

## A Twice 'Two Option' Walk

This walk starts and finishes at Lea Church. There are two routes, one short and one long. Stout footwear is advisable as the ground can be damp to wet in places. The longest route is two miles.

From Lea church follow the footpath through the gate, past the allotments to the next gate and then at a point where the fence ends, bear right across the field to the kissing gate in the opposite edge of the field. Failing this, follow the field boundary round to reach the kissing gate. Pass through this gate taking care as you exit onto the Mill Lane/Mitcheldean road junction. Cross over the road to the greensward and head up the Mitcheldean road towards the Drybrook junction.

At this junction turn right and follow the road to the junction with Watery lane where you will bear left to go up the lane. **Please cross to the left hand side of the road before you reach the junction as the Drybrook road turns sharp right at this point and oncoming vehicles will not see you.**

Here you have two options.

### Either:

Carry on up Watery Lane past Cornage Farmhouse on your left until you reach a lane with a "No Through Road" sign on your right. Turn right here and make your way along this lane. You will pass a number of cottages before the lane ends at a driveway with Baytree Cottage in front of you.

### Or:

Pass through the kissing gate and walk diagonally up the field past the large tree stump and on to meet the right hand side of the black and white house where you will pass through another kissing gate. Walk through to the lane and bear right.

### Then:

The footpath we require bears off to the left here and is recognisable by the "No Horses" sign and posts to narrow the access. This footpath is quite narrow and continues up via a series of shallow steps before coming out onto Dawes Tump Lane between two cottages.

Follow the last of the footpath up to the left and onto the lane and continue uphill. The lane passes cottages such as Oakdene on the left and The Scar on the right before terminating by a garage on the right. Here you will need to turn left onto the footpath below the drive you can see leading away from you. You will pass under the garden wall of the house that the drive belonged to. Follow this footpath dodging the Holly trees and take time to peer at the view through the trees towards Lea and the countryside beyond. This view will disappear as late Spring and Summer put leaves on the trees!

The footpath comes to an end down a stony incline back onto Watery Lane. Here you are provided with two options. For the more eager, you can turn right (see route A), or, you can turn left and follow route B.

### Route A:

Continue uphill passing Rudhall Springs Cottage on your left and Rudhall Springs on your right and it emerges into an area which is occasionally dominated by "boats". A footpath leads off to the left through the trees and along a field boundary before coming out onto a forestry track. At this point you will see a stile in the field boundary which you will cross. Follow the footpath down across the field, through the rough patch adjacent to the wood and down to the stile and gate on the Drybrook road. From here retrace your steps to the church taking care on the Mitcheldean road and use the footpath to return to the church.

### Route B:

Continue down Watery Lane and eventually you reach the lane with the "No Through Road" sign. From here you will be able to retrace your steps back to the church. Please take care as you walk back down the Mitcheldean road and again use the footpath around the field to get back to the church.

# WALKS AROUND THE LEA

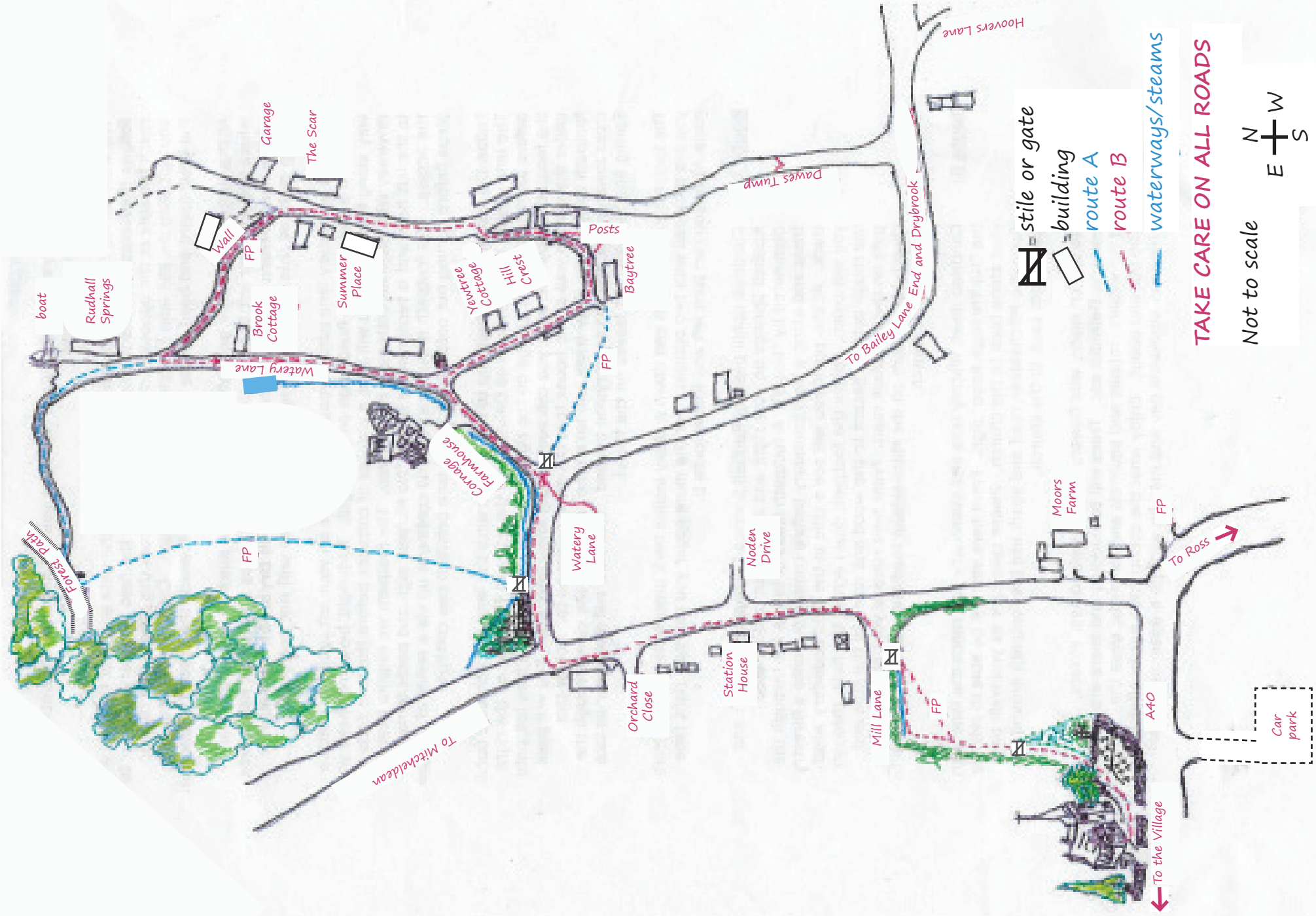
## WALK 1








Welcome to 'Walks around The Lea'  
- a series of walks around the village compiled  
by the Lea Parish Council for everyone  
to enjoy all year round.

There is plenty to enjoy enroute, wild flowers such as Celandines, Violets, Primroses and escapee Daffodils etc as the seasons change. Look out for wildlife such as rabbits, squirrels and deer and for the many species of birds; even the Buzzards might be out and about.

Enjoy what the countryside has to offer but please respect it by taking your litter home with you; closing all gates behind you; keeping your dog under control and on a lead where there is livestock and, finally, please clean up after your dog.



-  stile or gate
-  building
-  route A
-  route B
-  waterways/streams

**TAKE CARE ON ALL ROADS**

Not to scale

