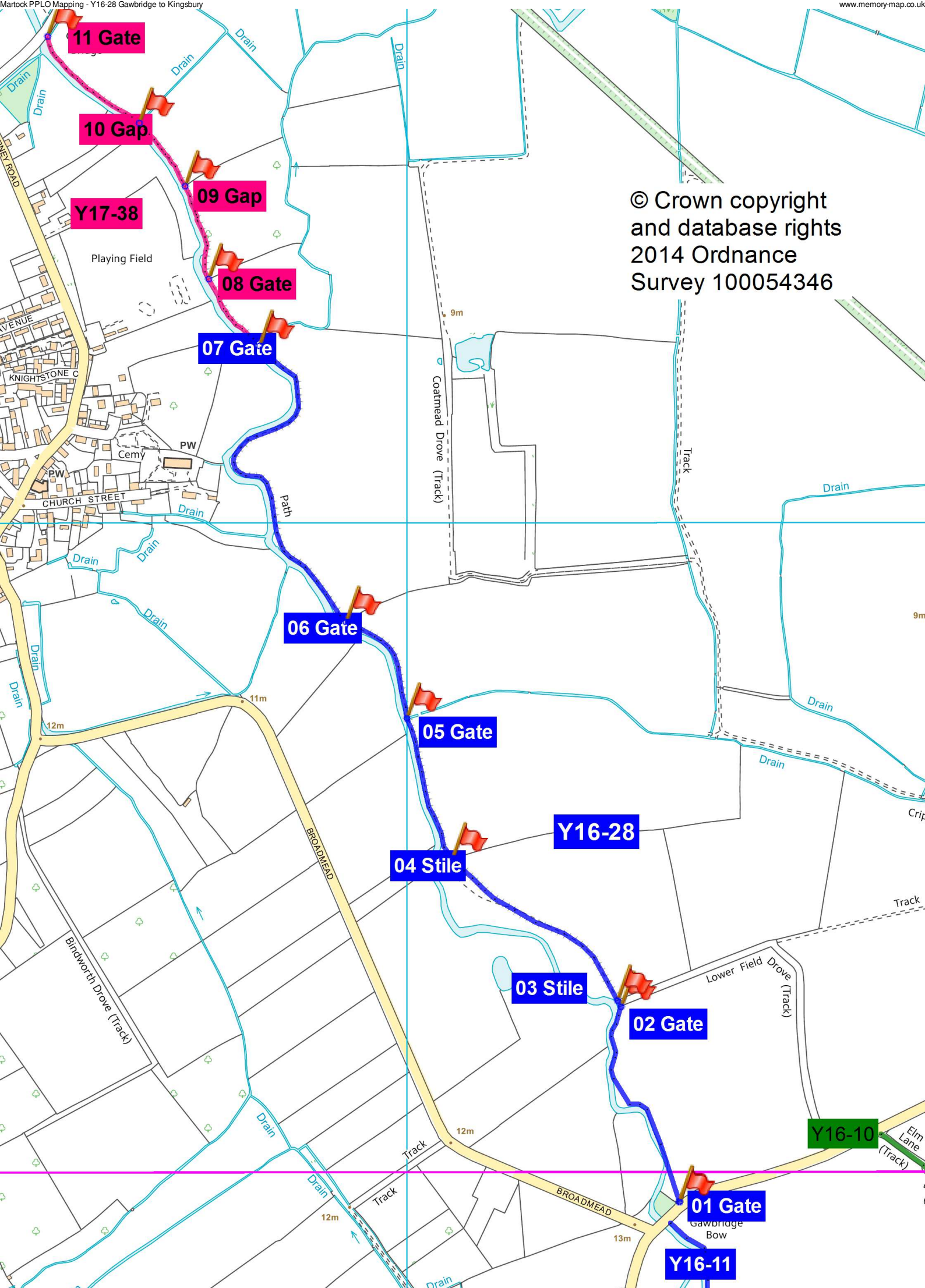




Martock Footpath Y16- 28

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Waypoint 01. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44419 19957)

The start of this path, just E of the bridge at Gawbridge Bow, is at a Bristol Gate (installed 2009 ish). There is also (2011) a new wooden fingerpost with a finger that just has a yellow arrow inscribed "Public Footpath", pointing N.

Looking north at the gate from the road



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Looking south at the gate and the road



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Fingerpost details



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From WP 01 to WP 02 the path more or less follows the E bank of the River Parrett. The field is sometimes arable, sometimes grazed.

Waypoint 02. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44330 20256)

At the W end of Lower Field Drove (on the south side) there is a wooden pedestrian gate.

Looking north to the gate



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Looking south



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Cross the drove to WP 03

Waypoint 03. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44325 20266)

On the N side of this drove there is now a single step, 3 horizontal stile built into the wooden/barbed wire fence; adjacent to this is a steel gate.

Looking north at the stile



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Looking south



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From WP 03 to WP 04 the path meanders in a more or less direct line to meet the hedgerow at the river bank.

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Waypoint 04. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44071 20484)

There is a single step stile built into the 4 horizontal fence here. Nearby is a rusty old metal gate.

Looking north towards the stile



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Looking south



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From WP 04 to WP 05 the path follows a wide high bank along the river through this usually grazed field (possibly a flood plain). A fairly new (2009) barbed wire and post fence has been installed.

Waypoint 05. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44006 20700)

A Bristol gate here.

Looking north



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Looking south



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From WP 05 to WP 06 the path continues on the high wide bank along the river.

Waypoint 06. (OS Grid Ref: ST 43908 20848)

A Bristol gate is installed here.

Looking north to the gate



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Looking south



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From WP 06 to WP 07 the path continues to follow the winding, high and wide bank along the river, through this prairie sized field.

Waypoint 07. (OS Grid Ref: ST 43774 21273)

This Bristol gate here, next to a Parrett Drainage Board sluice, marks the end of the path Y16-28 - it becomes L17-38. For the sake of continuity this description carries on to Coombe Bridge.

Looking north



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Looking south



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From WP 07 to WP 08 the path follows the headland.

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Waypoint 08. (OS Grid Ref: ST 43695 21376)

A Bristol gate. The area around the gate can get overgrown in summer.

Looking north



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Looking south



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From WP 08 to WP 09 there is a good footpath through this orchard - new in 2003.

Waypoint 09. (OS Grid Ref: ST 43660 21520)

A gap in the fence between an established orchard (2003) and a newly planted one (2014).

Looking north



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Looking south



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From WP 09 to WP 10 the path continues along the river bank beside the new orchard. This part can be exceedingly muddy in wet weather.

Waypoint 10. (OS Grid Ref: ST 43591 21618)

A gateway that has had a gate at some time, that is a quagmire in wet weather!

Looking north



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Looking south



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From WP 10 to WP 11 the path continues through this meadow along the river bank.

Waypoint 11. (OS Grid Ref: ST 43448 21750)

This is Coombe Bridge - a superb piece of masonry. Nearby is a steel gate. Between the two is a new (2014) metal pedestrian gate that replaces the old wooden stile.

Looking north to the gate and bridge



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Looking north at the gate



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Looking south at the stile and last field



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The path ends here at the bridge.