THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

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One of the best ways to enjoy and appreciate our wonderful area is on foot, so the Hundred Parishes Society's website has always included a selection of walks. They have generally been focused on footpaths but last winter's exceptional rain made many paths difficult. This prompted us to develop a new series of walking routes that do not use any footpaths. We hope our "Quiet Lane Walks" will appeal to anyone who does not like cleaning boots and also perhaps to families, people with mobility problems or less-energetic cyclists.

Our website now has almost 40 Quiet Lane Walks in addition to over 100 established routes. You can find a route that suits you by either scanning the lists of walks or by going to a specific parish introduction to see which route numbers go there – the Quiet Lane walks start with the number 3. We have put together quiet lane routes that visit 41 of our hundred parishes but we would welcome suggestions for more - just email a simple route outline to hundredparishes@btinternet.com and we will put together a full route description.

The new routes range in distance from 1 mile to 12 miles and pass through typical Hundred Parishes territory: lovely villages and attractive countryside, often with an inviting café or pub.

Route descriptions can be freely downloaded from our website and then printed. The descriptions should ensure that nobody gets lost and they include snippets of information about places along the way.

If you do not have access to the internet but would like some walk suggestions, please write to The Hundred Parishes Society, 2 Greenfields, Stansted Mountfitchet CM24 8AH. We will send you a list of available routes and then print some for you. There is no charge.

Ken McDonald, Secretary