

The Vale Way - Section 1 - Steventon to Abingdon

GR(key)	Directions	Points of interest
4716 9198	Start: B4017, Abingdon Road. Follow causeway to end of road. Turn right, follow road for short distance, turn left onto footpath. Follow path to footbridge over A34 trunk road. Over footbridge, turn left and follow path to small junction. Turn right. Follow path to junction with footpath on right. Turn right then turn left at church and on to High Street. Turn right, cross road and turn left into School Lane. Follow road to footpath on left. Follow footpath to junction with footpath on left. Turn left and follow footpath to main road. Turn left cross road and turn right onto footpath. Follow footpath along field edge to gap in hedge to right. Through gap, turn left and follow field edge to footbridge. Straight on, across short stretch of field, turn left and follow field edge to footbridge to right. Cross footbridge over brook, turn right and follow path to junction with bridleway. Cross bridleway and straight on across field to stile. Follow footpath between houses to main road. Care required.	Pubs, shops and café on High Street. Steventon War Memorial. Medieval stone causeway to Steventon(Milton) built by monks. Pretty riverside walk. Old houses. <i>Alternate route avoiding footbridge. Turn right and follow path parallel to road to tunnel under. Through tunnel, turn left and follow path to footbridge. Turn right.</i> Plum Pudding pub. Milton Manor-privately owned house open to public. Milton Church and interesting houses. Old school building Turn left(right) on bridleway to Sutton Coutenay. Pubs, church with graves of Prime minister and author, old houses and access to Thames path.
4962 9561	Turn right, follow verge and cross road to footpath on left. Follow path to junction with road on left. Straight on and follow Sustrans path to Abingdon and on to Lambrick Way. Straight on along West Quay, onto Sustrans path to Wilsham Road. Follow path and cross road onto path along river past sailing club to Caldecott Road. Turn right and follow path along river. Past church and turn right into East St Helens Street. Continue past County Hall to Bridge Street. Cross Bridge Street, then left before turning right, under Guildhall archway, past the Guildhall and follow Sustrans Route 5 signs to bridge over mill stream. Over bridge and left at outdoor pool. Follow path past public conveniences to bridge over mill stream past sword bridge.	Display board for Hanson Way, part of Sustrans route 5. Access to Jubilee junction. Access to Sutton Wick Nature reserve. Small park, bricked up junction to Wilts and Berks canal. Abingdon Marina. Access to river via South Quay. Public areas and river walk south to Jubilee junction, a new cutting for Wilts and Berks canal. Cast iron bridge over river Ock built by canal company. Abingdon Church of St Helens famous for being one of the widest churches in England. Four rows of almshouses dating from 15th century. Abingdon County Hall-Museum. Market Place and shops. Cafes and pubs, restaurants. Historic buildings. Abbey grounds, site of abbey. Public art-Abingdon Needle. Statue of Queen Victoria and gardens by Trendle. Folly. Coseners House and remaining abbey buildings. Mill stream built by monks of Abingdon Abbey. Green Sword Bridge with decorations of designs from ancient sword found in river Thames. Outdoor swimming pool
5049 9721	END: Mill stream bridge near Abingdon weir/lock, the junction with the Thames Path and Oxford Greenbelt Way. Sustrans Route 5	Nearby weir and Abingdon Lock. Site of proposed Abingdon Hydro project