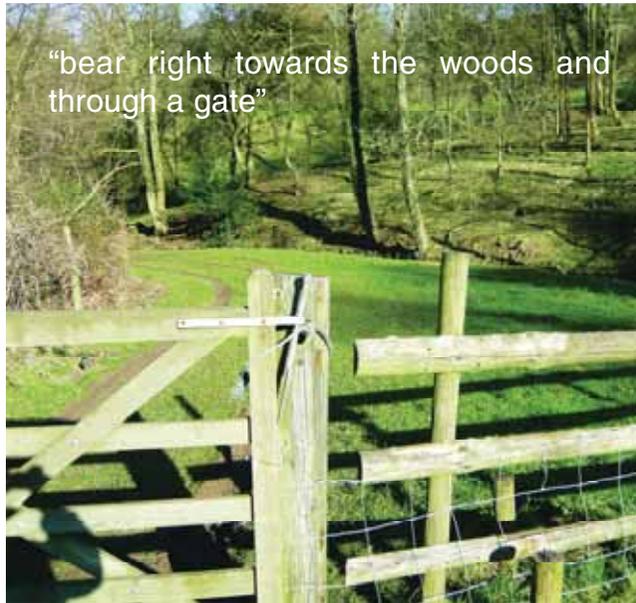


## Easy walking with one steep climb

Turn left out of the car park (1) and walk towards the Fox Inn bearing left at the war memorial down Back Street. Follow Back Street (passing St Johns Street on left) to the T-junction at the end. Cross straight over and go down the “stony alley” footpath which was once the village rubbish dump! (2)

Go through the metal kissing gate into the field and continue down diagonally through the Coombes and across two further fields. On your left you will see a footbridge over a small brook which you cross and bear right, keeping the brook on your right, towards the woods and through a gate. (3)



Continue through the woods along Small Coombe and through another gate with the

brook still on your right until the path opens up into a wide clearing (used for pheasant shooting by the Badminton Estate).

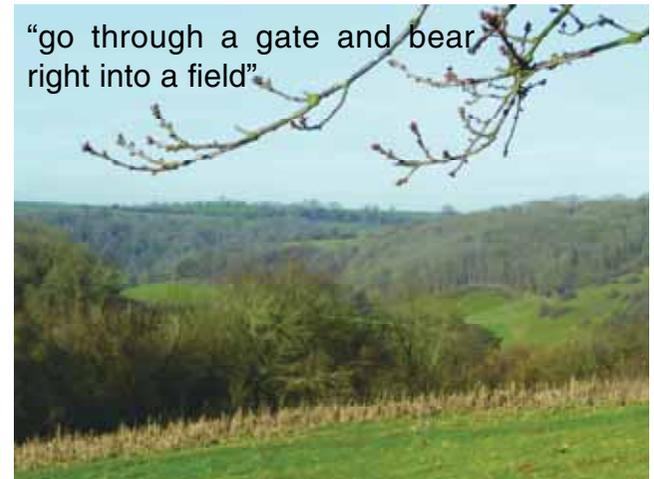


Continue along this coombe, taking the grassy walk down towards the right following the brook (often dry in summer) and ignoring the farmtracks on the right and left. Stay on this route all the way until you reach the Kilcott Road (4).

Go through gate and turn left along the Kilcott Road. Pass a water-pumping station on your left (this supplies all the water for Hawkesbury) and a road to the right. When you reach Kilcott with the mill and cottages, look out for the Cotswold Way sign on the left-hand side (5).

This takes you up a sunken track, the top part of which is quite steep. You will follow the Cotswold Way right back to Hawkesbury – so look out for the signs!

At the top of the hill (when you have had a rest!) go through a gate and bear right into a



field, keeping the hedge / trees on your left-hand side (6). You will have good views over to the right – and may be lucky enough to see buzzards circling over the opposite hills.



Follow the track into the woods. At the end turn left through the wooden kissing gate (7) and up the hill and through another kissing gate into the next field to meet a stone track running along the ridge (8).

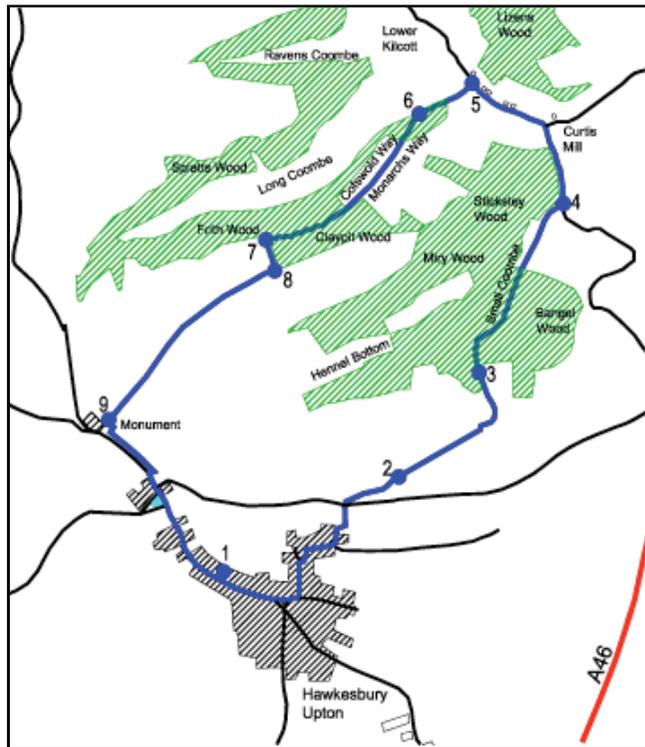
“The monument was erected in 1846 by public subscription”



Turn right and follow this track along to the Hawkesbury monument (9). As you walk, look over to the distant hill and you will see Newark Park (National Trust) the C16 hunting lodge of the Poyntz family of Iron Acton. There is also the village of Tresham at the top of the hill and further along a view of Wotton-under-Edge nestling below the Cotswold escarpment.

The monument was erected in 1846 by public subscription to commemorate Lord Somerset, a member of the Beaufort family, and the part he played in the Napoleonic wars. From the escarpment there are stunning views to Bristol, Wales and the River Severn.

Before the end of the track, by Monument Cottage, take the permissive footpath through a gate on the left, walking round the edge of the field and joining the road into the village through another gate. Follow the road back into the village where you started.



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## **WALKS AROUND HAWKESBURY**

**No: 02**

OS Explorer Map167  
Thornbury, Dursley & Yate

**Grid ref:** ST 777 870

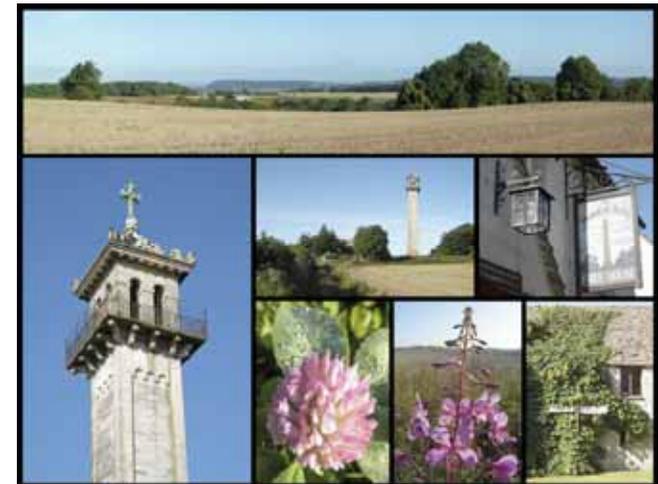
**Distance:** 4 miles (6 km)

**Time:** 1.5 - 2 hours

**Difficulty:** Moderate

(one steep climb)

**Start:** Hawkesbury Upton  
Village Hall car park



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**Circular Walk to Kilcott**

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