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DIFFICULTY:

TIME: Approx. 2-3hrs

Grade 2

Bullbarrow:  
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As one of the pack's longer routes, this ride will take you through the quiet villages of Ibberton and Okeford Fitzpaine.

#### Interesting places to stop:

**Sturminster Newton** was once home to the biggest market in England. Sadly the market has now closed but the town still maintains its market tradition. Market day is on Monday with a Farmers' Market on the 1st Saturday of the month.

**Turnworth** - If you're feeling fit, you could take a detour up to Turnworth to see the breathtaking views. Be warned the hill is very steep and should only be for those seeking a challenge.

#### Refreshments:

**Sturminster Newton** has various shops, cafes and pubs where you can purchase refreshments including Poet's Corner, Swan Inn and the White Hart.

**Okeford Fitzpaine** has a village shop called the Old Bell Stores. The Royal Oak pub has a nice garden and inside, some large inglenook fireplaces to warm up beside. The pub is unusual as it has a skittle alley upstairs, so if the ceiling begins to shake, you know why!

**The Crown Pub** at Ibberton has a lovely garden but it doesn't open on Mondays.

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## Sturminster Newton & Ibberton



SUGGESTED STARTING POINT:

GRID REF: ST 786 143



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#### Directions:

##### Start from Sturminster Newton.

- Cycle down Bridge Street and cross the bridge over the River Stour.
- Immediately after the bridge, turn right. Follow the hill up past Sturminster Mill and then take the first left up Glue Hill, signposted to Fifehead Neville & Plumber Manor.
- Follow the road and take the left fork at Rivers Corner, signposted to Okeford Fitzpaine.
- Continue straight on at the next junction.
- Take the left turn, signposted to Fifehead St Quintin.
- Continue through the village and keep to the left.
- Follow the road to Ibberton.
- Turn left into Belchalwell Street.
- Continue onto Okeford Fitzpaine.

- Take the left turn before the Royal Oak Pub.
- Follow the road to the T-junction at Knackers Hole, turn right and repeat your route back to Sturminster Newton.

