

Luston is a linear village with many attractive and historical buildings. Eye Church is well worth a visit and can be found about one mile along Eye Lane. About two miles along the same lane is the National Trust property of Berrington Hall.



EYTON'S CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> Century, is noted for its superb rood screen of circa 1500. The churchyard is the burial place of celebrated 19<sup>th</sup> century Leominster historian, the Reverend Jonathan Williams. Those of a nervous disposition should be aware that the churchyard is reputedly haunted by a phantom gravedigger!

This walk takes us out of Luston village into the beautiful surrounding countryside. It is mainly through fields, but with several stretches along quiet, minor lanes edged with wild flowers. It also takes us to the charming church of All Saints at Eyton (left). Along the way there are lovely local views to Oaker wood and Bircher Common, and in the distance, to Hay Bluff to the south/west, and High Vinnals in Mortimer Forest and the Clee Hills to the north.

This walk can be made shorter by following the lane from Eyton back to Luston village: On leaving Eyton church (3) continue to junction and turn left. Follow lane for about a mile and at junction with main road, turn left again and follow road back to pub on right.

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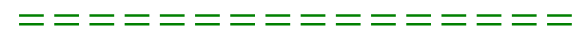
The Countryside Code

Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs  
Leave gates and property as you find them  
Protect plants and animals; take litter home  
Keep dogs under close control  
Consider other people

at all times

# Walks around Luston Group Parishes

Eyton, Luston,  
Moreton Eye & Ashton



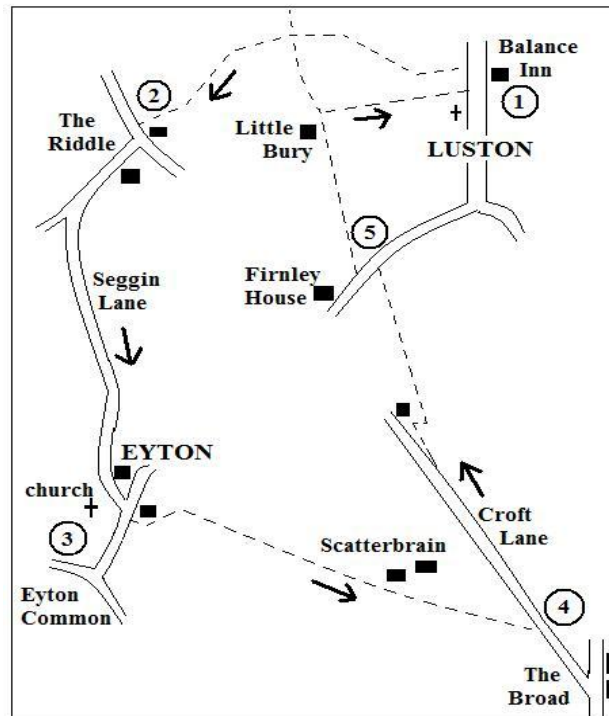
3: A circular walk via  
Eyton Church from  
The Balance Inn,

OS Map: Explorer 203  
Approx 5 miles (8 km),  
Mainly flat with gentle hills  
Bus: 492, Stop: The Balance Inn



LUSTON  
Group  
Parish  
Planning

The Route: Start from the Balance Inn. (1) Cross road opposite bus stop to right of pub. Go through gate and follow footpath down green lane between hedges, with field on left and past houses and school on right. At end of green lane continue in same direction round edge of large field, with hedge on right. Halfway round field and looking to the right, is a view of timber framed Croase Farm House, one of the oldest buildings in the parish. Mature trees in the field suggest the remains of old field boundaries. At the end of the field go through the gate and a few yards on, cross a footbridge to the right. Bear half left and walk to stile on corner. Cross stile, follow green lane until you reach Croft Lane at the Riddle Common. (2) Turn left for a few paces then right into Seggin Lane, signed as a Byway. Follow the lane to the top of hill then pause for view of Oaker Wood and beyond to Bircher Common. Bear left along lane until you come to Eyton Church. (3) Pause to enjoy this pretty church and its churchyard with lovely views. Continue to junction. It is worth taking a short diversion by turning right and following lane a few yards to see Eyton Court, a noted timber framed house, and beyond it, Eyton Common. Return to the junction. From church direction, cross road, turn right a few paces, turn left up bank and onto footpath through gate. Follow path and cross stile in wall. Bear left across field to footbridge. Cross



bridge and continue over field to corner by wood. Go through gate and follow field boundary with wood on left. Continue along field edge, with view of Eyton hall up slope on left. Cut off field corner to stile and cross. Continue with wood on left, over second stile and to end of wood, past barn on left. Walk straight ahead past old willow tree to stile in fence. Cross stiles on both sides of drive. Continue across meadow, past another old willow and over next stile. To the left is Scatterbrain Farm, its name recalls carnage in this vicinity during the Wars of the Roses. Cross next field to right of telegraph pole. Continue with field boundary on left. Leominster Priory Church can be seen in

the distance to the South-East. Pass Byway marker on field corner and continue on to stile in hedge. Cross stile into Croft Lane (4) and turn left. As the lane goes up hill there are views of Cursneh Hill near Leominster and Hay Bluff beyond. At the brow of the hill, Bircher Common can be seen straight ahead. Leaving the lane, turn right through the gate and walk a few paces keeping hedge on left. Pause then to enjoy panoramic views over Luston, Eye Church, Eye Manor and Berrington Hall, and beyond to Titterstone Clee and Brown Clee. Turn left and follow hedge to end of field, bearing right towards gate by willow tree. Go through the and continue along field boundary on left to double stile and bridge. Cross and continue along boundary and over next stile. Continue along hedge and when it ends, bear right to top corner of field. Cross stile into lane (5) and turn left. Walk a few yards and just before house turn right through gate into field. Continue across field to copse, marked nature reserve. Continue with nature reserve on right to stile at corner. Cross stile and continue between fence and hedge. Cross stile on left and continue through next two fields with hedge on right to stile. Cross stile and continue to field corner. Cross stile on right, turn left and walk to farm drive. Turn right onto drive and follow back to village, passing chapel on right. At junction with road turn left and return to pub a few yards away on right.