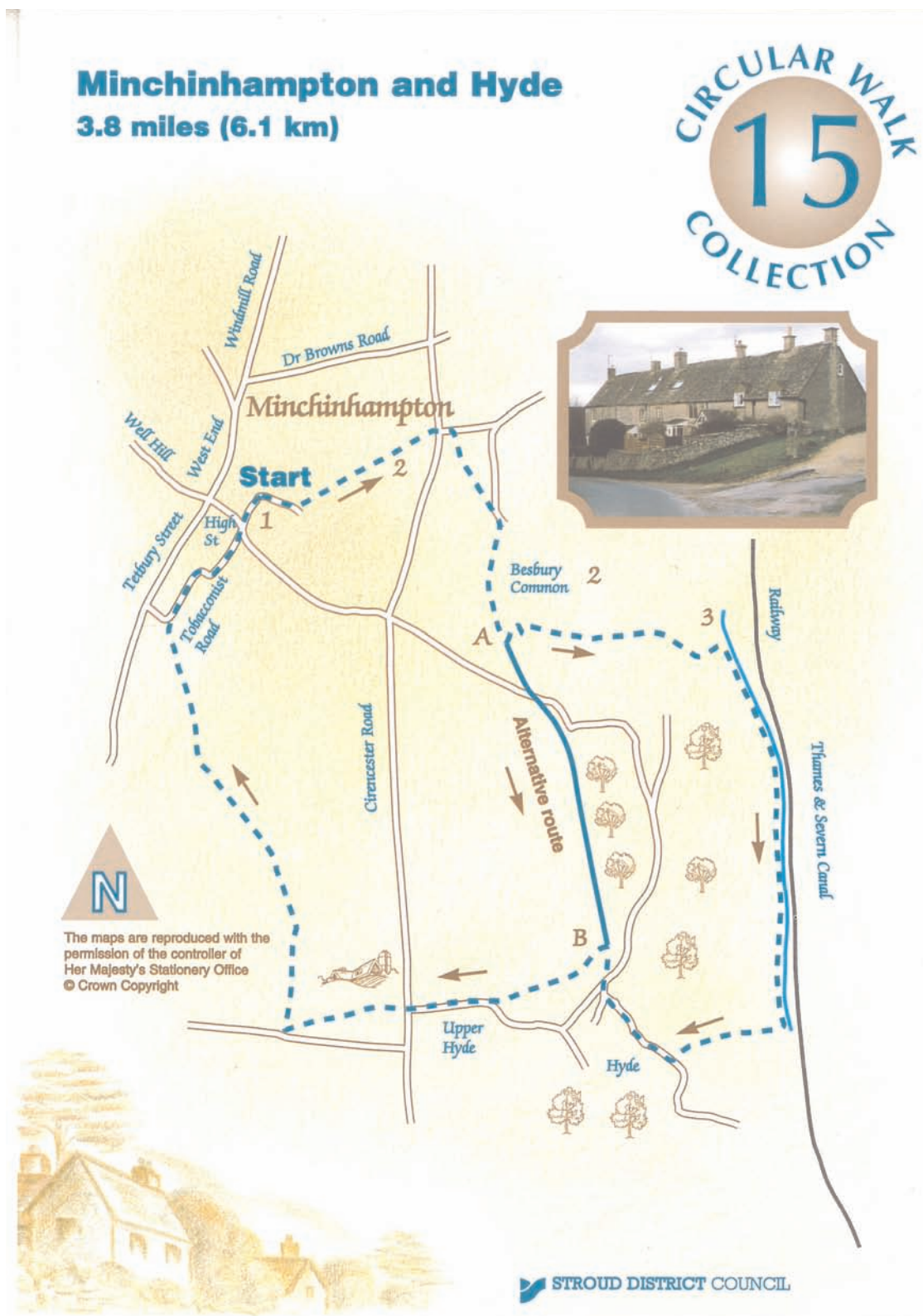


Note re Walk 15:

Walkers please note that this walk has a slope from Besbury Common down to the canal which is quite steep and challenging. From the start of this walk at the church car park, the path across the common isn't as clear as it once was and you may need to follow a badger track most of the way. The photos show on page 3 of this PDF are a close up of the track down from the common to the canal; it looks as if the track should go through the wood, but you may need to skirt the edge. There's a new kissing gate half way down the slope and there is also the Ragged Cott pub on the way back, after the steep climb back up to the common.



## Minchinhampton and Hyde

### Start . . . Minchinhampton Church

From the church, bear right past lych gate and follow the lane to common. Cross common, half left, to take the Besbury Road for 35m. Turn right through tight stone stile, along footpath and diagonally left across the field, over stone stile and along road to right. Climb path to follow ridge to Besbury Common to where path dips and a path from right joins running between two fences (A). Turn left descending common and cross stile right of cottage, bear quarter left descending fields steeply (in line with opposite valley and road 'T' junction). Find wooden stile in right-hand half of fence, cross and descend, following path to lane. Turn left down lane to Canal.

Follow tow path to the right for 1.050m, pass under the bridge and climb right hand steps to parapet of bridge turn left, through car park to further flight of steps and up narrow path and two fields to lane. Turn right up lane to reach Hyde Common (via two roads). Climb bank and cross stone stile at top [B].

Turn sharp left and follow wall to a stile by a gate, turn half right follow path diagonally across fields and two stiles to stone wall stile with gate to lane. Follow the lane to the right and cross main road, over stone stile at Burnt Ash Farm. Continue along track to farmyard and over stone stile on LEFT, go diagonally right across field to stile in corner by building. **Do not** cross this stile but turn right and follow wall to stone stile with iron bar over. Cross and carry on to next stone stile, cross and bear quarter left across field to stone stile in wall.

Cross and continue diagonally across the next two fields, over stone and then wooden stiles and follow wall to gate half way along this wall, then turn right diagonally across field to stone stile. Here, cross the field diagonally left, cross over stone stile and then a further two wooden stiles leading through a farmyard and out and down Tobacconist Road. Turn right at 'T' junction into Friday Street and back to Minchinhampton and church.

For a shorter and less strenuous walk (no steep climbs etc) - at point [A] continue along Besbury Common ridge. Cross land and go over stile. Follow path straight ahead to reach point [B] turn right and follow wall on left.

- Off road parking is available in Tobacconist Road or in Market Square
- **Alternative start points -**
  - The Park (A)
  - Burnt Ash (B)
- **Points of interest -**
  - Minchinhampton Market House (1)
  - The Park and Besbury Common (2)
  - Thames and Severn Canal (3)
- **Places to eat -**
  - The Crown Inn
  - The Coffee Bean

**Follow arrows with yellow dot. Sometimes plastic arrows with black centre dot may be used.**

*We advise that the relevant OS Pathfinder Map be used in conjunction with this leaflet*

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