

## 1. France Lynch and Middle Hill Allotments Walk

### Where

France Lynch Pleasure Ground – France Lynch Allotments – Tylers Way - Middle Hill Allotments – Accommodation lane Highfield Way – France Lynch Pleasure Ground

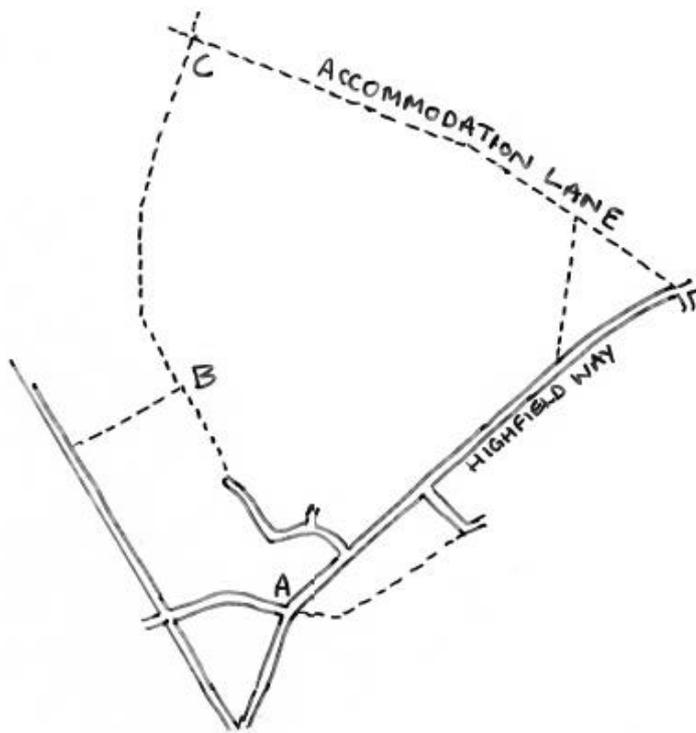
### Length

Approximately 1½ mile or shorter

### About the walk

This is an easy flat walk with no stiles of about 1½ mile length. It passes through and by allotments and gives good views of the countryside.

### The route



The walk starts at the France Lynch Pleasure Ground – **A** on the map

**A** At the top of the Pleasure Ground there is some exercise equipment. Near this there is a gap in the wall through which you enter the allotments. The noticeboard asks that you keep your dog on the lead so that it does not stray onto the cultivated areas.

You walk straight ahead between the allotments. Unless it is the depth of winter, you are likely to meet some of the allotmenters and be able to admire their crops from the paths.

At the other end of the allotments, you reach Upper Lynch Road. Turn left to reach Highfield Way, where you turn left again.

On the right, you reach the junction with Tylers Way. Turn into this road. At the Y junction, keep left.

On reaching the turning point at the end of this cul-de-sac, look ahead and right to see a tarmac path. Go along this and you will soon arrive alongside at the Middle Hill Allotments.

**B.** You can enter the allotments through a gate on the left. If you keep to the grass paths, you can explore the site, much larger than the France Lynch allotment field, and see what is being cultivated here.

*\* If you wish to cut the walk short, walk to the left through the allotments to reach Middle Hill. Here turn left. Turn into the second road on the left, Burcombe Road at the end of which you will be back at the Pleasure Ground.*

Return to the path along the edge of the field to continue your walk.

At the end of the field, go through the green kissing gate and turn left on the path beyond. You are now in the agricultural edge of the village.

Follow the path through 3 more kissing gates. The third one takes you onto a tarmac track, known as Accommodation Lane **(C)**. Turn right and walk past 'Mole End', a name which must have a story behind it.

Later, a track will cross Accommodation Lane. Turn right here along a stony footpath.

On reaching the T junction with Highfield Way, turn right to regain the Pleasure Ground.

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