

SECTION 2 – STAGE 4

DIGBY TO DORRINGTON

START : Village Cross, Digby.

DISTANCE : 1¼ miles : 2.0 kilometres.

REFRESHMENTS : Musicians Arms, Dorrington. (Off route by B1188)

NOTES. Only street parking is available in Digby. Walkers should exercise consideration for the villagers.

THE ROUTE

Cross the stone clapper bridge (a rare sight in Lincolnshire and the only one on this walk!) almost opposite the Red Lion public house and turn right between a stream and a house wall. From a stile keep forward to a second one and then pass a pond and arrive at a footbridge by another (smaller) pond.

You now have open fields ahead and the next two are arable! From the pond walk ahead but pass to the right of the first electricity pole, shortly after which the marked path swings slightly left. Follow it to reach a footbridge over a dyke and then continue uphill to a stile in the top hedge of the second field. This is located about sixty yards to the left of the wind pump seen on the horizon. Now back in meadows (note the mediaeval field strips and earthworks) keep directly ahead towards the distant houses of Dorrington. From another stile enter the final meadow and aim to the right hand end of the houses.

From a stile and footbridge pass the end house to finally cut diagonally across the grass area of The Playgarth to the road; on the opposite side is the "Dorrington Demons" sculpture.

DETOUR

To reach Dorrington church take a signposted footpath branching to the right just before the houses as you reach the village. This follows field edges at first before striking off diagonally directly up to the churchyard. If the latter part is not marked in crops it is easier to follow the bottom edge of the final field into the church car park from where a grass path leads up to the churchyard gate. You can then walk along the B1188 and turn right into the village at the Musician's Arms.

