

POINTS OF INTEREST

1 In the 1800s, the Smugglers Road ran from the coast along **Burrows Lane**. Contraband was allegedly hidden at the Heathpoult Inn, now Eastworth Farm.



2 Enjoy great views from **Pistle Hill** across Cranborne Common. The name originates from the reading of epistles at outdoor church services.



3 A Semaphore Shutter Station once stood on **Telegraph Hill** relaying messages from Plymouth to London. During the Napoleonic Wars, news of the Battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo would have reached London in this way.



4 There are **extensive views** from this spot towards Cranborne, Damerham and Alderholt with the disused railway line in the foreground.



5 An excellent viewpoint over **Cranborne Common** towards the New Forest. The plaque on the seat commemorates Dotty, a British Spotted Driving Pony.



6 On a clear day, you can see the Isle of Wight, Bournemouth, the Purbecks and Penbury Knoll from the top of **Stephen's Castle**.



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VERWOOD WALKABOUTS

WALKABOUT 2 Three Viewpoints

An easy walk from central Verwood around Ringwood Forest and Stephen's Castle Nature Reserve taking in three local viewpoints (approx. 4.5 miles).

This is one of a series of circular walks from Verwood through the surrounding countryside. 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 Verwood Walkabouts have been developed by the Verwood and District Ramblers to mark their 50th Anniversary and have been produced in association with Dorset Council. They are available from Verwood Town Council Offices, Verwood Library and the Heathland Heritage Centre. They can also be downloaded from www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/walkabouts

Further information can be obtained from Verwood Town Council on 01202 820880.



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STARTING POINT

The Hub car park,
Verwood BH31 7QE

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