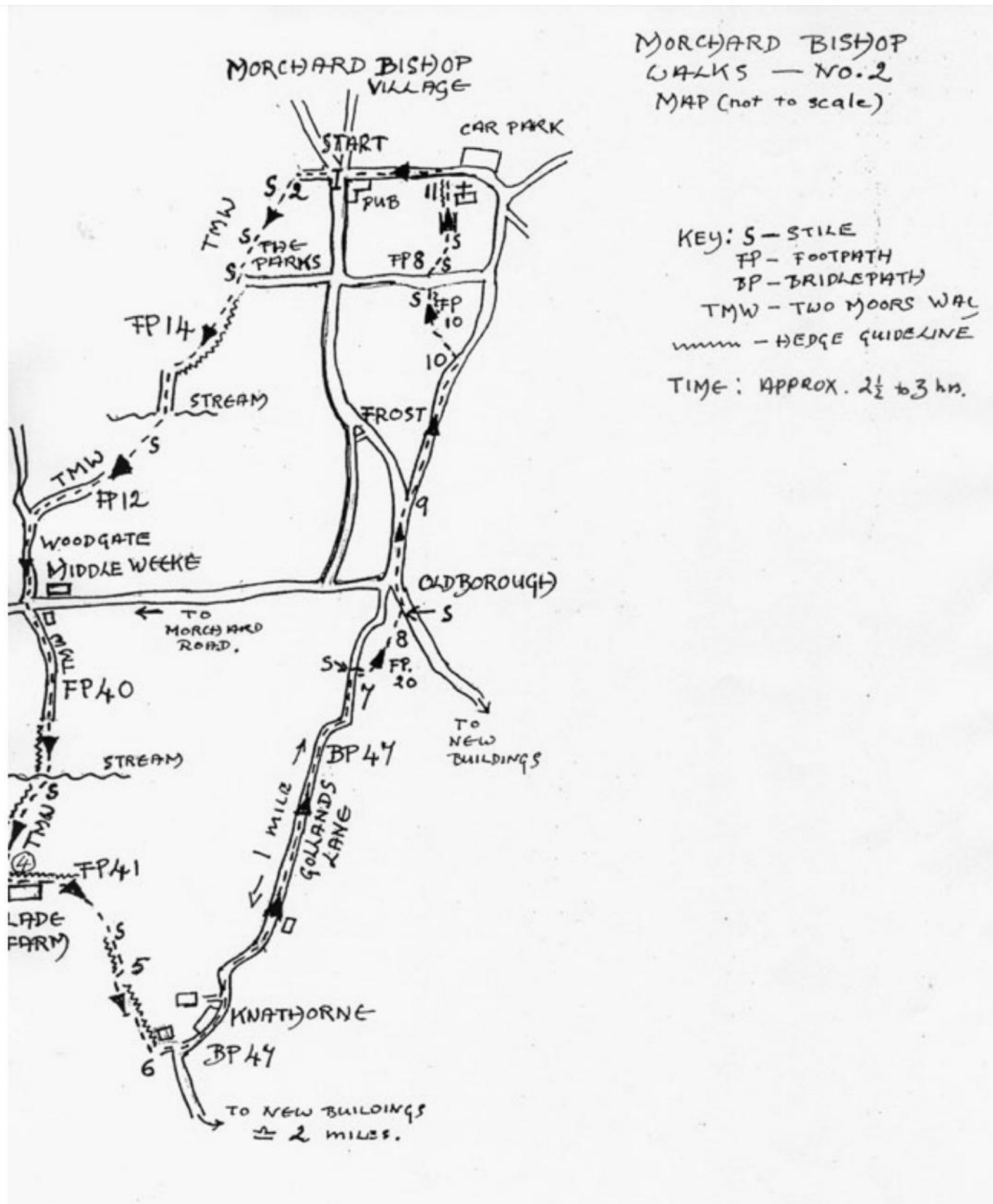
Please remember that much of the land is used for grazing sheep or cattle so dogs need to be kept under close control at all times. Close gates if you have opened them and be aware of moving farm vehicles.

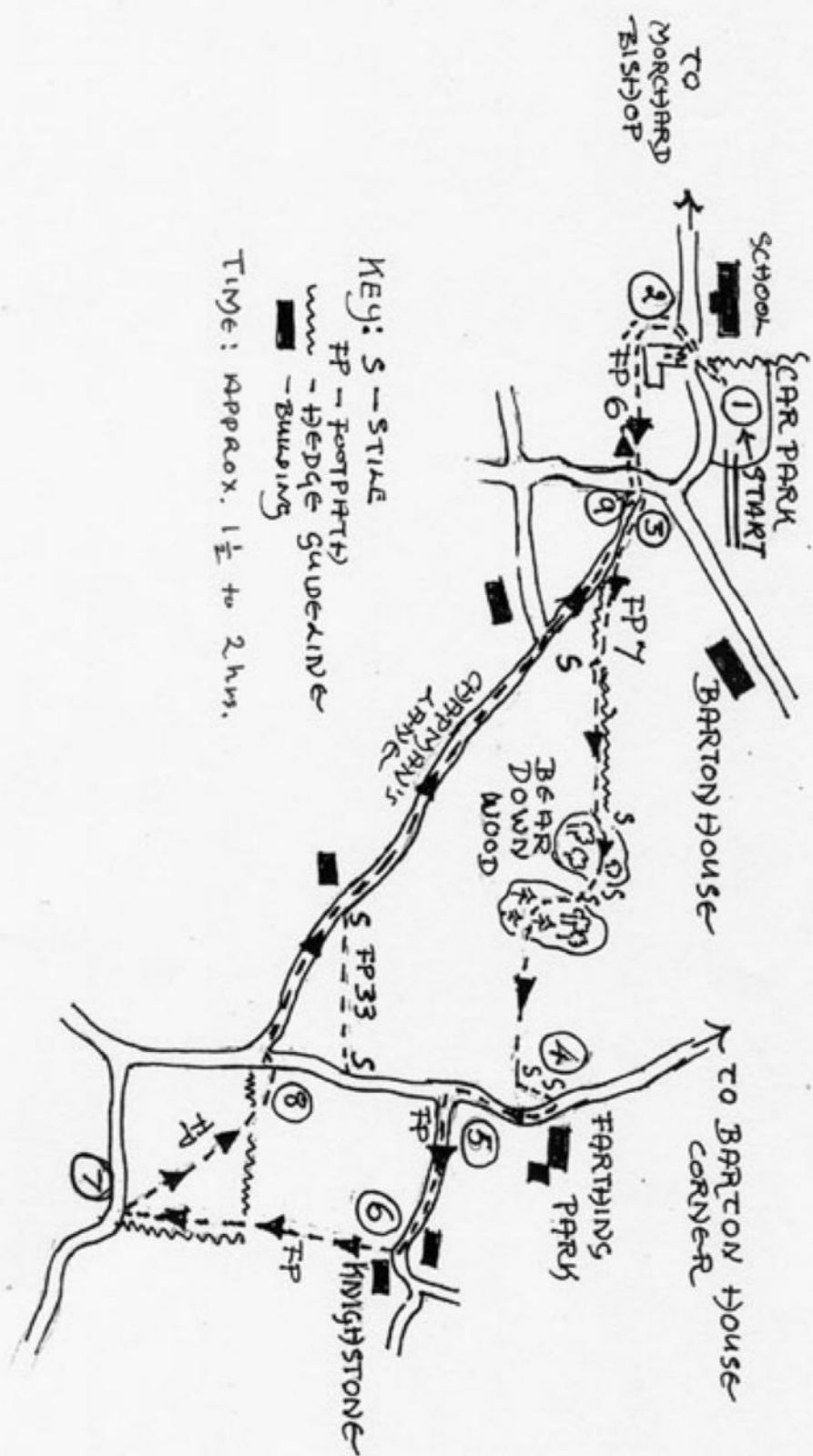
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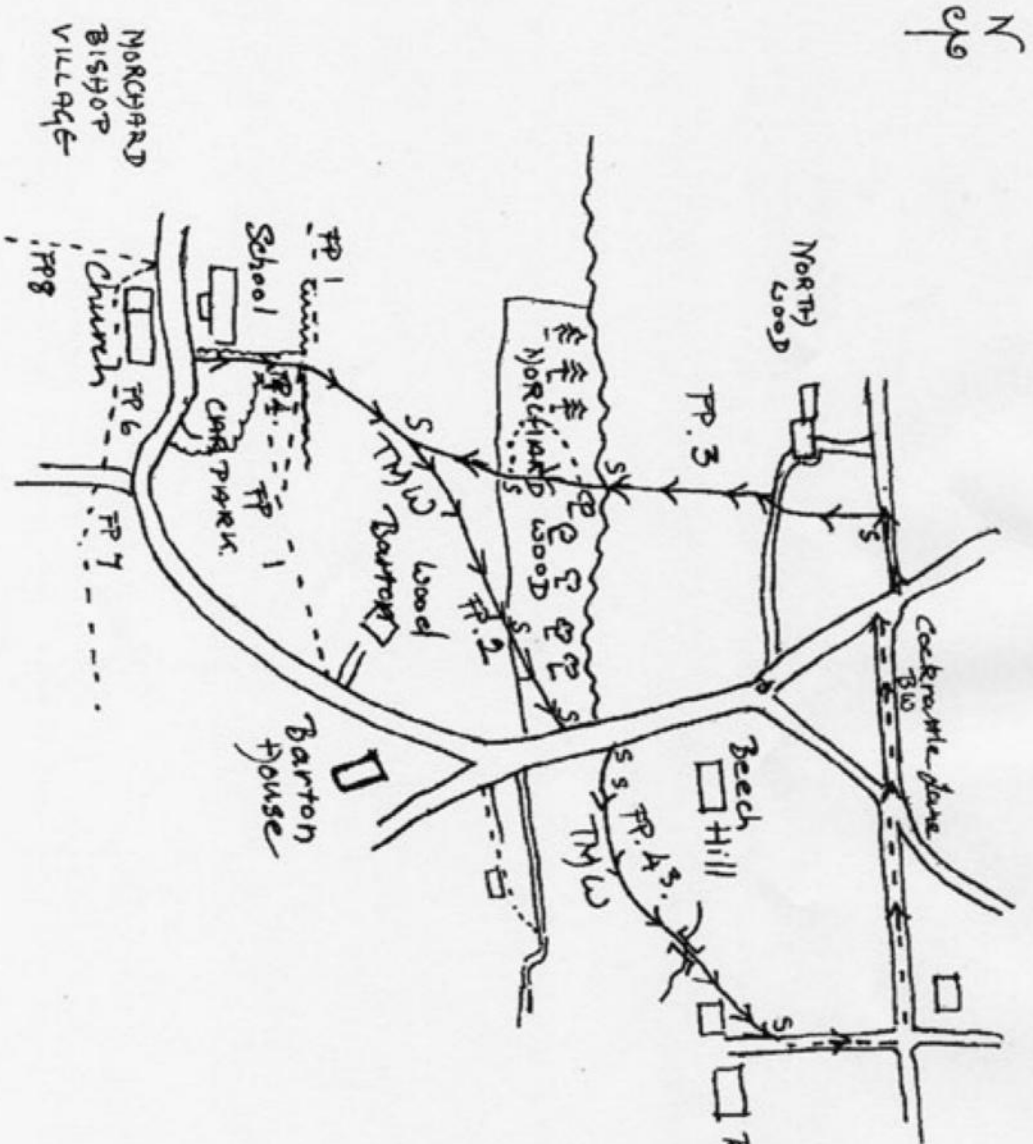
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(NOT ALL HEDGEROWS
ARE SHOWN)
PB is usable in drier weather - 2 gates
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Walk 2





NORTHWARD BISHOP WALKS
 — No. 3 MAP (not to scale)



NORTHWARD BISHOP WOODS
MARCH 13th 2004 NO:4

START = SCHOOL CAR PARK
using FPs. 4, 2, 4, 3, 3
or also Cockermouth Lane
subject to surface
conditions.

LENGTH = about 2 1/2 hrs.

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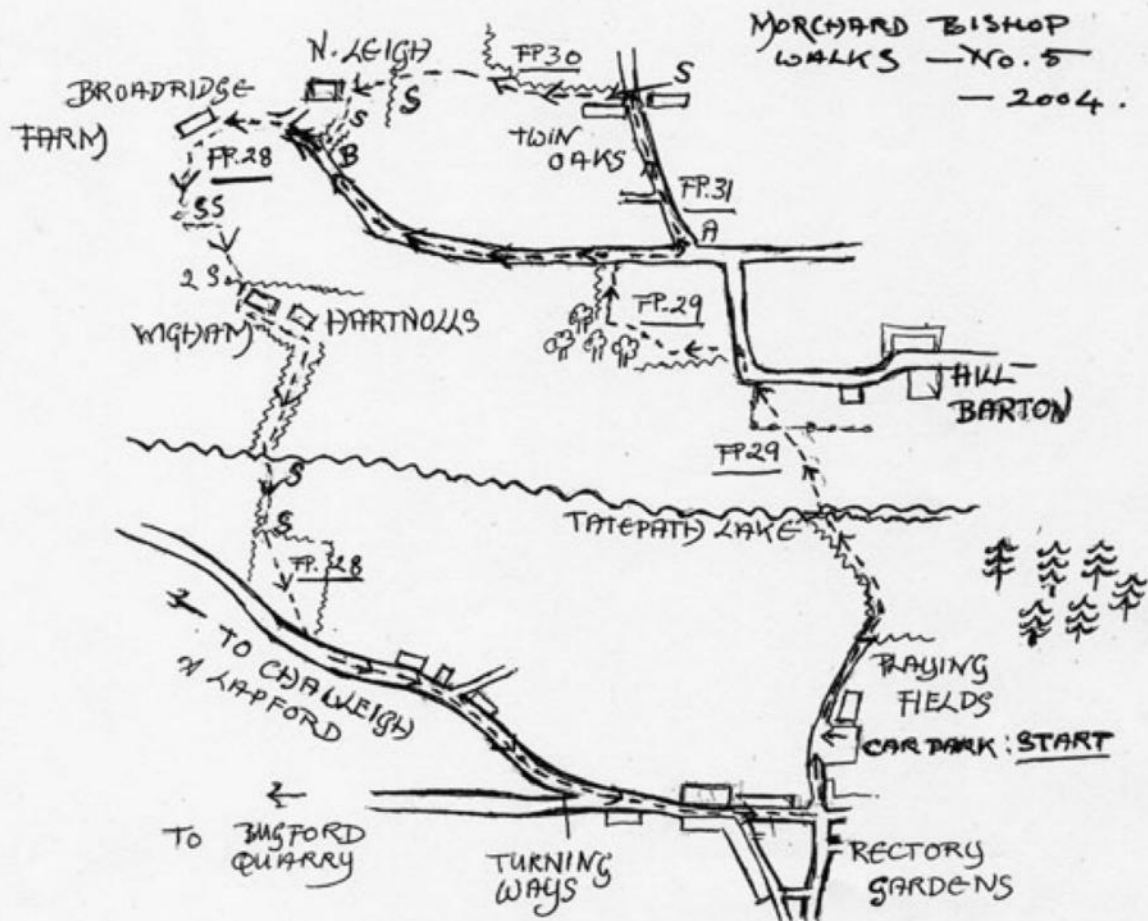
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S = STILE

FP = PUBLIC FOOTPATH
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A PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY
KINDLY DEDICATED BY
THE LANDOWNERS.

- - - - - = A DEVIATION TO
SEE THE POND
MEMORIAL MADE
BY LORD PORTSMOUTH
WHO LIVED IN BARTON
HOUSE.

Walk 5

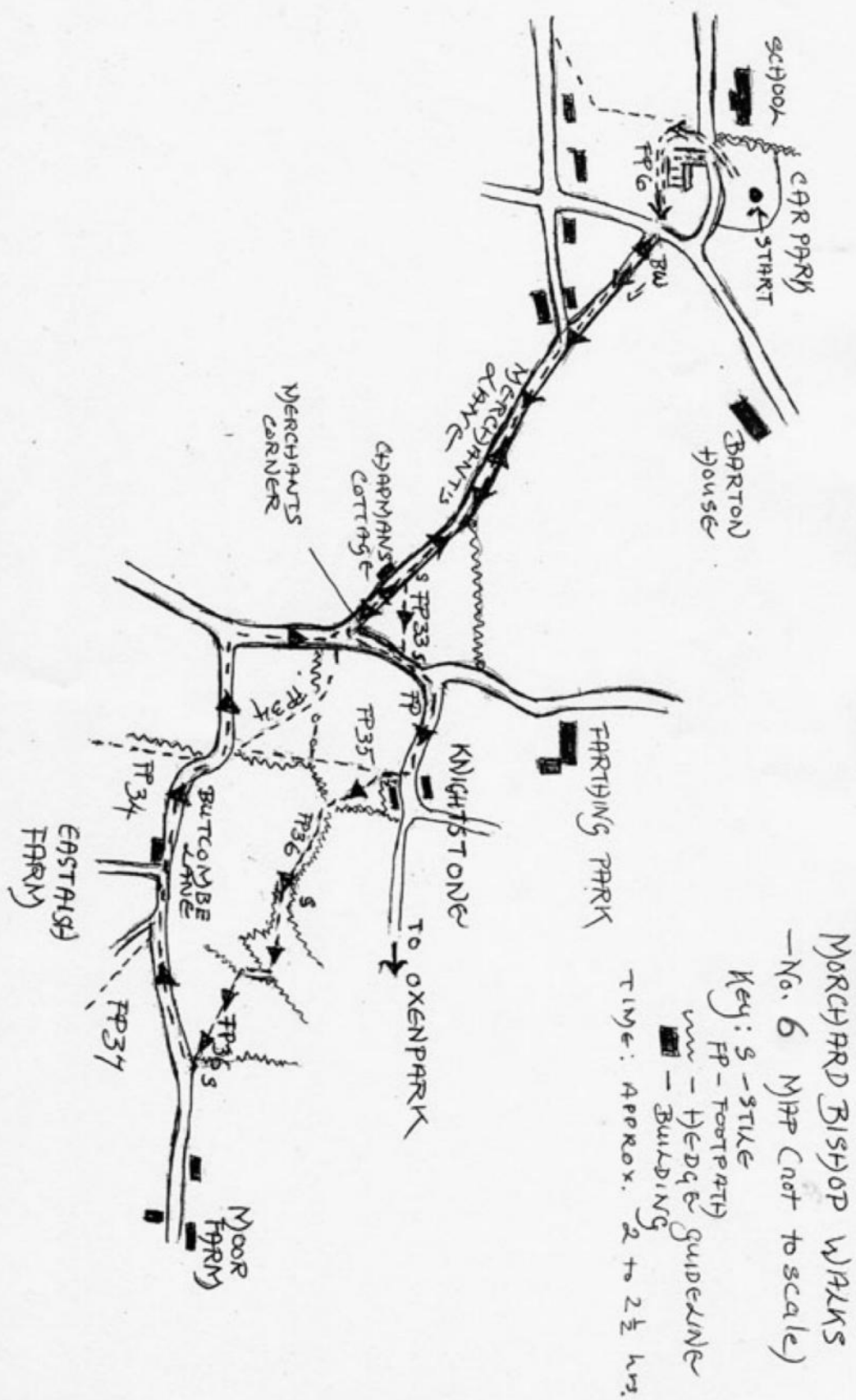


— EXPLANATION:
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 AB: OPTIONAL EXTENSION
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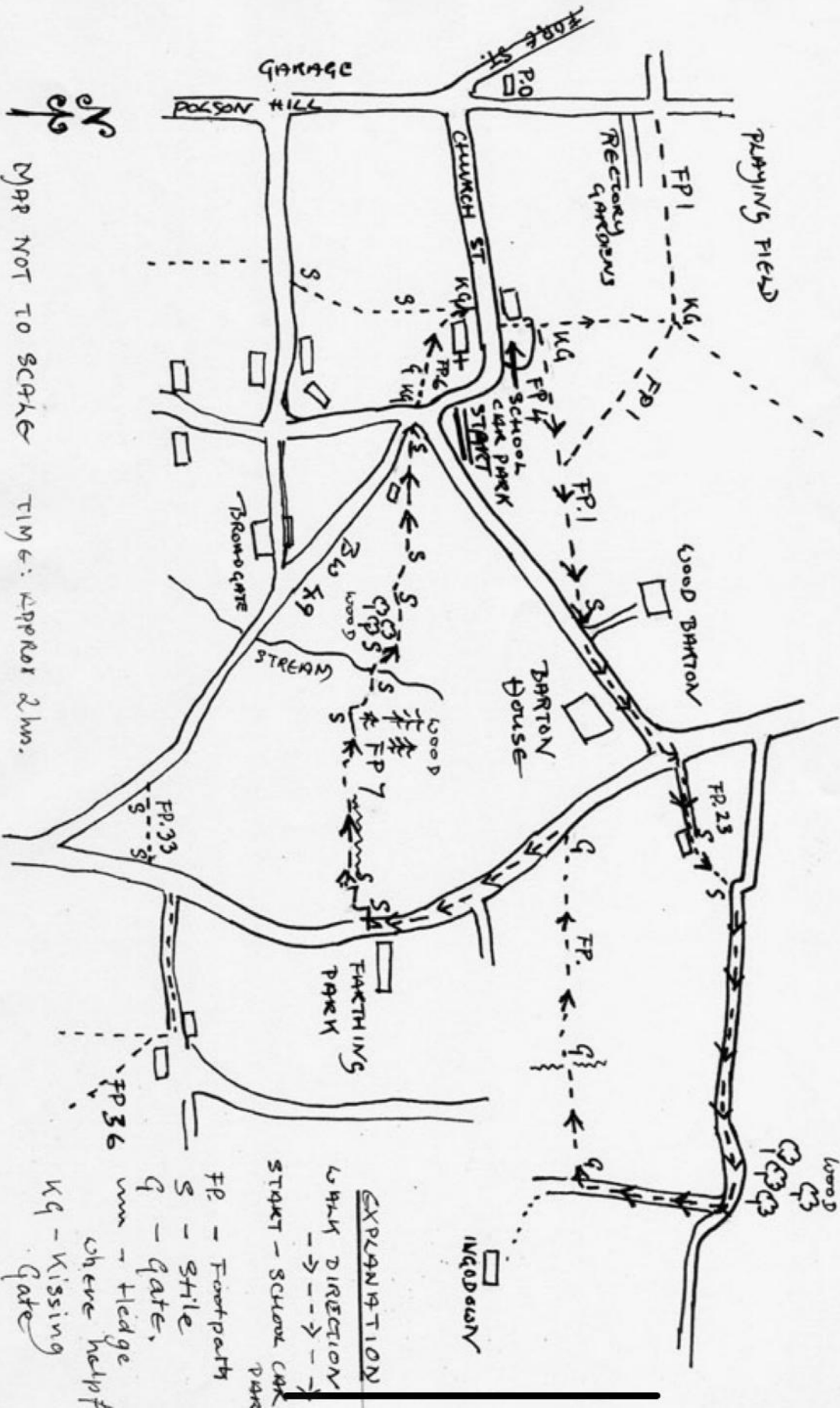
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☙ ☙: WOODS

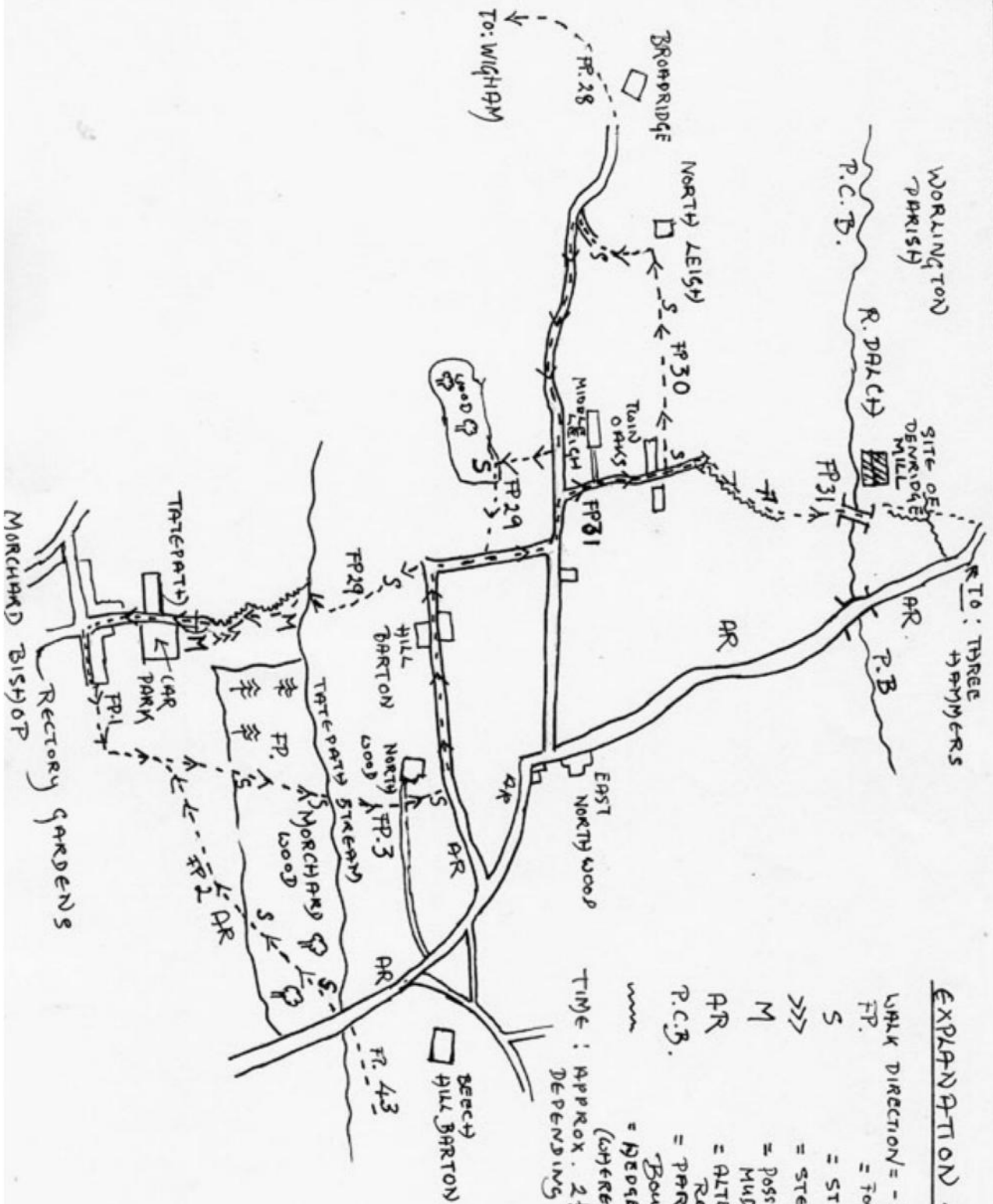
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NORCHARD DISTRICT WALKS NO. 7



MORCHARD BISHOP WALKS - No. 8

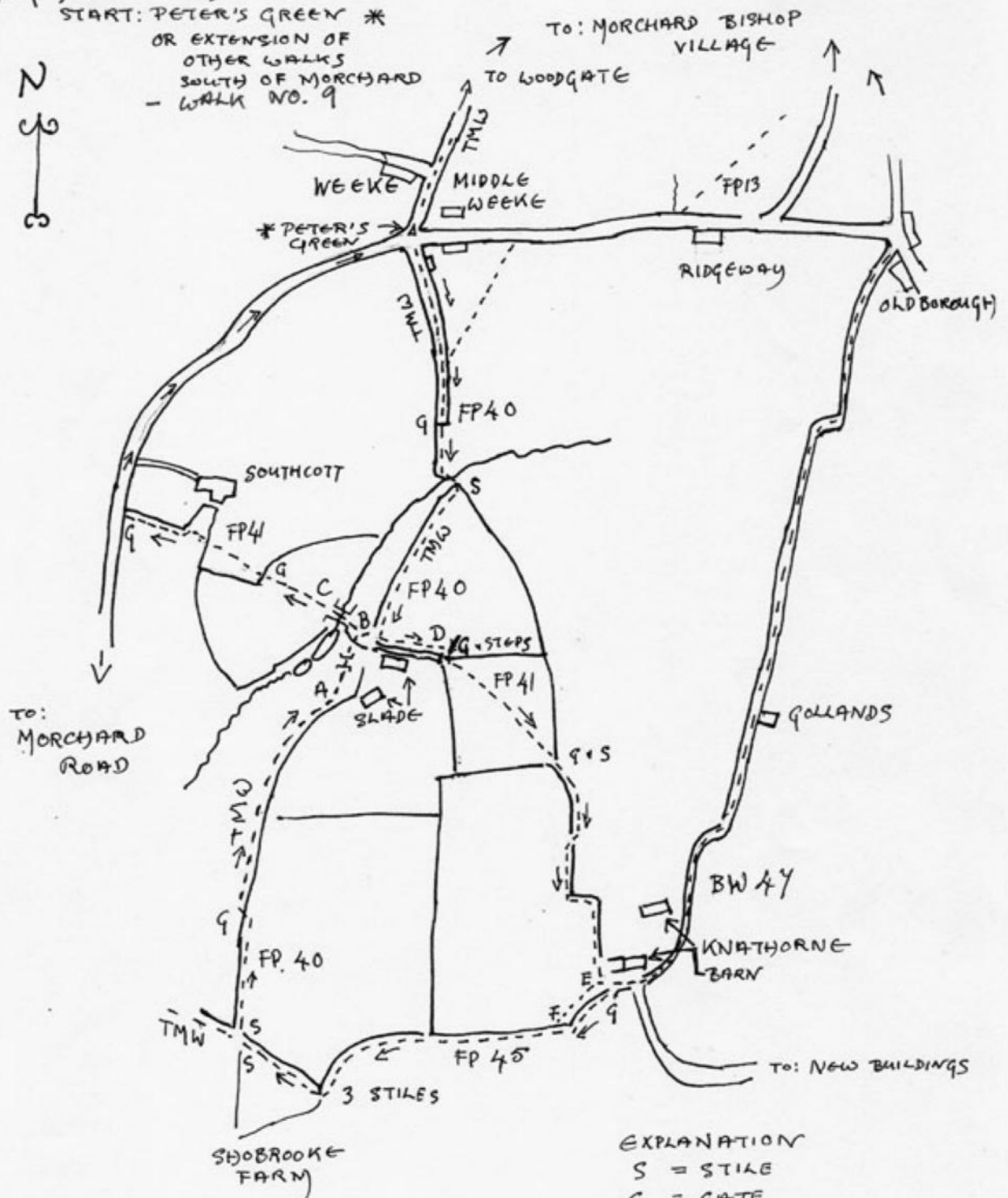


EXPLANATION

- WALK DIRECTION = - - - - -
- FP. = FOOTPATH
- S = STILE
- >>> = STEEP HILL
- M = POSSIBLE DEEP MUD
- AR = ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.
- P.C.B. = PARISH BOUNDARY
- ~~~~~ = RIDE (SEE HELPFUL)
- TIME: APPROX. 2 1/2 to 3 hrs DEPENDING ON WHICH ROUTE.

MORCHARD BISHOP WALKS - NO. 10

START: PETER'S GREEN *
OR EXTENSION OF
OTHER WALKS
SOUTH OF MORCHARD
- WALK NO. 9



EXPLANATION

S = STILE

G = GATE

ABCD = NEW DIVERSION

≡ = BRIDGE

TMW = TWO MOORS WAY

EF = POSSIBLE NEW
DIVERSION
(PENDING)

BW 4Y is an optional
variation