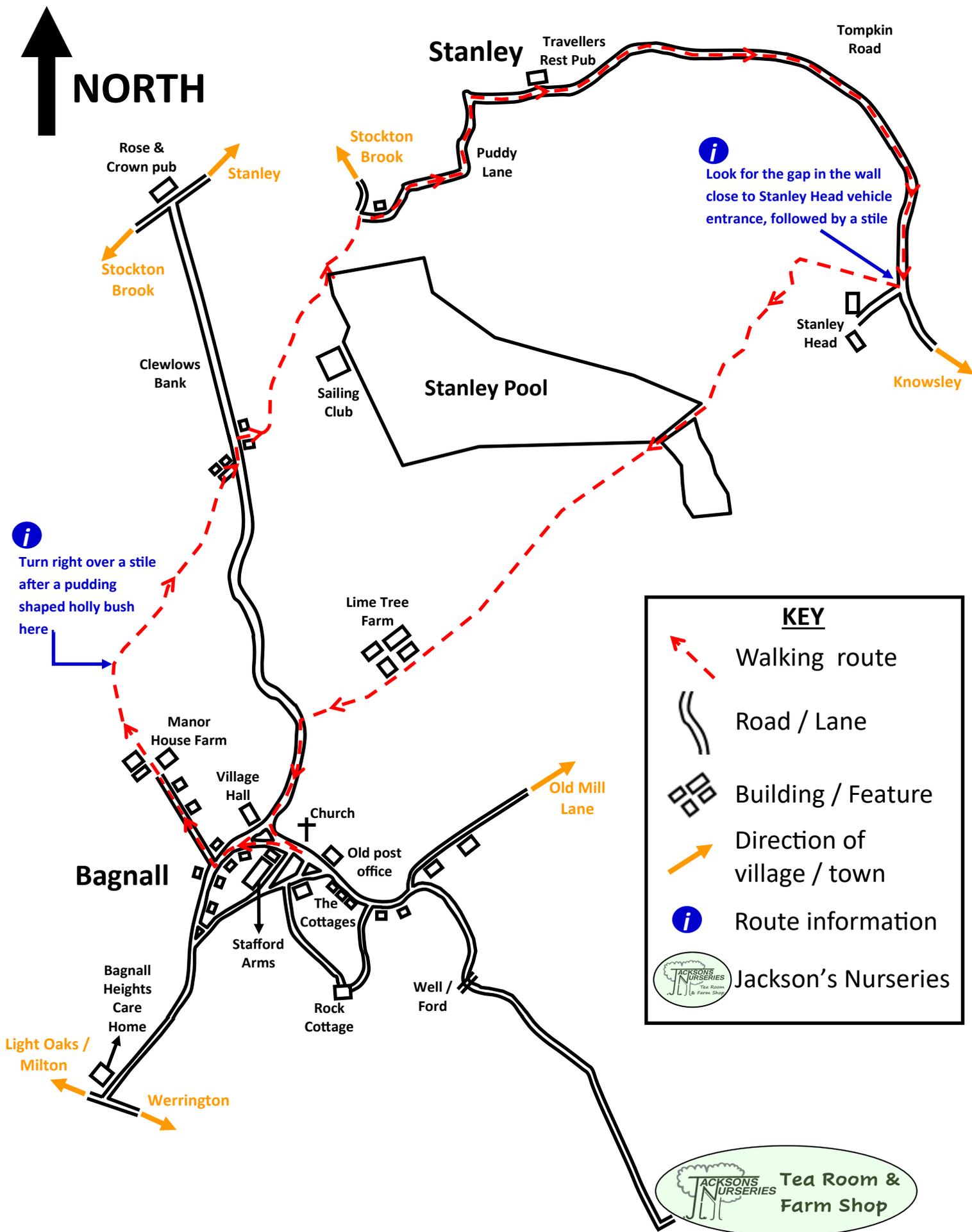


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- **Summary:** 3 mile circular walk from Bagnall Village Green, exiting the village through Manor House Farm, crossing Clewlow's bank to drop down to the north-west edge of Stanley Pool. Then rising up Puddy Lane, through the pretty village of Stanley, passing The Travellers Rest and along Tompkin Road before re-joining footpath at Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre. From here the route takes in the east side of Stanley Pool before rising up through farmland to meet Clewlow's Bank, then returning to Bagnall Village Green.

Route Guidance

1 The starting point for this walk is the Village Green with Buttercross in the centre. Buttercross originally comes from the word "Bartercross", referring to the place where livestock used to be sold. This particular cross was erected by the monks of the nearby Hulton Abbey. The cross which stands in the church yard over the road is probably the original, since trading often took place in church grounds.



2 From the Village Green, head in the direction of the church. After the golden post box outside the church, pass the Stafford Arms and St Chads Cottage on your left and continue to keep left along School Road. St Chad's Cottage is a beautiful old house with a hooded doorway, a solid oak door with a huge lion's head knocker and mullioned windows. The Welsh Coat of Arms depicting birds with a cross in the centre, translated means "What Owen has he holds". The Rubbery Owen family, engineers of Birmingham, have strong connections with the house and the church over the road.

3 The Stafford Arms pub was formerly known as the "Kings Arms". Its car park was originally a bowling green. Ann Keats a relative of the famous poet of that name, moved across the road from Bagnall Hall to keep the pub, as did many other former residents of the Hall. The Keats family owned the land from Bagnall to Light Oaks and were connected with the tanning industry. The leather plaques in the Stafford Arms were placed there by the members of the family. There are also believed to be connections between them and the K's shoe factory of Kendal, based on letters from members of the family relating to John Alfonso Keats in Hanley Reference library.



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4 Now, continue down past St Chad's Cottage on your left, then bear left at the first junction to pass lovely old cottages on your right. As you reach the next junction, the large building over the road is the site of the old school, now the Moorlands Village Hall. The school was almost burnt down a few years ago due to a fault with the boiler. The headmaster's house is the only original part remaining.



5 Now, continue along and take the first turning on your right, marked Public Footpath.



6 Continue along to pass Manor Farm. You will pass through the farm before coming to a metal gate.



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- 7** Now, bear right when the footpath splits, continuing ahead across the field. You will have good views of Brown Edge and Lask Edge through the trees to your left.



- 8** As you continue walking through the field, look out for a large pudding shaped holly bush on your right and take the stile immediately after it.



- 9** After passing through some shrubs, over to your left the Endon area can be seen. Next, head for the white cottages to exit the field by a metal gate to walk up beside Blakewell Cottage to reach the main road mid-way down Clewlovs bank.



- 10** When you reach the main road, turn left, then right within about 25 metres, following the way mark sign up a concrete drive.



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Route Guidance

- 11** Bear left with the lane at the top, catching a glimpse of Stanley Pool as you pass by. Continue on, passing through a squeezer stile to join a narrow path, adjacent to a dilapidated stone wall. You will enter a short stretch of woodland before dropping down to the west side of Stanley Pool.



- 12** Turn left to follow the waymarked route to hit a track by a cottage. Continue down the steep lane to the reservoir at Puddy Lane before turning right over a stone bridge.



- 13** Walk up Puddy Lane, passing Addlestone Villa on your left



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Route Guidance

- 14** Follow the road left, passing the Paddock, then, when you reach Chestnut Tree House at the top of Puddy Lane, turn right at the main road.



- 15** Now walk up passing the very inviting Travellers Rest pub. The “Travs” is a traditional country pub with cosy and comfortable interiors; you’ll find the atmosphere warm and friendly with an ever-present gentle hum of activity. Well frequented by the local village community and regulars from across Staffordshire and Cheshire.

- 16** About 20 metres after passing the Travellers Rest on your left, you’ll reach “sandstones” house on your right. There are **2 options** here depending on how wet the weather has been recently.

Option 1: It is possible to re-join the footpath at this point on the right about 20 metres after Sandstones house. Follow a narrow path with stone walls either side for around 40 metres. After passing through a wooden gate, the path will turn immediately left - continue for another 40 metres to a stile. After passing over the stile the path opens out into field - keep to the right. Pass through a further stile in the corner of the field next to a metal gate. Keep to the left of this field, passing through a squeezer stone stile at the end. This part of the route is prone to lying very wet if there has been recent heavy rain or snowfall.



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- 16** **Option 2:** An alternative route, shown on the map on pg. 1, is to continue following the road for another 600 metres and re-join the footpath at Stanley Head Outdoor Education centre. If taking this option, pass between the gap in the stone wall at Stanley Head entrance, pass over a wooden stile and continue down the field to the left in the direction of a wooded area. The paths join up whichever route option is taken.



- 17** Cross the stile and foot bridge, then follow the path down through the wood. The path winds around a little through the wood. Continue on until you reach the western side of Stanley Pool.



