

THE WHITE HART WALK

Distance: 1.25 miles

Starting Point: From The White Hart pub in Bath Road (868659 on the OS map 156)

- 1 Walk towards Melksham and very shortly take the first signed footpath over a stone stile to the side of the pub's skittle alley. Follow the path northwards between two stone walls. [*On your right is the 17th c Gordano Farmhouse.*]
Cross the stile into *Mead Park* field and continue straight ahead in a northerly direction.
- 2 At the other side of Mead Park field pass through the metal gate and continue straight across *Smith's Mead*; a narrow field to a wooden stile in the hedge opposite. Cross this stile and turn sharp right into *Monk's* field and follow the hedge to the corner. Proceed across the bridge and over the stile.
- 3 You have now entered *East Vechleys*. Walk left up the slope keeping the hedge on your left for approximately 50 metres until you reach a metal gate on your left. Cross into *Cradle Ground*.
- 4 Continue straight ahead keeping the hedge on your right until you reach the corner of this long field.
Do not cross the stile located in the right hand corner, but instead turn left uphill passing through the gateway into the next field *Newlands*.
- 5 Continue with the hedge on your right into *Great Close* until you reach the field gate in front of Neston Lane.
Do not go through this gate, but turn sharp left and follow the direction indicated by the footpath sign in the hedge on the lane - diagonally across the field in a southeasterly direction.
- 5 When you reach the hedge boundary of *Great Close* you should find a wooden stile towards the bottom left hand side of this field. Cross into *Monks* field again and continue to walk right along the hedge boundary.
- 6 At the first corner cross the stile into *Smith's Mead*. Proceed straight across to another wooden stile that leads into Godwin's Close.
Walk up between the houses and turn left following the footpath round to the end of the Close. Cross to the right hand footpath and follow the tarmac footpath between the bungalows.
When you reach the Bath Road (A 365), turn left to reach the White Hart. (*The White Hart is a fine example of an 18th century coaching inn with a mansard roof*).
The only remaining pub in Atworth!