

# Bottesford Environmental Conservation Volunteers

**WALK THREE** - A shorter stroll in the village, or extension to Walk 2 for the energetic, is less than a mile and again starts from the Red Lion in the centre of the village

## The Red Lion

Walk along Church Street and then turn left. Take care crossing the road, with the historic Fleming's Hospital on the opposite left-hand corner and tall gable of Glebe Farm on the right, then walk straight ahead along Chapel Street past old cottages and the former Wesleyan Chapel.



The street to the left leads to stores and the village fish and chip shop! However, you should resist this temptation (for now) and continue past the old chapel then turn right into the lane to the old ford through the River Devon, which you cross using the 18<sup>th</sup> century footbridge to reach the leafy corner of The Green, with its fine old farm house and Methodist Church.



The road, Devon Lane, bears right and follows the river bank to the ford by Providence Cottage and opposite St Mary's church. Cross the road and through the gate into the churchyard.

The church is well worth exploring, and the old Charnwood Slate gravestones with their swirling script and hovering angels take you back into the village's farming past.

The path opposite the south porch leads you across Fleming's Bridge, with views of the Old Rectory, to regain Church Street. Turn left into the 'snicket' past Six Bells House to return to the Red Lion.

## *I Spy!*

Several buildings in Bottesford carry date stones – can you spot these?

1702  
1620  
1845  
1703  
1975  
1991

1621  
1820  
1723  
1663  
1761

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## Answers

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|------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| 1702 | Old Rectory                | 1621 | old house, the Green             |
| 1620 | Fleming's Hospital         | 1820 | Methodist Chapel, the Green      |
| 1845 | Wesleyan Chapel, Chapel St | 1723 | Providence Cottage               |
| 1703 | old cottage Chapel St      | 1663 | in wall by kissing gate by geese |
| 1975 | Roberts' garage            | 1761 | old house on Church St           |
| 1991 | Roberts' garage            |      |                                  |