

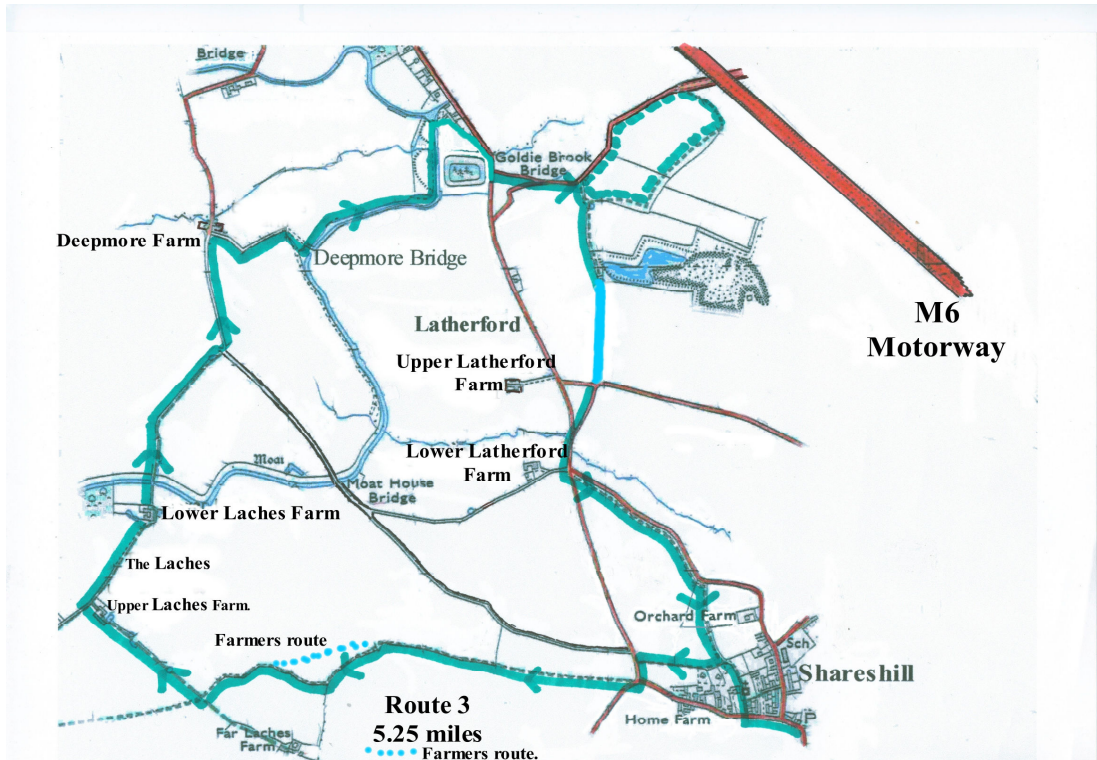
Shareshill Footpaths route 3

There are many footpaths in the vicinity of Shareshill. There are many footpaths in the vicinity of Shareshill. These routes all start and finish at the village Post Office, also known as the *Community Shop*.

Route 3 is 5½ miles, but this can be shortened or extended using alternative paths.

Please note that at present there are problems with some footpaths not maintained. If the footpath has been cleared by the farmer then use it.

If the path is not cleared then use the route described in these notes.



From the Post Office, walk along Church road in direction of Shareshill church. Turn right up the Church drive; continue on path to the left of the Church, and down the left hand side of the graveyard on paved path. At the far end of the graveyard, go through kissing gate and turn left. Take the single footpath across the field leading to Latherford lane. On reaching the lane, turn left and continue to lane junction and stile on right.

Note this is intended as a guide to the footpaths and not necessarily the shortest route. If you are familiar with the paths you will be aware that the most direct route to this stile is to remain on Church road and walk out of the village past Home Farm on left, and Manor Farmhouse on right. At the junction with Latherford Lane continue ahead over stile with signpost pointing in direction of footpath.

Aim for large tree ahead, (West 270°) and continue walking down the centre of the field to reach a stile in the fence.

Go over stile and continue in same direction with hedge on left. Follow hedge to reach a small wooden bridge over a stream. Cross stream and observe a large field ahead. The path goes right ahead and should be clearly marked. If it is then follow the path. Shortly after passing two large trees in the middle of the field, take right turn at “footpath crossroad” and proceed to the hedge on border of field. Continue instructions from “A” BELOW.

If it is not marked, follow these instructions. After crossing stream you will observe in the large field ahead, a telegraph pole on the right, and left of this there are 2 large trees on the horizon. Between the trees is an electric pylon situated on the far side border of the field. Walk straight ahead aiming for the pylon. Continue past the 2 trees in the middle of the field until you are in line with the row of wooden telegraph poles on left. At this point turn right and walk to the hedge bordering the field.

A You will observe a small pond behind the hedge. Go left of pool and follow the border hedge to a small gate. You will see ahead the out-buildings of Upper Laches Farm. Go through gate and continue up the next field with hedge on right, to double gate leading into farmyard. Go through gate and keep left of building ahead. Go through a second gate and continue to third gate. Go through this gate which leads past the left hand side of farmhouse. The dogs bark but do not bite!

On reaching the lane turn right and pass Laches Wood Outdoor Centre on left. Note wigwam. Directly ahead is Lower Laches Farm. Go right of farm building ahead, with "Owen Brothers" sign on wall and aim straight ahead for canal bridge. Keep left of large tree trunk with security lights attached. Go through double gate, over the bridge, and continue along narrow farm track. At the end of the track go straight ahead following line of trees and a pylon to reach double gate at far end of field.

(At this point it is possible to return to Shareshill by turning right and continuing on this lane for just over one mile.)

To continue on the main route, turn left down farm track to Deepmore Farm on left. Take signposted path on right and continue to Deepmore Bridge over the canal.

Take the path down to the canal on right of bridge, go under bridge, and continue on left hand side of the canal to Calf Heath Marina on opposite side. Go over the bridge and through gate (which is opened at 8.00a.m) to the restaurant/bar/ and picnic area. On a fine day this is a pleasant resting spot. Continue to the left of building and proceed past the car-park to the road. Turn right and shortly after going over Goldie Brook Bridge, turn left up narrow lane. Continue to cottage on right side of road. The route continues along lane but you may wish to shorten walk by turning right on way marked footpath up side of cottage. If you decide to take this short cut, go down narrow footpath to stile in fence and continue at "**B**" BELOW.

The main route continues along the lane to a footpath sign, stile, and badly damaged double gate on the right. This is situated immediately before a large motorway bridge over lane.

Go over stile and follow fence alongside Motorway for about 50 yards to wooden path sign pointing right. Turn right and head down the field on a reasonable path passing an unusual crop of Elephant grass on left. Where the path appears to turn left at the end of this unusual crop, go right past an obscure footpath sign and continue along hedge line to rear garden of cottage (passed earlier on the lane) to "T" junction of footpath.

Turn left and continue to stile in fence.

"B" Go over stile and walk alongside the hedge on right to another stile and wooded area. Go over stile and continue ahead with steep bank on left and narrow brook on right. This eventually leads out of wooded area into a large cultivated field. Continue in same direction keeping close to hedge on right and eventually reaching country lane by signpost.

Turn right down lane and in a short distance turn left at "T" junction. Continue along lane to crossroads with Lower Latherford Farm on right. Cross the lane turning left and immediately go through double gate. The footpath is signposted up field.

Keep close to the hedge on left which continues alongside the lane. (This lane leads directly to Shareshill by the school). Continue up the field and note the view of Shareshill church appearing over the tree line ahead. Go over stile into next field, turn right and walk diagonally up to reach a stile in top left hand corner of the field. Go over stile and continue up the next field with hedge on left. Go through kissing gate in top left hand corner into Church graveyard. Take the paved path up to the Church and continue along drive to Church Road. Turn left and proceed to Post Office.