**Portesham by the Old Railway**

- From Ilchester Arms go up Back Street past the toilets and many pretty cottages to Rosemary Street on the right. Walk down Rosemary Street to the main road and turn left towards the Swan Inn.

- Continue heading east out of the village on the pavement on the left and take the gravel track on the left just past Glebe Close.

- Go up this track for 100m and reach the old railway track bed and old goods building. The old station is no longer there, but you can see the remains of the old platform further on to your right.

- Passing the old goods building on your left, continue along the old railway track bed until reaching a farm on the right. Continue along the farm road to reach the main road into Portesham.

- Turn left and reach Portesham Village Hall bus stop or carry on up the road and around the right hand corner to reach the Kings Arms bus stop.

The rich diversity of bedrock here has given Abbotsbury and Portesham their distinctive character, as people put locally quarried stone to use. The clay valley that connects the villages proved perfect for a railway (now disused), built first to carry stone for industry, then later run for the benefit of the people that lived here.

**Walk Facts**

- **Start point**: Ilchester Arms bus stop or Swan Inn bus stop, Abbotsbury
- **Distance**: 1.8 miles / 2.8km
- **Walking Time**: 40 mins not including stops
- **Difficulty**: Easy

This walk can be made into a circular walk by taking one of the Portesham to Abbotsbury walks.