

POINTS OF INTEREST

1 Dewlands Common is another protected green space in Verwood which is an important habitat for native flora and fauna. In past times, commoners used to graze their horses here.



2 The Albion was once Verwood Station though the railway closed in 1964. One arch of the railway bridge is still visible behind the pub.



3 Eastworth Farm was originally the Heathpoult Inn where smugglers would allegedly hide their goods before moving them north on the Smugglers Road.



4 Behind Eastworth Farm, a new area of **public open space** has been created (SANG) for walkers, cyclists and dog walkers.



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



6 Potterne Wood is an area of mixed woodland and one of the last remaining sections of the forest of 'Fayrewood' from which Verwood gets its name. It was once known as 'Toads Cove Coppice' which probably reflects the wet woodland habitat still found here today.



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VERWOOD WALKABOUTS

WALKABOUT 6 Verwood Circular

A longer walk from Potterne Park around Verwood passing many interesting local features (approx. 7 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

Potterne Park,
Verwood, BH21 6RS

DISTANCE

approximately
7 miles



KEY

- — — Walkabout route
- - - Other rights of way
- 1 Points of interest

200 m
500 ft