



The Hundred Parishes

Quiet Lane Walks – number 315

Little Hadham, rural – 2.0 miles (3 kms)

This walk visits two of the several hamlets which make up the Hertfordshire parish of Little Hadham: Bury Green and Green Street. There is nowhere to eat along the route.

THIS ROUTE IS NOT RECOMMENDED AFTER STEADY RAIN BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF FLOODING IN GREEN STREET (halfway down page 2).

The route description starts and finishes from the hamlet of Bury Green.

You may, of course, join this circular walk anywhere along the route.

Start and finish: The route description starts and finishes from Bury Green, where it should be safe to park on the lane that passes through the widest part of the green – Ordnance Survey Grid Reference: TL451213 - Postcode: SG11 2ET - what3words: kite.agree.daily.

The route can be followed on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 194.
A diagram of the route is provided at the end of the description.

This route is entirely on quiet lanes, but please follow the usual safety precautions: keep to the right so as to face oncoming traffic, crossing occasionally to the left if this offers a clearer view around a right-hand bend. Drivers and cyclists may be as surprised to see you as you are to see them!

From Bury Green, head North, gently downhill, past houses set back on each side of the green.

More than 20 of Little Hadham's 130 listed buildings are to be found here, scattered around the green, mostly dating from the 16th or 17th century. The long, low thatched Old Cottage, on the right, may be even older.

Do pause to look at the informative interpretation panel on the left.

We pass a repurposed red telephone kiosk on the right and then a taller thatched house on the left behind white picket fencing – Holly Tree Cottage.

Soon afterwards, the lane forks and we keep left, up Millfield Lane.

The lane climbs for a while, passing 16th-century Hill Cottage, thatched and set back a little on the right.

For the next 200 yards, the woodland on our left is called Grove Millennium Wood. Much of it was planted by the local community in 1999.

Just before our lane turns right, it should be safest to cross to the left before negotiating the right-hand bend, passing the entrance on the left to Silver Leys Polo Club

After about 200 yards, we pass part-thatched Millfield Cottage on the left. It dates from the 17th century or earlier.

About a quarter of a mile after Millfield Cottage, we leave Millfield Lane and turn right into a narrow lane which is not signposted.

After a quarter of a mile, we come into another Little Hadham hamlet, Green Street, a mixture of old and new dwellings with several listed buildings.

After a while, a signpost on the left points the way for Footpath 41. At this point, a drive comes in from the right to join our lane. The drive leads to The Old Farm House, formerly Green Street Farm, a 16th-century building.

Also at this point, we may be able to see 17th-century Green Street Cottage through a gateway on the right – its thatched roof is at two different heights with a chimney in between.

A little further on, we pass between two more thatched dwellings: Hoop Cottage on the left and Greencroft Cottage on the right – both with 17th-century origins.

Next comes Mulberry Cottage on the right (with a red-tiled roof and partly hidden behind a tall hedge) and The Thatched Cottage on the left, also behind a high hedge - both date from the 17th century.

A footpath crosses our lane and immediately afterwards we pass Att House Farm on the left, built of brick around 1700 AD. At this point, a ditch often overflows and floods the lane after heavy rain. Sometimes, there seems no way of overcoming this flooding unless wearing Wellington boots. The only reasonable alternative is to retrace the route back to the start. The issue has been reported to Hertfordshire Highways.

Shortly afterwards, we keep straight ahead, ignoring a narrow lane that forks off to the right.

In another 200 yards, we reach a junction where the only signage tells us that we have come from Green Street. If we were to turn left we would come into the hamlet of Cradle End, most of whose houses were built in the 20th century. We will turn right.

We soon pass Ivy Farm on the left with its 18th-century farmhouse.

We ignore the narrow lane that comes in from the right.

We pass the back of a sign which informs us that we have now left the village of Cradle End.

After another quarter of a mile, we pass Homecroft on the left, a house with red-tile roof. It dates from the 16th century or earlier and was constructed as a hall house. The property's listing says that its early structure is unusually complete.

In another hundred yards we keep left at the junction with Millfield Lane – we went up there soon after the start of this walk, so we are now retracing our earlier route.

We soon come back into the hamlet of Bury Green with its wide green. Before long, we reach the point where this route description started.

If you started somewhere else along the route, please turn around and rejoin the route description from page 1.

This route description, last updated 16 March 2025, was downloaded from www.hundredparishes.org.uk There, you can read more about the parish of Little Hadham and also find many additional walk routes.

Please email any suggestions for improving the route or the route description to hundredparishes@btinternet.com.

A diagram of this route, based on the Ordnance Survey map, is shown below. It is published under © Crown copyright 2020 OS 100062498.

