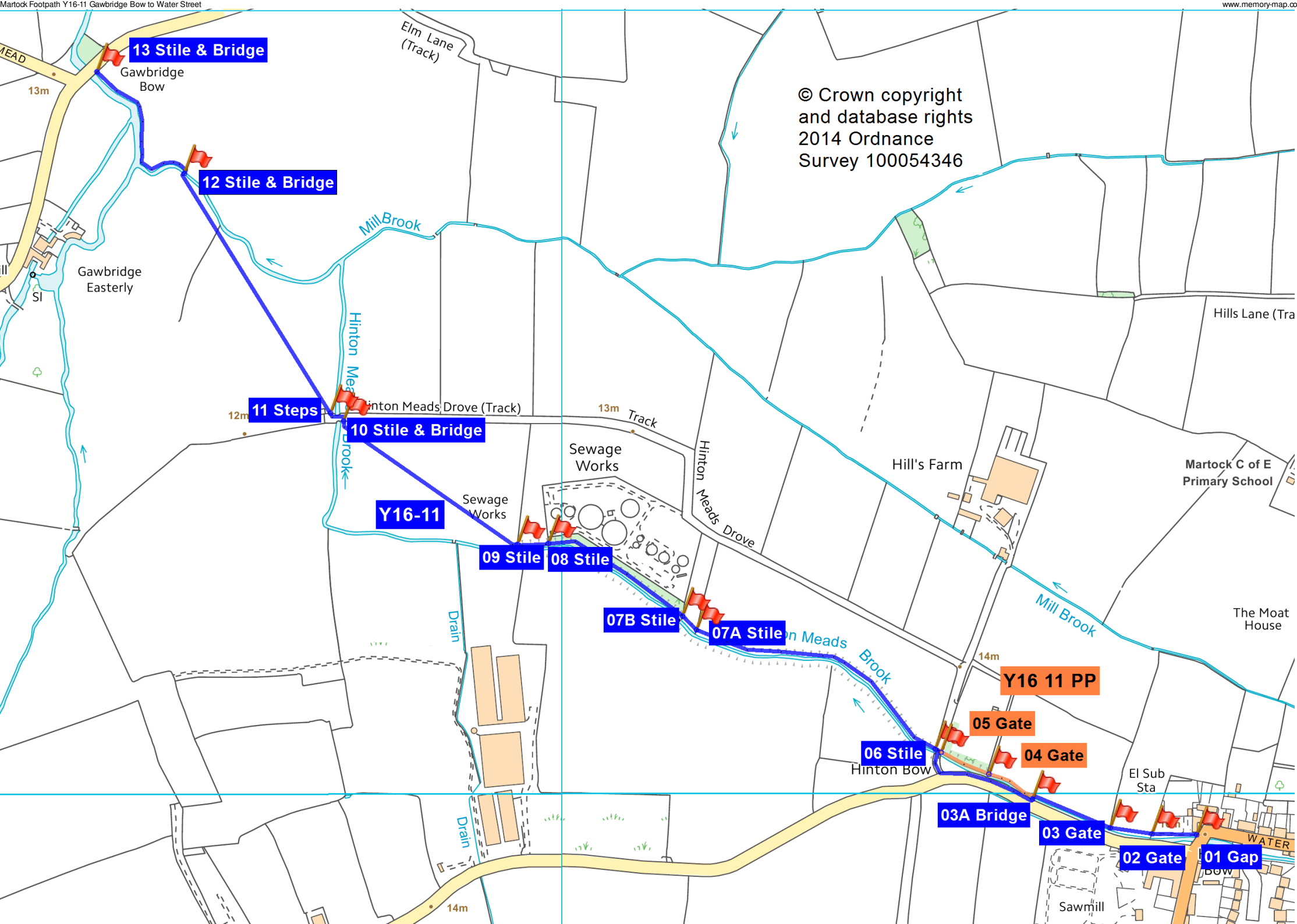




Martock Footpath Y16- 11

This path runs from Gawbridge Bow (Jenny's Bridge) to Hurst Bow (Yandles Timber)

This path length (in miles) is 1.170

Across fields, some grazed. This path is mainly level and includes several stiles.

Waypoint 01. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45811 18949)

Water Street/Hurst Corner - Hurst Bow. Although the path starts here, there is no indication of its existence whatsoever.

Looking west from the road



26/11/2010

Looking east back to the road



26/11/2010

From WP 01 to WP 02 is a lane, walking west and passing some private allotments.

Waypoint 02. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45753 18950)

A new (2005) wooden kissing gate, adjacent to a steel (2010) farm gate (in working order).

Looking west



26/11/2010

Looking east



17/07/2013

From WP 02 to WP 03, the lane continues (now grassy) along the S edge of this field.

Waypoint 03. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45700 18958)

This is now (2010) a steel farm gate with a small pedestrian gate to the south side. The farm gate is normally locked.

Looking west



17/07/2013

Looking east



17/07/2013

From WP 03 to WP 03A, the path runs along the S edge of this field, usually arable, which has - very infrequently - seen sheep grazing it. This field used to be known as "Old Cricket Field"; this title is sometimes seen on older maps.

Note that the new (2011) owner of this field has taken trouble to get the path well marked and wants walkers to stick to the proper path.

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Waypoint 03A. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45601 18995)

At this point there is a good steel/ concrete footbridge over the brook, which, officially, is the track of Y16-11 - over the bridge. However, there is a permissive path in place, continuing along the south side of the field and behind Castle Reclamation, allowing walkers to stay off the road. It rejoins the official path at WP 5/6.

Looking south at the bridge



17/07/2013

Looking north at the bridge from the road



17/07/2013

From WP 03A to WP 04 the permissive path continues W along this edge of the field and on to WPs 05/06. This stretch can be very muddy in winter, especially towards the W end.

From WP 03A to WP 05, the official path crosses the bridge and goes W along the road for 100 yards and then north, up a farm track for 50 yards, to the stile at WP 06.

Waypoint 04. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45545 19027)

A new (2005) wooden kissing gate. The path from WP 04 to WP 05 needs clipping back from time to time during the summer months, including the areas around the kissing gate.

Looking west



17/07/2013

Looking east



17/07/2013

From WP 04 to WP 05 the permissive path is bound on one side by Hinton Meads Brook and on the N side by a wire mesh fence, which marks the boundary of the old sewage works - now a commercial storage yard (Castle Reclamation).

Waypoint 05. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45484 19054)

Another new (2005) kissing gate, on the eastern side of the lane to Hills Farm. Again, the areas around the kissing gate needs clipping back from time to time during the summer months.

Looking west to the road



26/11/2010

Looking east from the road



26/11/2010

Cross the lane to WP 06

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Waypoint 06. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45477 19058)

On the western side of the lane to Hills Farm is an old wooden stile - 2 horizontals and a single step. Adjacent is a wooden fingerpost indicating "Public Footpath Hinton Meads Gawbridge Bow 1 mile"

Looking west from the road

Looking east at WP 5 across the road

Fingerpost



26/11/2010



12/12/2010



26/11/2010

From WP 06 to WP 07 the path is along the headland of the southern edge of this (usually arable) field. The headland can get very overgrown in summer.

Waypoint 07A. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45172 19210)

From 12/2010 WP 07 was reported in 2 parts - 07A (in the east) & 07B (to the west).

This is a barricade style tall wooden fence with a single step.

Looking west

Looking east



10/11/2014



10/11/2014

From WP 07A to WP 07B is some 10 to 15 yards across a narrow grassy field that is often grazed, usually by horses.

Waypoint 07B. (OS Grid Ref: ST 45154 19228)

In 12/2010 WP 07 was reported in 2 parts - 07A (in the east) & 07B (to the west).

This WP is now a 1 step and 3 horizontals stile in a newly (2014) rebuilt wooden fence.

Looking west

Looking east



10/11/2014



10/11/2014

From WP 07B to WP 08 the path follows Hinton Meads Brook: a sort of very wide drove or a very narrow field (Skirting the boundary of the new sewage works). This area is often grazed, usually by horses.

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Waypoint 08. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44982 19321)

There is now (2012) a renovated stile of 3 horizontals and 2 steps, adjacent to a mess of 2 steel gates, held together with string, cable ties and wire.

Looking west



12/05/2014

Looking east



12/05/2014

From WP 08 to WP 09 is a short distance through this (often grazed) field.

Waypoint 09. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44943 19319)

A wooden stile here (renovated 2012) - 3 horizontals and 2 steps - in the middle of a barbed wire fence. Just on the S side of the Brook, there is a new (2015) extension to the chicken farm that is easily visible.

Looking west



10/11/2014

Looking east



12/05/2014

From WP 09 to WP 10, the path is diagonally across this (usually arable) field. In summer when there is a crop in the field, the farmer should keep the headland short to allow walkers to pass around, rather than through, the crop.

Waypoint 10. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44721 19478)

The wooden bridge and stile here on the S side of Hinton Meads Drove is the waypoint.

Looking north



09/08/2013

Looking south



09/08/2013

Cross the track to WP 11.

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Waypoint 11. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44704 19487)

This is formed by wooden (was steel) steps over the steel fence, although it is easy to climb between the horizontal bars.

Looking north



12/12/2010

Looking south



20/04/2011

From WP 11 to WP 12 the path crosses diagonally (through a shallow ditch en route) over this field, which is normally grazed - usually by horses and sometimes cattle, including some fearsome looking highland beasts with quite magnificent horns: so far found to be quite harmless!

Waypoint 12. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44518 19794)

At this point is a lovely old stone arch footbridge over the mill brook. To the S side of the bridge/ditch is a steel fence with a new (2013) wood & steel - 3 horizontals and 2 steps - stile. The N side is clear

Looking north west at the bridge from the field



10/11/2014

Looking north west close to the bridge



13/05/2013

Looking south east at the Bridge with stile beyond



10/11/2014

From WP 12 to WP 13 the path, in part, follows the river. That part of the path that crosses a bight in the river can be followed when the crop in this arable field is new, but is a bit of a battle in mid-summer. Also in summer, the headland can get very overgrown.

Waypoint 13. (OS Grid Ref: ST 44406 19923)

A 2011-rebuilt, 2 horizontals, 1 step and a climbing pole, stile here with a shallow ditch to the north, leading up to the road. A wooden fingerpost states "Public Footpath Hinton Meads Brook"

Looking north



12/05/2014

Looking south



12/05/2014

Y16-11 ends here at the road.