

7. Round the Houses

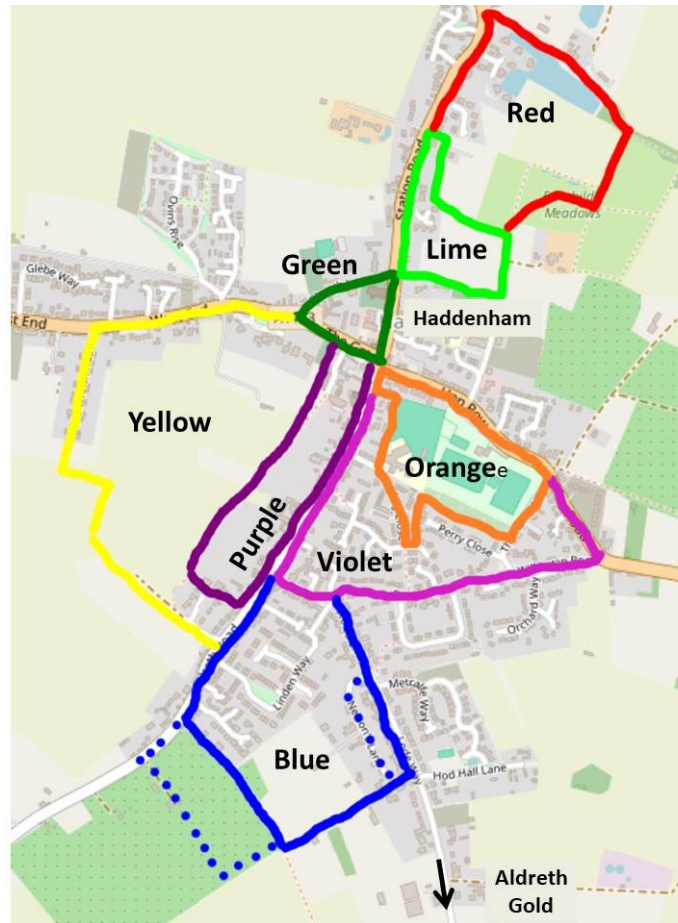
Haddenham's Jubilee Wall, made up of 400 individual tiles, was put together by the pupils of the village school to celebrate 60 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign in 2012.



Before the invention of the car, most travel around the villages was on foot. The whole of Haddenham parish was criss-crossed with footpaths that took the quickest routes between destinations. Many of these still survive, including Bull Lane that runs alongside Spar, which used to be the Black Bull Inn (1793-1851). When John Christopher Davie, the new doctor, took over the premises in 1853 he modernised it inside and out. Along Bull Lane he created a red and white striped wall along his boundary. When the building was extended at the back in the 1990s the emblematic red and white striped brickwork was repeated.



Other available routes



Gold Walk in Aldreth

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The Bier House built to house Haddenham's hand-drawn bier on which coffins would be taken to church and graveside

A circular walk along Hop Row, down The Rampart and across the Recreation Ground, returning to Top Corner via the Jubilee Wall and Bull Lane.

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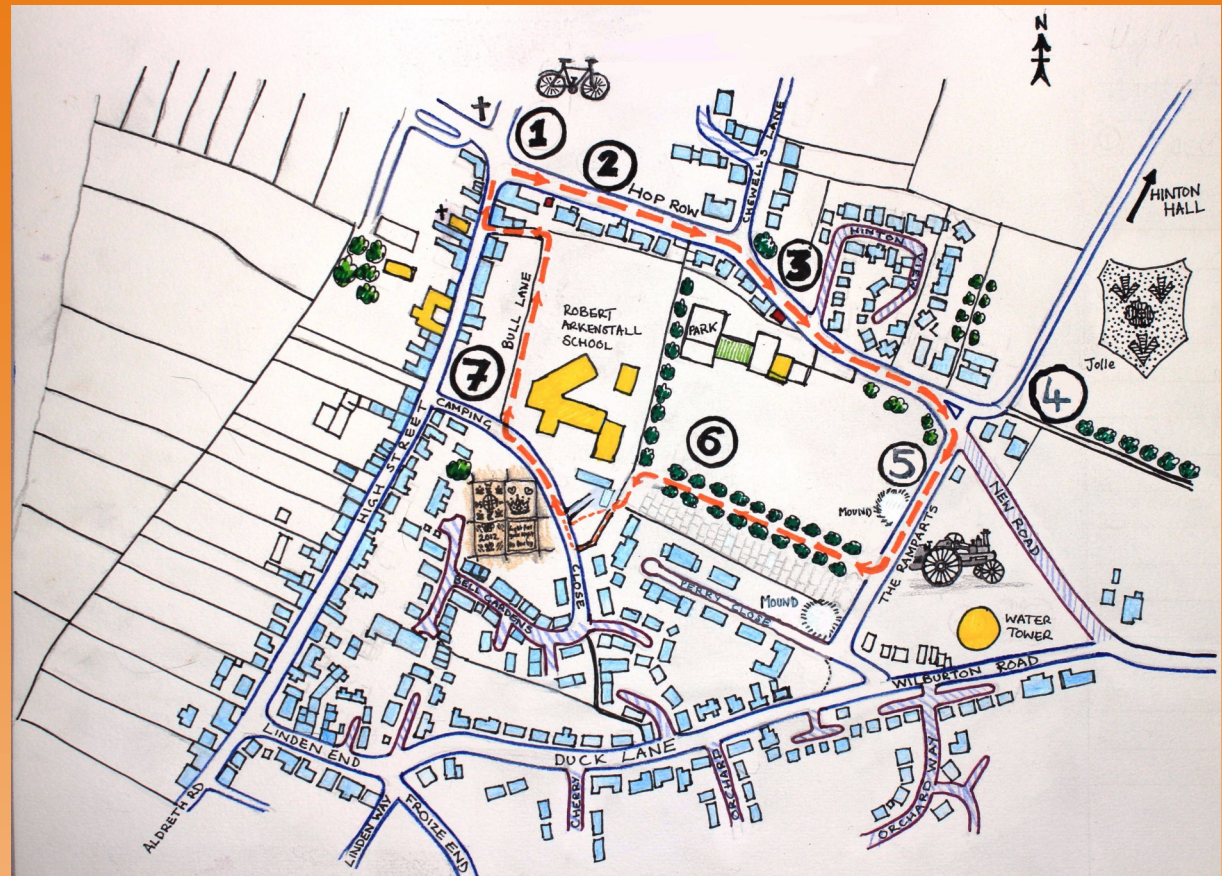


Site of Hinton Hall, demolished in 1757, and some of its estate

Walk along Hop Row to The Rampart. Follow the road down to the gate into the Recreation Field, then through the avenue of trees, and turn left down the passage to Camping Close. Past the Robert Arkenstall Primary School, with the Jubilee Wall made of individual tiles and turn right round the back of the High Street along Bull Lane.

Haddenham Orange Walk

Haddenham's skills and sport



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Explore Haddenham

About the walk: 1 mile -easy -flat



1. Beer & Bread



This building was used as the Windmill pub for at least 50 years until 1908 before being taken over by Harry Steel. He had a cycle shop and garage that sold petrol at the best possible location, the cross-roads. National car ownership had increased two-fold in the three years between 1905 and 1908 to 154,000, though, locally, bicycles were becoming the transport of choice. However, the car was its nemesis as the building was demolished in 1936 to make the corner safer for cars turning into Hop Row.

The house next door was spared from demolition, despite this being proposed in 1936. It had been the site of a the village bakery since 1861. Whilst it seems to be a relatively comfortable house, the 1901 census recorded that only three rooms were accommodation, the rest of the building was made up of the shop and the bake-house

2. Bier & Best

Having premises in prominent locations was helpful for tradespeople to advertise their businesses. John Feast, and his son Harry, builders, were no exception. They had business premises on the Green, now No. 7, and were very successful in acquiring land for new buildings such as No. 5 Hop Row and No. 49 Hop Row to show off their best work.

In the 19th century when someone died they were laid out at home and collected by a local undertaker to transport the coffin to church and churchyard for burial. Hand drawn biers were common as only the wealthy could afford a horse-drawn hearse. In 1901 this small building was erected to house Haddenham's hand drawn bier. The bier was last used at Sidney Feast's 1972 funeral.



3. Innovation



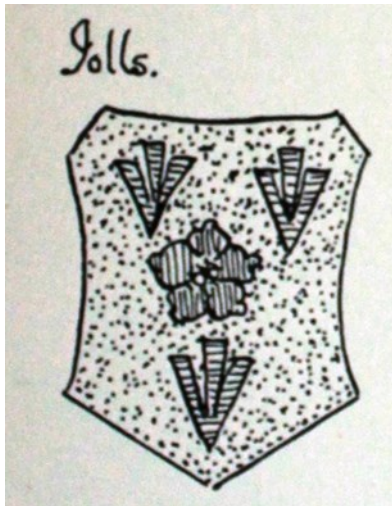
Burkitt's Yard (20 Hop Row), 1910, shows brothers, William R. and Arthur Burkitt, standing proudly by their traction engine. Arthur advertised himself as an engineer, threshing machine owner and miller, and William as an agricultural engineer and machinist.

In about 1890, Gothard Kidd, (of 25 High Street), who also described himself as a machinist, invented a revolutionary corn mill, built from iron girders, which was powered by a steam engine that the Burkitt brothers had made. It was erected on William Burkitt's property down Aldreth Road in defiant sight of the two standing windmills. Their bravado was short-lived, however as "the High Eiffel Tower Mill of Mr Burkitt's" was reported as been extensively damaged in the hurricane of 3rd December 1891.



4. Hinton Manor

The Manor of Hinton was recorded in church records as early as 1221. The estate associated with it stretched to Wilburton, Wentworth, Witcham and Sutton, but reduced over the centuries to focus around Haddenham. In 1602 Lord John Jolles, who became Lord Mayor of London, took over the Manor and had Hinton Hall rebuilt. It would have been an impressive building with avenues of trees leading up to it and a parterre garden looking over the fen toward Ely Cathedral. To the south there was a gatehouse (top of The Rampart) and two mounds on the west side, possibly guarding the way up from Aldreth causeway, which was the main route south in those days.



William Coles, a local antiquarian, visited Hinton Hall in 1748, and noted the coats of arms in the stained glass of the Parlour. The Jolles' coat of arms was also painted on a large old chimney piece above the stairs.

5. Peacocks & Mounds



It is no coincidence that once Arthur Burkitt retired in 1908, Frederick Peacock of Hop Row was recorded as a threshing engine proprietor. He was also a blacksmith and engine repairer. It seems he carried on the agricultural engine tradition at this end of the village, building himself and his 8 children a beautiful new house at 8/10 The Rampart

The Rampart did not officially get its name until 1939 when Haddenham people adopted it without the consent of Ely Rural District Council. Locally this bit of Hop Row (sometime Duck Lane) was called the Rampart because of the two mounds on it, believed to be part of Hinton Hall's medieval defences.



6. Cricket & Recreation



“Haddenham Hardwicke, and Warboys clubs enjoyed an excellent day's play on Monday last, on the ground of the former, which was won by Haddenham club, in one innings, by three runs, it was the first match that has taken place on their ground. The day, upon the whole, was favourable, and many spectators, assembled to witness the play, which closed about four o'clock, when the parties retired to the Red Lion Inn, and upwards of thirty members and friends sat down to a very substantial dinner, provided by our worthy landlord, Mr. Charles Porter. The party separated about 11 o'clock, highly delighted with the day's amusement. The score is as follows:- Haddenham, 1st innings 60; Warboys, 1st innings 22; 2nd innings 35. The return match is expected to be played about the 27th of this month.” Cambridge Independent Press 9th July 1842.