



Public House Walks

The Half Moon SHAFTESBURY



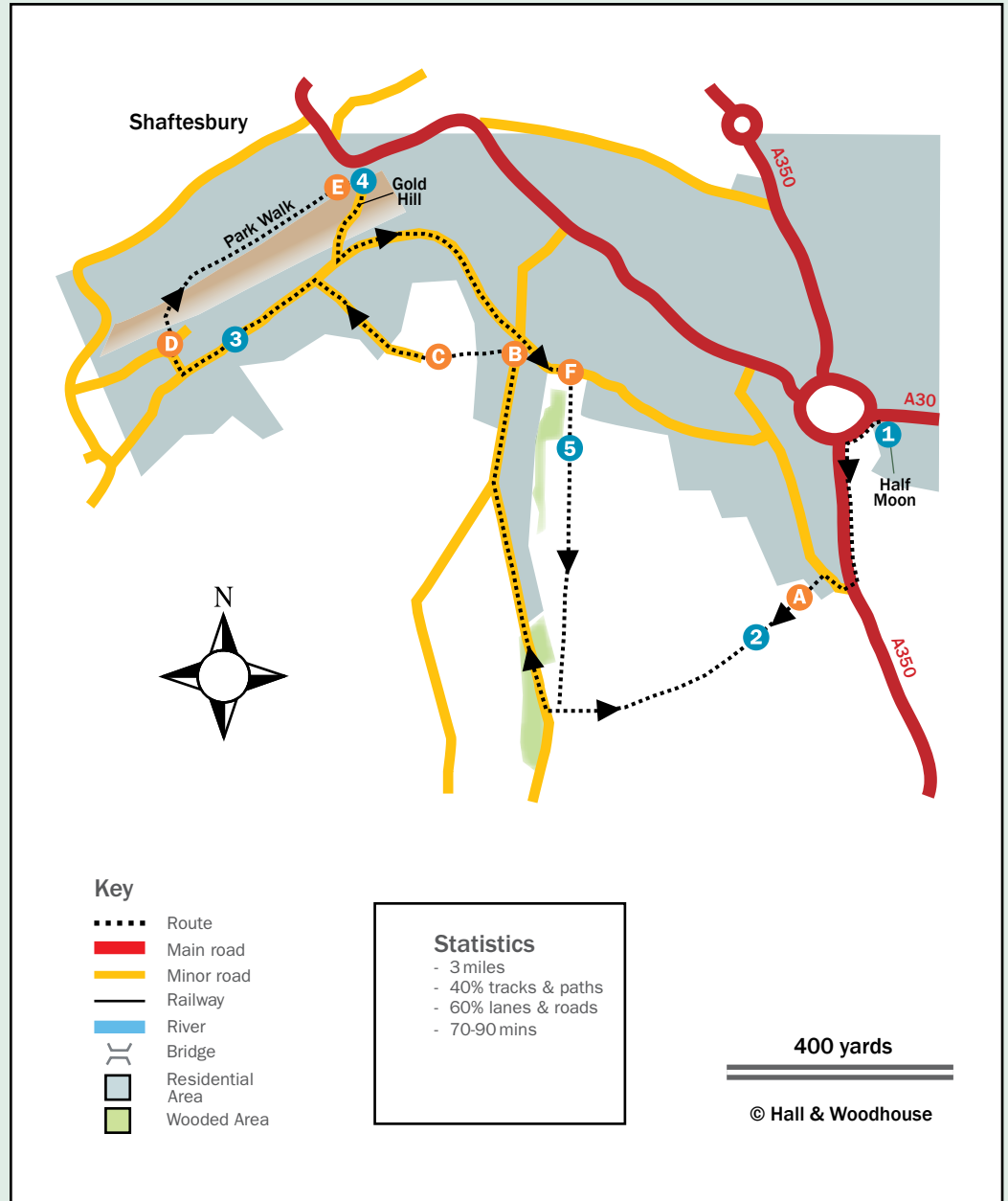
"An undulating and rewarding walk into and around the ancient hill town of Shaftesbury. Magnificent views, old cottages Park Walk and the world famous Gold Hill are all included."

3 miles

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1 From the pub car park exit, turn left and follow verge round beside the A350 to Blandford for 180 yards. Cross road, bear right into Lower Blandford Road then turn left after 30 yards (before Brinscombe Road sign).

Continue for 80 yards past houses to right and ahead on to track left of corrugated barn (see assist). Follow downhill past metal gate and through wood kissing gate. Continue ahead keeping to right edge of field with glorious views to Melbury Hill on the left.

A 400 yards ahead, cross stile to right of metal gate in field corner and turn right into lane. Follow downhill with views of Shaftesbury ahead. After 400 yards, bear right at junction and continue gently uphill on lane. 20 yards before the crossroads, turn left immediately past post box (see assist).

B Head downhill on path past beech trees and, 130 yards on, bear right on track (see assist).

Head uphill and track becomes a lane. Continue for 200 yards to junction and turn left. Cross road and walk along pavement passing pub to left and park to right. 200 yards on right is the historic Pump Yard. Continue ahead for 80 yards and turn right into Tanyard Lane. Follow for 60 yards and turn right into Laundry Lane.

3 After 10 yards, turn left on to Stoney Path just before white picket fence (see assist). Follow cobbled path sharply uphill for 150 yards up to Park Walk and continue ahead with fence and glorious southerly views to right.

D Pass war memorial and abbey to left then bear right down passage between houses (see assist). 40 yards ahead, turn right on to world famous Gold Hill. Pause and enjoy then walk down path to right alongside buttressed abbey wall.

At the bottom, turn left on to Layton Lane and follow lane gently downhill. 200 yards on, it levels

out then heads uphill. Continue ahead over crossroads and gradient steepens. 150 yards on, turn right just past school sign (see assist), pass through kissing gate and continue ahead along the 'Wilderness' wide grass track with great views right to Shaftesbury.

5 Walk ahead (with beech tress and hollow to right) for 600 yards, cross stile, pass through kissing gate and turn left. Head along left edge of field and retrace steps back to the pub for some well deserved refreshment.

