



Church of St James the Less

WALK NO. 2

(approx 1½ miles on paths
AY8 and AY9)

Start at St James the Less church in Magpie Road nearly opposite the village shop. To the right of the churchyard is a small gate to a Public footpath which takes you past the church on your left and Castle Hill on the right, emerging at Church Street. Here turn right passing stone cottages on the left and Castle Green on the right. At Park Lane bear left and follow the fingerpost, crossing the front garden of Wemyss Farm and keeping close to the wall on your right. The footpath goes through a gap next to the house on the right and into an arable field where it turns left. Follow the field

edge for about 50 yards, slightly downhill towards a cluster of trees and bushes. Here, the path crosses the stream over 2 footbridges with rails. Marsh marigolds can be seen here in the spring. Up a slope to your right is a kissing gate into a large field usually full of sheep. Walking diagonally across the field up and over a small hill you will see a post and waymarker down and to the right at the corner of a hedge. From here you can just see a 5 bar iron gate straight ahead. Through the gate the footpath continues parallel to a line of telegraph poles across the field. Ahead you will see a gate in the hedge, the hedge marks the Parish boundary. Turning to look back you can see lovely views of Sulgrave. Go left for about 120 yards with a view towards Stuchbury on your right, walk through a gap in the hedge and straight on for another 70 yards, ignoring the first gate and taking the next small gate on the left. Cross the open field to the hedge opposite you are walking back towards Sulgrave with panoramic views.



Panoramic view of the village from the high point of the walk

You will soon be able to see the church. Halfway along the hedge ahead of you, is a kissing gate hidden in the hedge down a steep bank . This takes you into a large field which goes up to the edge of the village. Walking diagonally towards the hedge on the right is a kissing gate near to where the first houses start. Continue across a small field to a kissing gate and footbridge with a rail in the right hand corner. The path meets the Helmdon road here. Continue up the hill to the left through the village for about 200 yards and bear left into Church street. Soon you will find the churchyard gate in the stone wall and, crossing the churchyard will bring you back to the start of the walk in Magpie road.

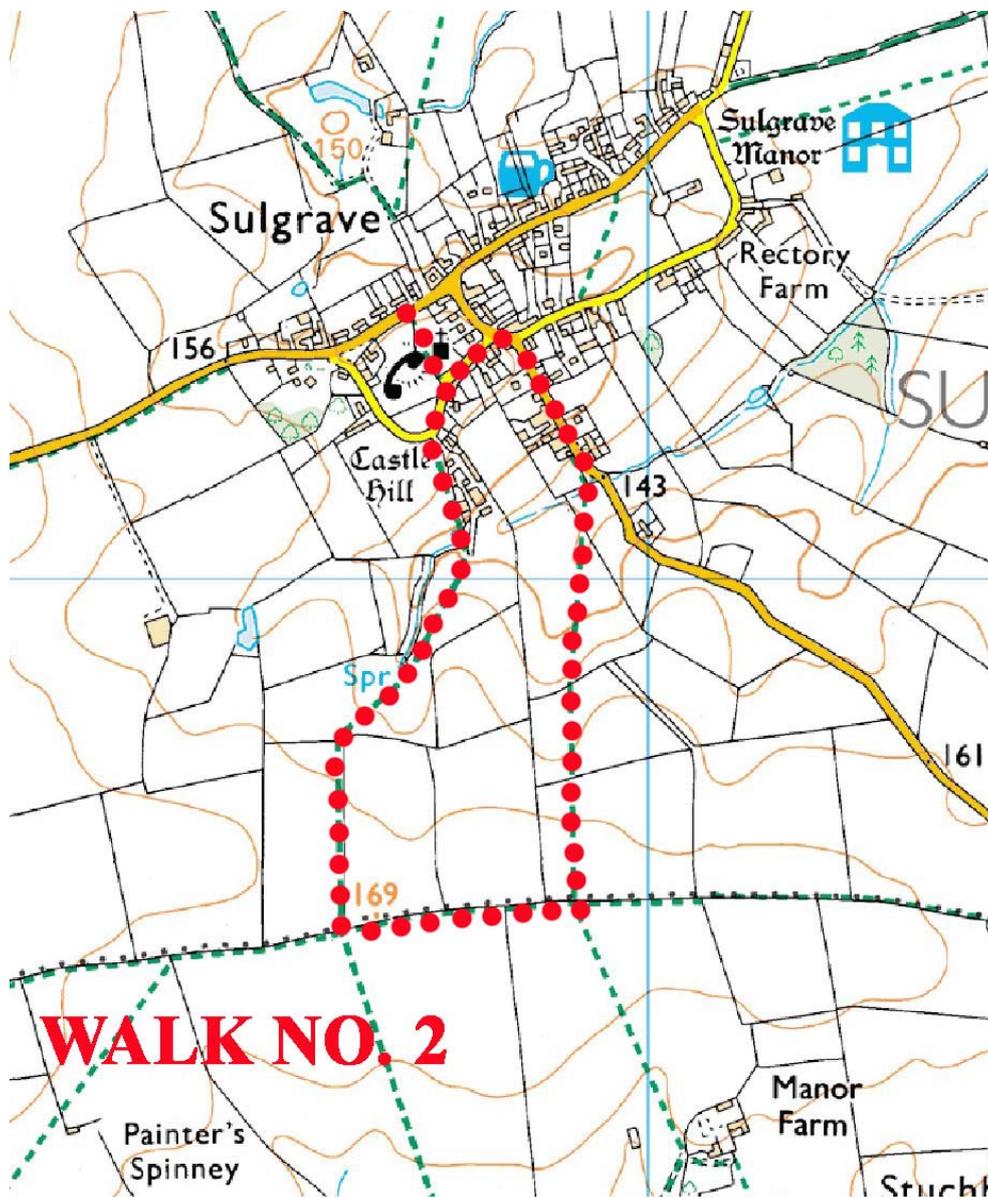


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