



A walk around Great Shelford

A walking route around Great Shelford that takes in part of the DNA path, decorated with colourful stripes.



Difficulty: Mostly easy / flat
Includes some steep steps over a railway bridge



Duration: 1 hour 30 mins



Distance: 3 miles



Explore Great Shelford's vibrant village centre, historic architecture, the riverside Mill that inspired Tom's Midnight Garden, and the home of Shelford Rugby Club.

1 Local Shops

Explore the vibrant village centre, home to independent shops, cafés and traditional pubs — a perfect place to experience Great Shelford's lively community atmosphere.



2 Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground

This lively community hub hosts a Country Market every Wednesday morning and sits beside the award-winning Recreation Ground, with play areas, sports facilities and green space, a popular venue for local events, picnics and fresh-air family fun.



3 St Mary The Virgin Church

A Grade I listed medieval church with 12th-century origins, largely rebuilt in the early 15th century, featuring a striking hammer-beam roof, vaulted two-storey porch and a peaceful churchyard at the village's heart.



4 Kings Mill and Mill House

The riverside mill that inspired Tom's Midnight Garden, one of Great Shelford's most evocative historic landmarks and a reminder of the village's long connection with the River Cam.



5 Local Pubs

The Plough and the Square and Compasses are longstanding village pubs offering traditional hospitality, quality food and drink, and a welcoming community atmosphere.



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From Shelford Station, walk down Station Road, cross London Road and continue through the village.



At the T-junction, turn left along Church Street, passing St Mary the Virgin church.



Turn left into King's Mill Lane. The childhood home of Philippa Pearce (author of Tom's Midnight Garden) is at the end. Return along the lane.



Cross Church Street, and go straight ahead through the gate signed "Jenny's Path". Follow the riverside path under the railway bridge.

Turn right along the field edge, continuing past the cemetery and allotments.



Cross Cambridge Road, turn right, then left down the footpath beside Bridge Close. Follow it left past the Almshouses, then turn right through the orchard to the footbridge.



Cross the railway via the footbridge and follow the DNA path.



At Granhams Road, turn right, then left to stay on the DNA path to the Double Helix sculpture, which reflects the structure of DNA. Continue straight along Chaston Road.



At the end, turn right along Hinton Way to return to the station.

