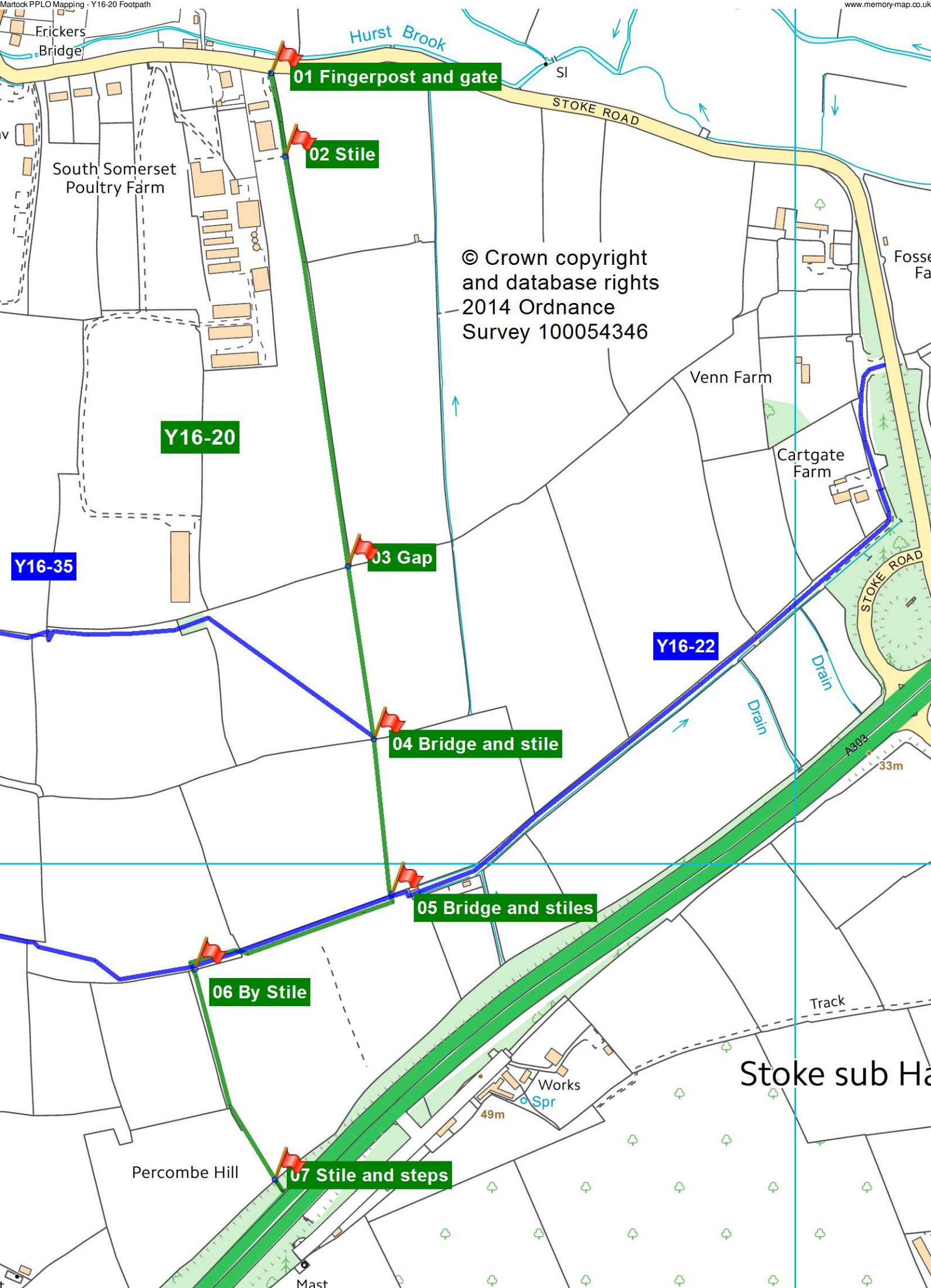




Martock Footpath Y16- 20

This path runs from Stoke Road (Nigel Day's Yard) to A303

This path length (in miles) is 0.897

This path is mainly level and crosses several fields. Some are usually arable and some sometimes have sheep and/or cattle in. It includes some stiles. The final stretch to the A303 is uphill (going S).

Waypoint 01. (OS Grid Ref: ST 46408 18895)

The start of this path is indicated by a wooden fingerpost inscribed "Public Footpath Bower Hinton 1 mile". Adjacent is a wooden kissing gate.

Looking south from the road at the start of the path



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Looking north back to Stoke Road



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Gate and Fingerpost at Stoke Road



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From WP 01 to WP 02 the path lies to the E of the commercial premises (Nigel Day's Yard) separated by a wooden fence. This can get overgrown in summer.

Waypoint 02. (OS Grid Ref: ST 46424 18801)

A new (2014) 1 step, 2 horizontal stile forms the waypoint, with an adjacent metal gate - all part of a post and rail fence.

Looking south from beside Days Yard



28/10/2014

Looking north, back towards the road



28/10/2014

Looking north, back at the new stile



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From WP 02 to WP 03 the path continues S along the eastern perimeter of this, usually arable, field. The headland can be very overgrown in summer.

Waypoint 03. (OS Grid Ref: ST 46495 18337)

Merely a waypoint: no stile or gate - just a gap in the hedge.

Looking south



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Looking north at the WP from the field



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From WP 03 to WP 04 the path continues in a straight line S through the crop. Sometimes there are sheep in the field with an electric fence to be crossed.

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Waypoint 04. (OS Grid Ref: ST 46524 18145)

The stile here comprises horizontal steel bars with concrete posts and a stone step. Adjacent to it is a sleeper bridge over quite a deep ditch.

This is also a waypoint at the start of path Y16-35, that goes away to the NW.

Looking south



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Looking north



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The path continues S in a direct line through the field to WP 05. There is often no sign of the path through the field, that is usually arable but occasionally has sheep in - with electric fences to negotiate.

Waypoint 05. (OS Grid Ref: ST 46544 17966)

A 2 sleeper bridge crosses the ditch here. There is a wooden stile at the S end of it, with 3 wooden horizontal bars and a single step, and to the N it consists of 3 metal bars with 2 solid horizontal steps (stone and wood). The adjacent hedge needs cutting back from time to time. This is also Y16-22 WP6.

Looking south



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Looking north



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Looking north from the stile at
WP 04



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Beware the electric fence that often sits just to the S of the southern stile, through which there is a gate. From WP 05 to WP 06 the path runs initially along the N perimeter of this (sometimes rather boggy) field, which is often grazed. About three quarters of the way along, the path goes through a gap, into the field to the N (also often boggy) where the path continues on the N side of the hedge, to the stile at WP06. This leg from WP 05 to WP 06 is also along the path Y16-22.

Waypoint 06. (OS Grid Ref: ST 46321 17881)

The path crosses the hedge from N to S where there are 2 stiles. The northerly one crosses a barbed wire fence. The southerly stile comprises an old hamstone vertical with a wooden step on each side of it. It needs clearing from time to time. There is usually a significant amount of mud in the area, especially to the S of the stiles.

The stile here is also listed in the report Y16-22 WP 05 as it is where the 2 paths diverge.

Looking south



10/11/2010

Looking north at the stile



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From WP 06 to WP 07 the path heads S again, across this often grazed field, up the hill towards the A303.

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Waypoint 07. (OS Grid Ref: ST 46412 17644)

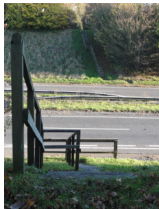
At this point is a 2 step stile, to cross the boundary fence onto the busy highway. From the stile is a concrete flight of steps with wooden handrail, descending to the road. The wooden fingerpost that indicated "Public Footpath Bower Hinton 1/2 mile" has been removed by SCC.

Looking south to the stile from the field



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Looking south across the A303



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Looking north from the A303 to the stile



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Y16-20 ends here. The brave may cross the A303 (there is a gap in the crash barrier of the central reservation) to access the Y25-3 footpath in the Parish of Stoke sub Hamdon.