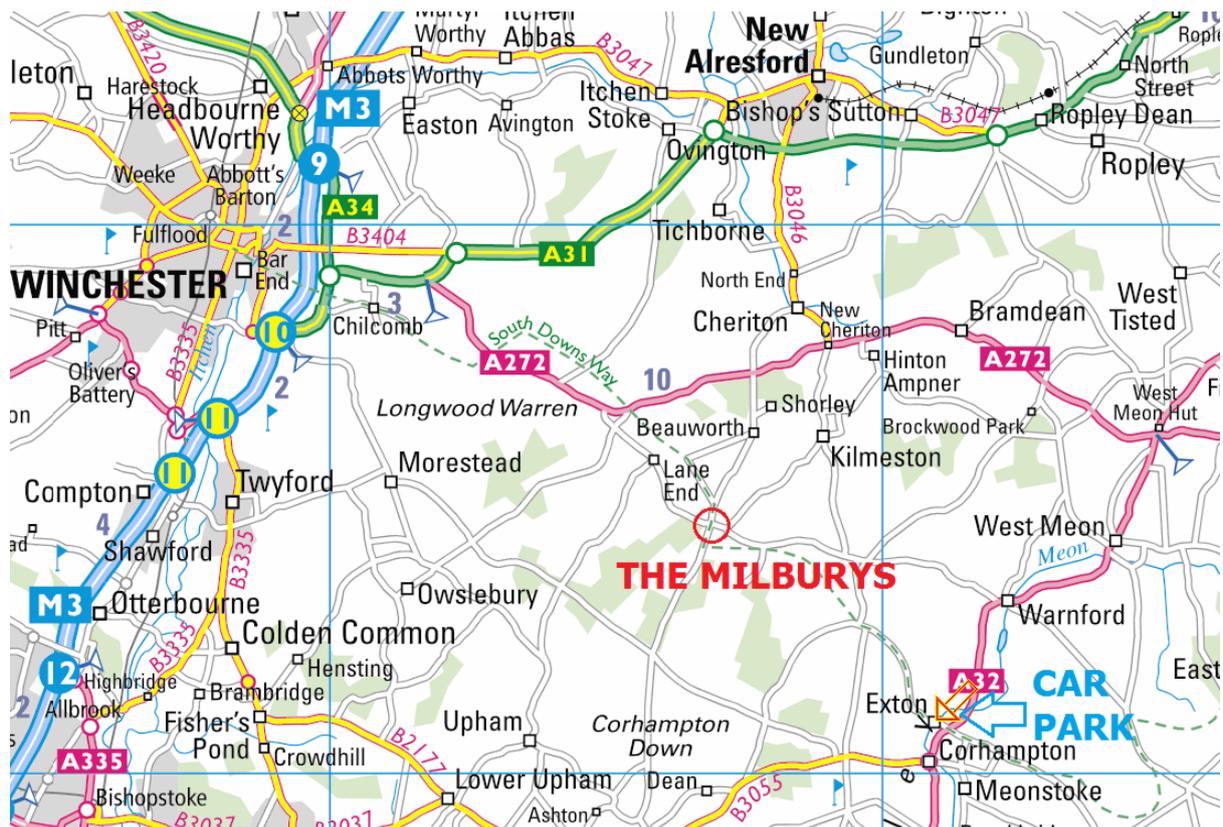


## Walk One Transport: Winchester to Exton:

We drove to Winchester from Brighton on Day 1, arriving at the excellent café at the Guild Hall by 0900. Parking outside in front of the statue of King Alfred is free for half an hour (but take a ticket from the machine).

While most walkers refreshed themselves with pastries and coffee after the long drive, the cars were driven to the car park at the end of the walk at Exton (bottom right hand corner of map below).

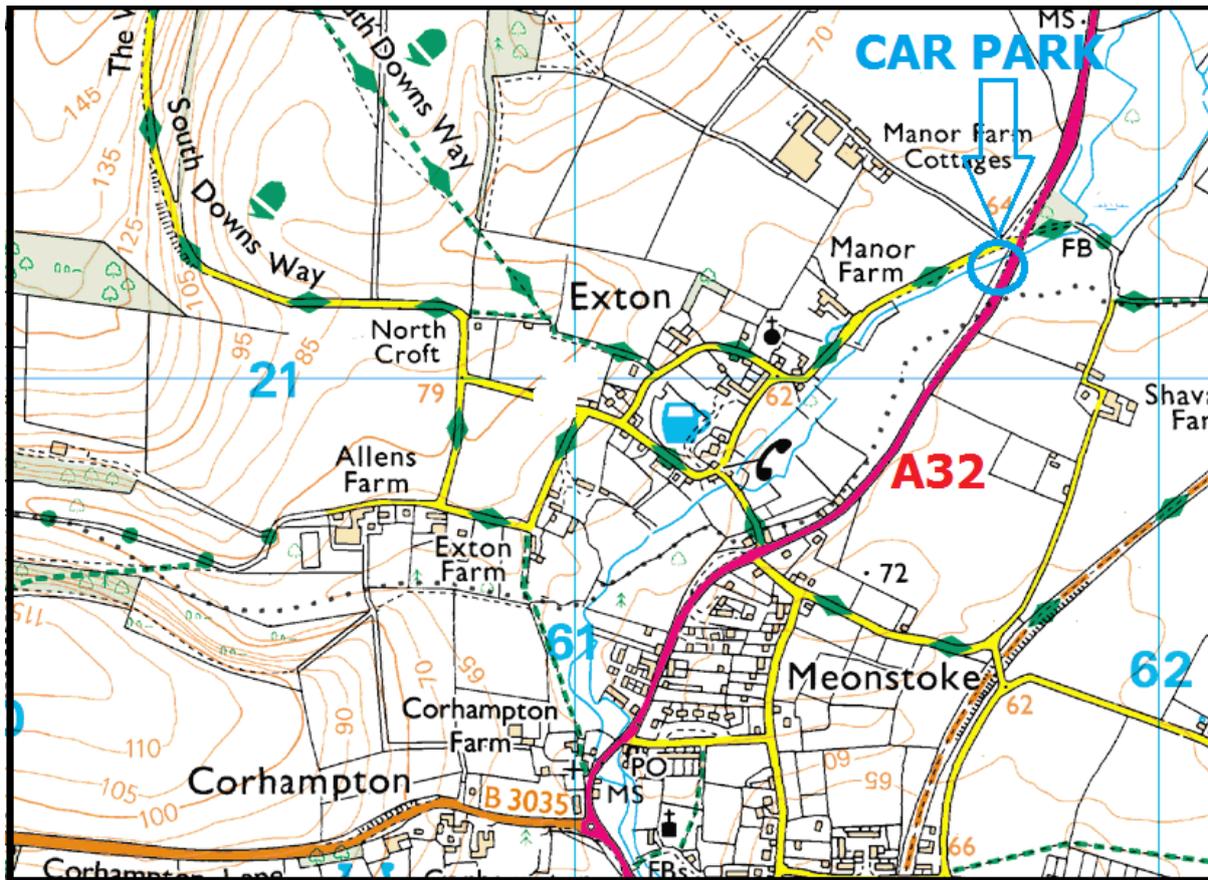


We were fortunate to have the services of a Norma, who, while not feeling able to do the whole walk, generously agreed to deliver her passengers to the Guild Hall by 0900 and then drive to Exton to ferry the other two drivers back to the start. By this means we were ready to walk at 1000 with cars waiting at the finish. Norma later joined us at just over the halfway point (The Milbury's Pub, Beauworth) and walked to Exton. It was easy to recover her car from The Milburys at the end of the walk.

There are long-stay, park and ride car parks at Winchester near the start of the South Downs Way (Bar End and St Catherines – charges £3.00 all day parking) which we had initially expected to use. There is a pub at Exton where we hoped to find refreshment and shelter while recovering cars from Winchester. However, enquiries revealed that it would be closed by the time we expected to arrive there. Similarly, the Milburys

was closed after lunch by the time we arrived there but Norma carried flasks of hot water for tea and coffee in her car for us so we could have a reviving midway beverage. We are all very grateful to Norma for her sterling support of our walk.

The Exton Car Park is at the junction of Church Lane, Exton and the A35 – postcode **SO32 3NU**. The car park at The Milburys is at SO24 0PB.



At the end of the walk we could all have driven home without having to spend an additional hour returning to Winchester to recover cars. In fact we were all staying at a nearby hostel overnight and we drove there, returning to the Exton car park the following day to begin the next day's walk (See Walk 2).

For Walk 2 (ending at the café at the Queen Elizabeth Country Park in time for tea) the procedure was reversed with cars being left at Exton and just one being positioned at QECP to take drivers to recover their vehicles while the rest partook of a leisurely tea.