

## The public byways, droves and paths of the parish of Shipton Bellinger

The village of Shipton Bellinger is surrounded by footpaths and ancient tracks which criss-cross the parish. All the evidence points to habitation here from the earliest of time, but until the arrival of the military, around 1904, the parish remained relatively inaccessible on the edge of Salisbury Plain.

The parish served as a crossroads for many of the early tracks and paths, firstly it offered shelter and water between the hill forts of the Iron Age, which dominate the high ground in this area. Then its name Sceap Tun (sheep farm) in Saxon times accounts for the tracks or droves used to drive sheep from this area to the fair at Weyhill. Later it was but a small stop on the coach roads from Amesbury to Andover, and from Marlborough to Salisbury.

Today it still stands on one of these, now the A338, whilst the other major route, the A303, now lies just to the south. This heritage of paths, droves and tracks has left the parish with a rich legacy of routes for everyone to enjoy, whether walking, cycling or riding.

The parish map is intended as a guide to all the various routes available, and to give some idea of just how much of the area is still accessible.

This map is a combined Millennium and Golden Jubilee project produced by the Parish Council for the benefit of all who live in Shipton Bellinger.

## FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work

Guard against all risk of fire

Keep dogs under close control

Keep to public paths across farmland

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls

Leave livestock, and machinery alone

Take your litter home

Help keep water clean

Protect wildlife, plants and trees

Take special care on country roads

Make no unnecessary noise

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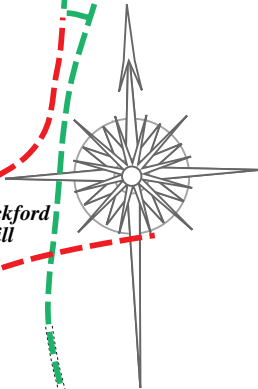
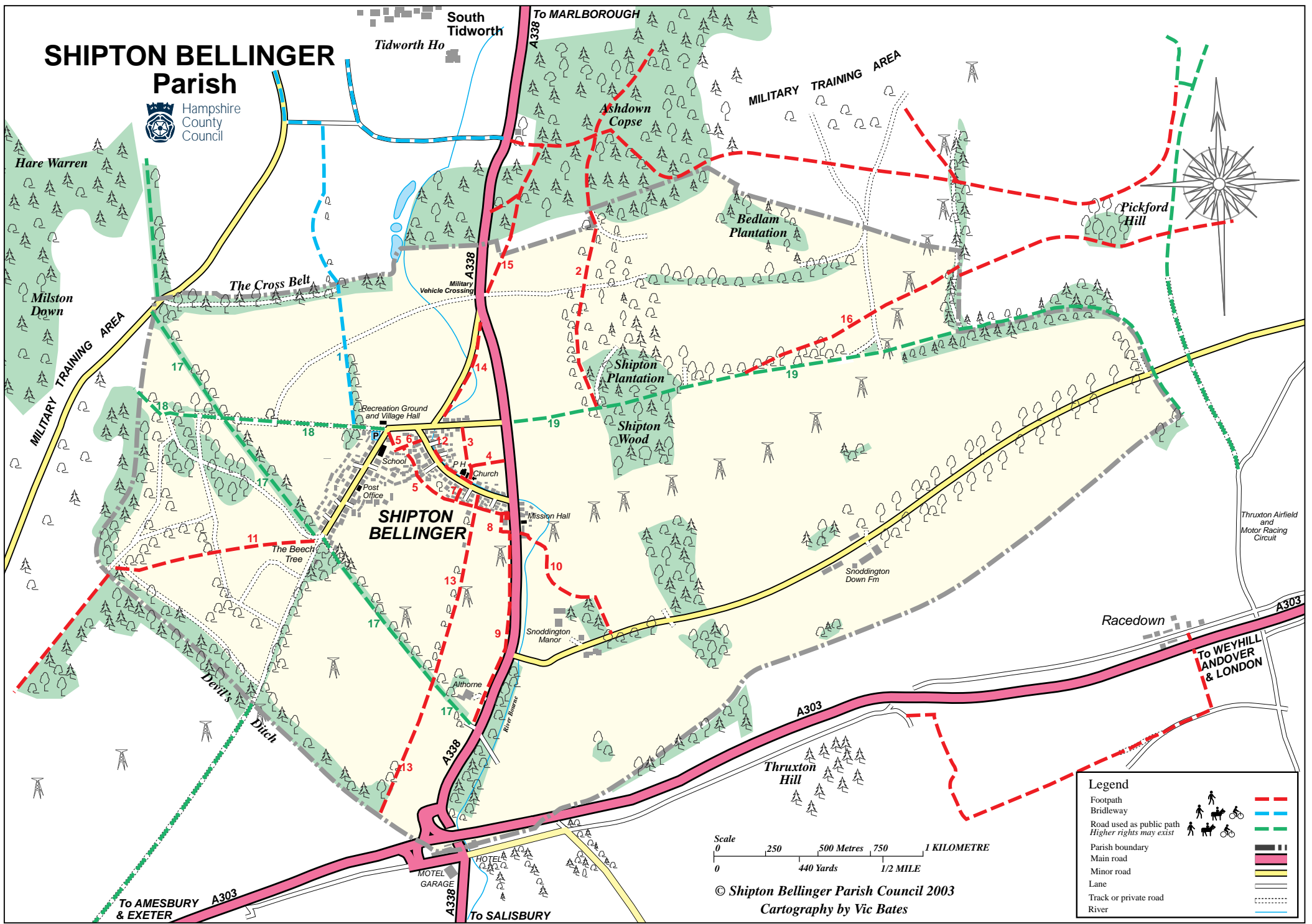
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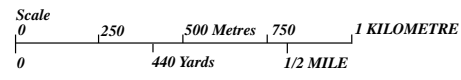
## SHIPTON BELLINGER



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Legend	
Footpath	
Bridleway	
Road used as public path <i>Higher rights may exist</i>	
Parish boundary	
Main road	
Minor road	
Lane	
Track or private road	
River	



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Hare Warren  
Milston Down

South Tidworth  
Tidworth Ho

To MARLBOROUGH  
A338

MILITARY TRAINING AREA

Pickford Hill

The Cross Belt

Military Vehicle Crossing

Ashdown Copse

Bedlam Plantation

Shipton Plantation

Shipton Wood

Recreation Ground and Village Hall

School

P.H.

Church

SHIPTON BELLINGER

Mission Hall

The Beech Tree

Snoddington Manor

Snoddington Down Fm

Racedown

A303  
To WEYHILL ANDOVER & LONDON

Thruxton Airfield and Motor Racing Circuit

Thruxton Hill

To AMESBURY & EXETER  
A303

To SALISBURY  
A338

MOTEL GARAGE

HOTEL

Garage

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