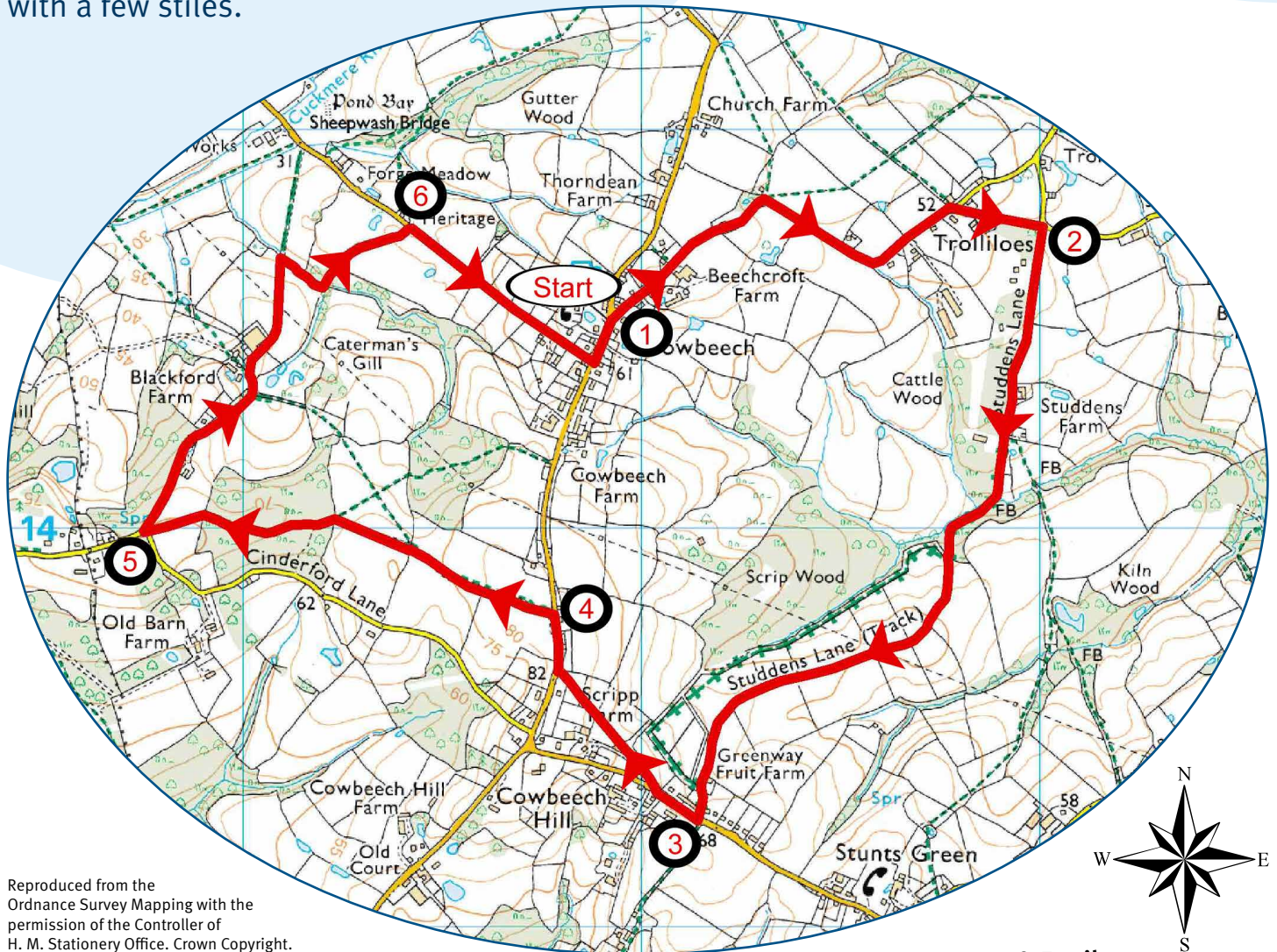
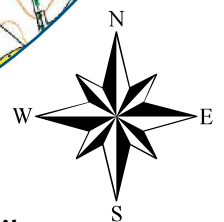


# Cowbeech Walk

A generally easy walk along country lanes, woodland and across fields with a few stiles.



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0.5 miles

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## Local Information

The name Cowbeech was first recorded in 1261 as Coppetebeche, referring to a 'capped' or pollarded Beech tree. This was then shortened over the years to Coppebeche, Cobbeach and then to the Cobeech, before becoming the modern Cowbeech.

## Essential Information

**Distance:** 4.5 miles/7 km  
**Walk grade:** Easy  
**Maps:** OS Explorer 123  
 OS Landranger 199  
**Start/Finish:** The Merrie Harriers TQ 619146  
**Post Code:** BN27 4JQ  
**Grid Ref:** TQ 619146

# Route Description

- 1) Starting from the centre of Cowbeech Village outside the Merrie Harriers, cross the road and follow the lane opposite. After approximately 1 km (2/3 mile), turn right at the first road junction into Bemzells Lane. After a further distance of approximately 225 metres (250 yds.), turn right into Studdens Lane, signposted as a dead end road.
- 2) Follow the lane to the end of the tarmaced section of road, and then continue ahead along the Byway. At the bottom of the gentle hill, cross the stream by the footbridge, next to the ford, and follow the Byway to reach the edge of the Orchard. At the point where the Byway makes a sharp right hand turn, continue straight ahead through the handgate, to follow the footpath through the Orchard. Turn left immediately after the gate and follow the route around the boundary fence. At the footpath signpost, bear right to follow the main path through the centre of the Orchard heading towards the main barn in the distance. On reaching the barn, follow the path around the right hand side, and then follow the driveway ahead to reach the road at Stunts Green.
- 3) Turn right and follow the road for a short distance before bearing right onto the signposted footpath beside Scripp Cottage. Follow the path for a short distance along the surfaced drive, before following the waymarked path leading through the kissing gate, next to the field gate. Follow the route as waymarked across the next three fields, and after the stile, cross another field in the direction waymarked to reach the road. Turn right, and follow the road for a short distance.
- 4) Turn left to cross the stile at the roadside, and join the signposted footpath. Follow the route ahead as signposted, initially along the field edge, keeping the field boundary to your left. At the end of the field boundary, continue ahead, along the unsurfaced farm track. At the next field boundary, continue to follow the cross field route straight ahead, to reach Great Gensing Wood. Follow the main path through the woodland, and on reaching the field at the far side of the wood, bear left across the field to reach Cinderford Lane.
- 5) Turn immediately right to follow the driveway to Blackford Farm. On reaching the concrete section of driveway, continue past the main house and follow the drive round to the right, with the farm buildings on your left. Continue along the access road to reach a stream. Turn right and follow the route as waymarked along the field edge, with the hedge on your left. At a second waymark post, descend a flight of steps and turn left over a small bridge. Now follow the route uphill into another field. Cross the field, bearing right as waymarked to reach a small field gate, opposite a large house, leading on to Hammer Lane
- 6) Turn right to follow Hammer Lane to its junction in Cowbeech Village. Turn left at the end of the road to follow the route back to the Merrie Harriers, and the end of the walk.



A view from the walk