

Walks in Redditch

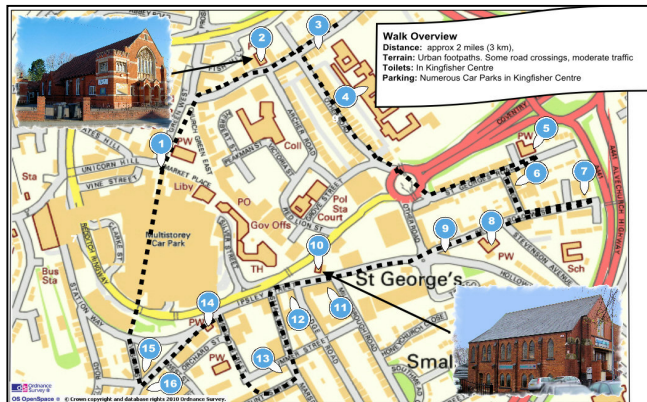
Town Centre East Walk (T3) Churches and Pubs

Distance: approx 2 miles (3 km)

Terrain: Urban footpaths. Some road crossings, moderate traffic

Toilets: In Kingfisher Centre

Parking: Car Parks in Kingfisher Centre



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The walk begins at the original town centre at the crossroads (now the pedestrian crossing) by the Ecumenical Centre. Walk straight ahead down Church Green West, and, opposite the **Smallwood Hospital** turn right into Easemore Road. Continue down passing the attractive **Baptist Church** (1922) on the left and walk a short distance past the right turn to Other Road and look at the houses on the right. You will see inscriptions 'Coronation 1902 Edward VII and Alexandra' which dates the properties. Return to Other Road and walk down it.



Other Road is named after one son of the Earl of Plymouth and should be pronounced as the 'O' in 'owner' and should not be pronounced as 'other'. The houses in this area are typical of the centre of the town before the 'New Town'. The school behind the road is one of the oldest in the town and was the local Grammar School, the **Redditch County High School** (1927). At the end of the road go under the underpass and turn left into St Georges Road. A few hundred yards along St Georges Road on the left is **St George's Church**. This pretty little Anglican church was built in the late 19th Century for the congregation in the east of the town. Return and walk down Grange Road. **Grange Works**, on the left, was a needle and fishhook mill. It is now apartments.



Turn left into Beoley Road and after a short walk is a public house, '**The Cricketers**', which was rebuilt in the 1930's. Return up Beoley Road and on the left is the Catholic Church '**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**' which was built in 1834. Continuing up Beoley Road, on the left is the '**Kings Arms**'. Originally built in 1855, it was rebuilt in 1900 and is still operating as a local 'pub'.



Walking along Ipsley Street, you arrive in an area originally known as 'Pool Place'. On the right you see a building, now a showroom, which was built in 1890 and was a **Methodist Chapel**. To the left is the original offices of **Herbert Terry** (now factory units) which retain the shell of the former Baptist Chapel of 1897-8 that was replaced by the new chapel in Easemore Road seen earlier in the walk. On the opposite side of Lodge Road is the **Warwick Arms**. Dating from 1841 it was rebuilt in about 1900.



Turn left down Smallwood Street; cross Summer Street into Marsden Road. At the junction with Mount Street you will find the **Smallwood Alms Houses**. These were built in 1896 and financed by the Smallwood brothers, needle manufacturers and important local benefactors, who also founded the **Smallwood Hospital**. Continue up Mount Street and take the right turn between the houses which goes into Oswald Street. Returning to Ipsley Road, turn left passing the **Salvation Army Citadel**, which is more than 100 years old.



Continue to the top of the road and, at the junction, when facing down towards the town, there is on the right the **Black Horse**. This traditional public house is one of the oldest surviving buildings on Mount Pleasant and within the locality. It is late 18th century with possibly an earlier core. Turn into Evesham Street and descend to the Kingfisher Centre, returning to the start of the walk.

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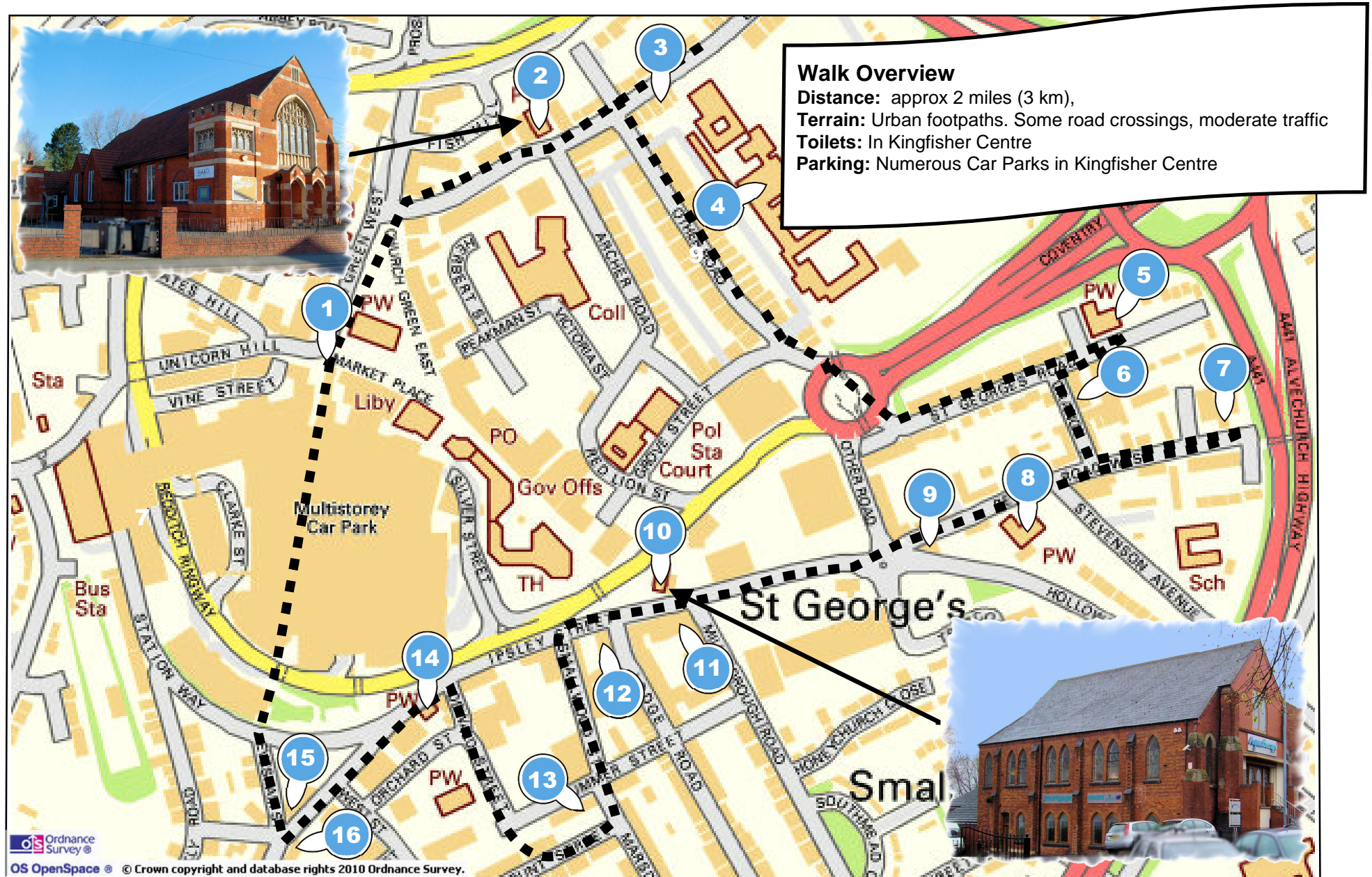
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