

POINTS OF INTEREST

The area around **Gotts Corner** was occupied by Flemish refugees, who established the textile industry here, having been driven from their homeland by religious persecution.



At the top of the field, before turning to cross Bath Road, there is a **splendid panorama** of the river and its valley.



With such a variety of **bird and insect life** here, occasionally you may see a Kestrel, Buzzard or Heron flying overhead.



The **Butts Pond Meadows** were given to the Town in 2004, and are now managed as a Nature Reserve and amenity area.



The low-lying area is home to all **three species of British newt** – including the protected Great Crested Newt.



The path from the Meadows back to the car park, which passes the site of the **Old Creamery**, is the 'Jubilee Path', created as a traffic-free route for walkers and cyclists.



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STURMINSTER NEWTON WALKABOUTS

WALKABOUT 1 Gotts Corner / Honeymead Lane / Butts Pond Meadows

A varied walk with features of interest in Sturminster Newton, both past and present (approx. 1.5 miles).

This is one of a series of circular walks from Sturminster Newton which take in the surrounding area of the Blackmore Vale. They are mainly on Public Rights of Way, with some on paths with access permitted by the landowners.

These walks are intended to encourage exploration and appreciation of the variety and beauty of the countryside in this locality, on foot. Cyclists are not permitted to ride on public footpaths and by law must give way to walkers and horseriders on bridleways.

When walking, please remember the Countryside Code, particularly:

- respect the local community, farmland and others enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control
- keep to the marked paths and cause no damage to crops, livestock or wildlife

Appropriate footwear is recommended, since wet or muddy conditions can be encountered at any time.

The Sturminster Newton Walkabouts have been developed by the Sturminster Newton Town Council in association with Dorset County Council and are available from Sturquest Community Office, Sturminster Library, the Museum and Sturminster Mill or can be downloaded from www.dorsetforyou.com/walkabouts

Further information can be obtained from the Town Council on 01258 475136.



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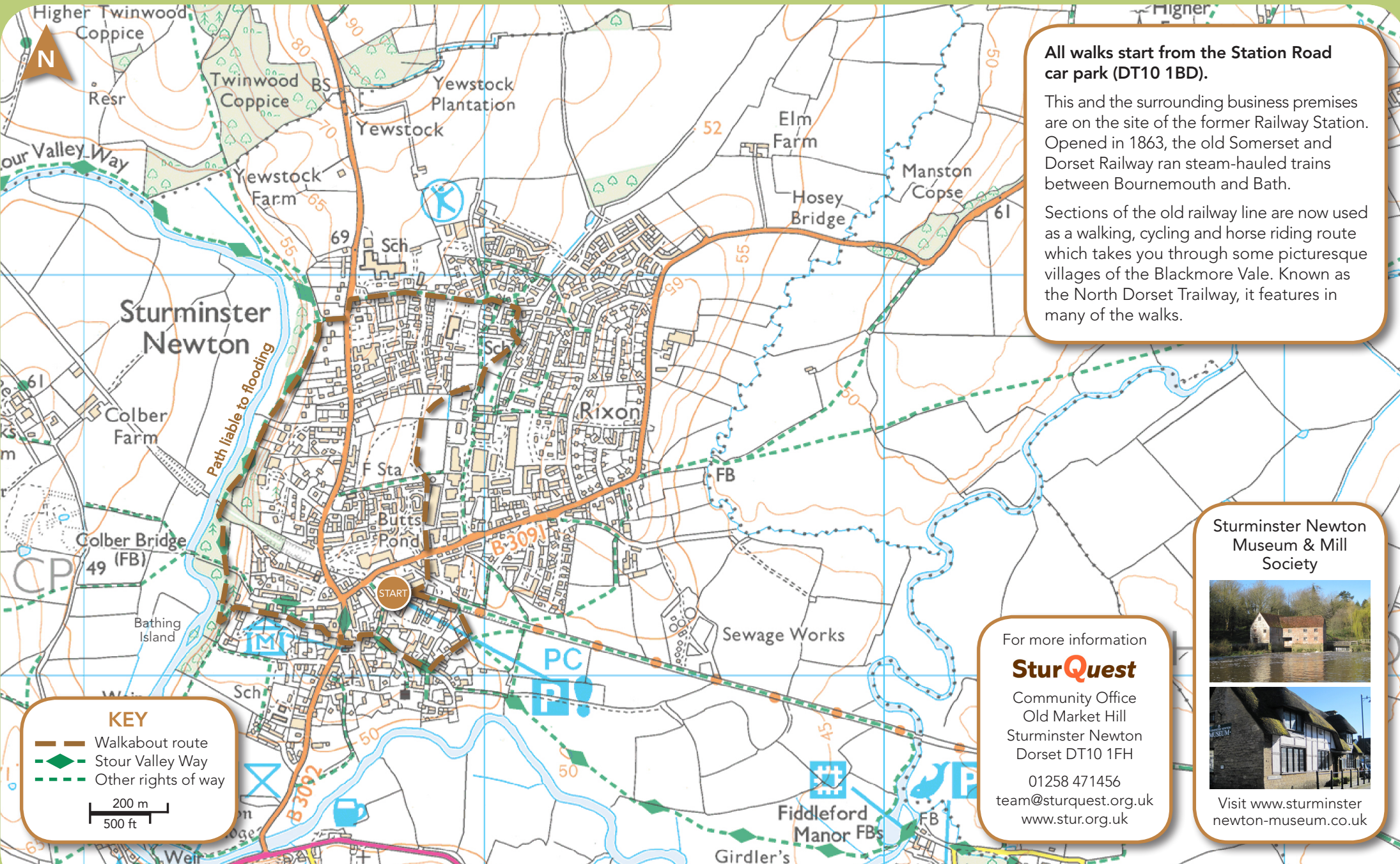
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STARTING POINT

Station Road car park,
Sturminster Newton

DISTANCE

approximately
1.5 miles



All walks start from the Station Road car park (DT10 1BD).

This and the surrounding business premises are on the site of the former Railway Station. Opened in 1863, the old Somerset and Dorset Railway ran steam-hauled trains between Bournemouth and Bath.

Sections of the old railway line are now used as a walking, cycling and horse riding route which takes you through some picturesque villages of the Blackmore Vale. Known as the North Dorset Trailway, it features in many of the walks.

KEY

- Walkabout route
- Stour Valley Way
- Other rights of way

200 m
500 ft

Sturminster Newton Museum & Mill Society



Visit www.sturminster-newton-museum.co.uk

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