



# WALKS IN LONGDON PARISH

Leave the Churchyard by the main path towards the road, between ancient yews, passing through the Victorian lych gate. Bear right down through the Church car park and walk down into Church Hollow. This being the course of the old main road before the Village was by-passed. Exit straight on into St. James Close and observe the old milestone on the left showing distances to Stafford and Coleshill.



## LONGDON LOCATION

Longdon is midway between Lichfield and Rugeley on the A51 road with Longdon Green on one side (signposted) and Longdon (Brook End) on the other.

## HISTORY

The name Longdon is derived from the Saxon "Langandune", meaning long hill, located in the old Offlow Hundred.

The Bishops of Lichfield held the manor of Longdon up to 1546 when it was surrendered to Henry VIII. In the same year the king granted ownership to Sir William (later Lord) Paget, an ancestor of the Marquis of Anglesey. He was one of the principal Secretaries of State.

In 1563 Longdon was recorded with 102 households which grew to 178 by 1665. Today the population is around 2000, occupying approximately 1850 hectares.



## REMEMBER THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow signs
- Consider other people
- Leave gates and property as before
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control

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**NUMBER 3**  
**LONGDON**  
**SHORT WALK**



### 3. MEMORIAL HALL

Bear right noticing the Memorial Hall and its plaque to your right and continue along the road back through the Village towards your starting point. The Post Office and Village Store is on the left followed by Crown Bank, which was originally a public house, "The Crown" but became known locally as the "Pig & Whistle", it then for a time served as the Village petrol station. Some fine 17th century timber framed cottages are opposite, followed by Brook House, once the headmaster's house.

## LONGDON SHORT WALK

**WALK DISTANCE:**  
**0.85 miles (1.3 km) • Time 30 to 45 minutes**

This walk has been devised for those less agile who cannot climb stiles or gates, but still like to walk for relaxation.

There are only kissing gates to walk through.



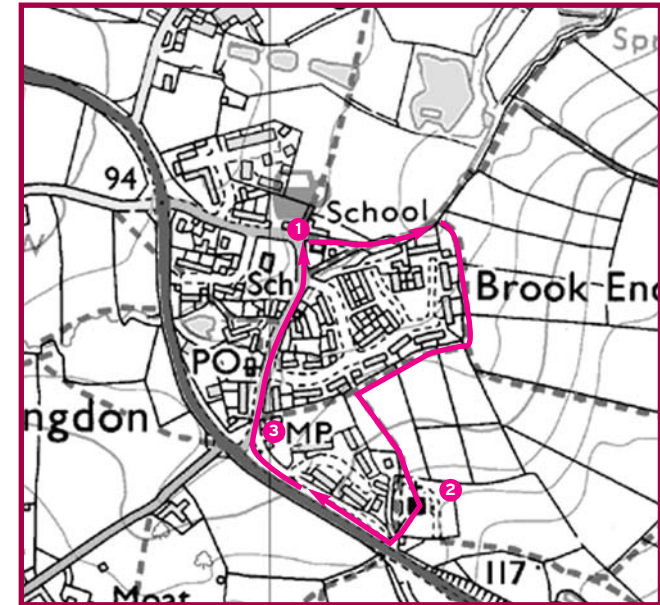
### 1. START LONGDON VILLAGE

Starting at the Swan with Two Necks public house (the name derived from marking ownership with nicks), parking may be available with the landlords permission. Proceed down Ford Lane with the old Village School (1853), now the Village Hall on the right, and the W.I. Hall on your left originally the Village blacksmiths forge. At the Shropshire Brook bear left and cross the footbridge,



**Swan with Two Necks • Shropshire Brook • St. James' Church • Memorial Hall**

then after a short distance at the end of the houses turn right through the kissing gate (way marker). Continue around the Village keeping the houses to the right through a further kissing gate. Keep walking forward then bear right through an old gateway, continue following along the houses and through a kissing gate. Keep straight on and just past an electricity pole joining the path that enters from Church Way.



**The Church dates from the 12th century, the nave contains a Norman Arch with Saxon zigzag ornamentation. The bells were re-hung in 1999, with the addition of a new 6 bell to mark the Millennium. More information at [stjames-longdon.org.uk](http://stjames-longdon.org.uk)**

### 2. ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Turn left and take the gravel path up to the Church and through the Churchyard to the Norman Church of St. James' the Great. Fine views to the north towards the vale of the River Trent and beyond. The Church is normally open during the day being well worth a visit even if only for just a quiet few moments.

