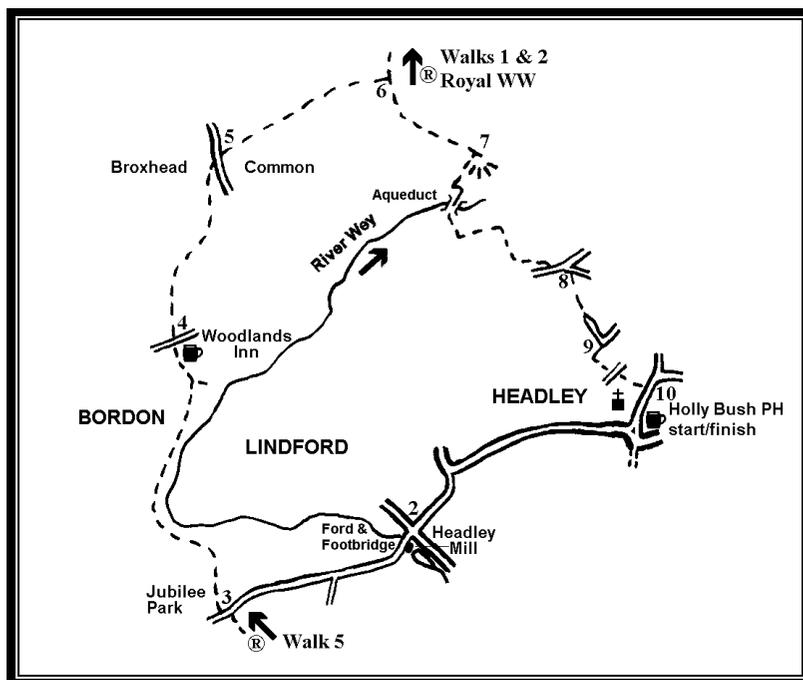


Walk 6 – Right round Lindford

Distance approximately 5 miles/8km

This walk starts and ends in Headley High Street, visiting Headley Mill, Bordon Inclosure, Broxhead Common and Headley Wood aqueduct.



- 1 From the *Holly Bush*, take Mill Lane (B3002) directly ahead. Follow it downhill and turn left at its junction at the bottom of the hill. You soon meet the B3004 at a crossroads. Opposite is Headley Mill with its roving geese.

Headley Mill has been said to be the last commercially working water mill in Hampshire. There has been a mill here since the time of Domesday. The workings inside are not generally open to the public.

- 2 Take the road directly ahead, which fords the River Wey at the mill's tailrace (see photo p.31). You may cross by the footbridge. Follow the road away from the river and towards the centre of Bordon, passing schools to left and right. Soon after crossing the Deadwater stream, turn right into Jubilee Park.

The town of Bordon has developed from an Army Camp which was started in the early 20th century following the Boer Wars. Before that it was a sparsely-populated area, part of Woolmer Forest.

*Note: The walk from here to point 6 follows the **Royal Woolmer Way**. Some of the route is on permissive rather than public paths.*

- 3 Cross the park aiming for the end of the houses on the left. Go round the end

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gardens keeping to the left (don't go down tracks to the river bank) noting the small square MoD boundary stone at the corner of the gardens.

The path crosses a buried water pipe then descends to cross a small stream. At a fork of tracks, keep right and pass under electric cables to meet another track coming from the right – then at a crossroads of tracks (with an exit to housing ahead in the distance) turn right along a track which is surfaced in parts. Follow this until it exits into a housing estate. Turn right to skirt round the end house and follow the path into the woods.



MoD Boundary stone

This area is called Bordon Inclosure and was once the site of a royal hunting lodge.

Look for a path to the right which crosses an 'orange' ditch. After this, a fairly indistinct path leading off at a diagonal to your left brings you eventually to a cobbled path. Turn left on this to arrive at *Woodlands Inn* on Lindford Road.



Woodlands Inn

Woodlands Inn was once an officers' mess, and then became the only pub in Bordon – it is said that in the past the Army forbade pubs to be opened within a certain radius of the Camp.

- 4 Cross Lindford Road and follow the public footpath straight ahead. The path rises, passing St Lucia House on the left. Keep ahead up the hill. Just before the top, bear right and follow the sandy track as it curves to the left. Head for

high ground when tracks diverge – you will arrive at a pool in an old sandpit. Turn right to skirt the edge of the pool, climbing a steep, loose sand path to arrive at Broxhead Farm Road (B3004).



Sandpit Pond, Broxhead Common

- 5 Cross the road with care (fast traffic comes over the brow from the left) and take the public footpath opposite which crosses the unenclosed eastern part of Broxhead Common and then runs between fences and hedges (good for blackberrying in season) through fields. There are views to right and left. The path goes downhill to meet the old Church path from Headley.



Path from Broxhead Common

There was a confrontation on Broxhead East Common one Saturday evening in 1973 when about two miles of landowner's fence was removed in order to reinforce a successful claim of commoners' rights.

- 6 Leaving the gate to the left at this junction, turn right along the track towards

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Headley (following the outward leg of **Walk 1** in reverse).

- 7 After about half a mile the right of way turns right through a gate (avoiding the 'strictly private' Headley Wood Farm) and after another gate zigzags downhill to cross the River Wey over an old aqueduct. The track then passes through woodland where it can be muddy. Soon after leaving this it becomes rather rutted and narrow for a while as it heads uphill between a hedge and a fence. Eventually it falls to join Frensham Lane. Turn left past *Huntingford Farm* and its barn to the junction with Curtis Lane.

See notes on p.10 relating to the aqueduct and Huntingford Farm.



Huntingford Farm and Barn

- 8 Cross the stile by the gate to the left of *Huntingford Farm* barn, take the footpath leading diagonally uphill across fields, and enter Church Lane through a kissing gate.
- 9 At the bend in Church Lane take the footpath to the right. This skirts the playing field of the Holme School, crosses a road and passes the end of the churchyard before reaching the High Street by the entrance to *Belmont*.
Belmont once belonged to the Army, and still has a War Department boundary stone at its gate (one of four originally marking the four corners of the WD property).
- 10 Turn right along the High Street to return to the village centre.

