

Luston is a linear village with many attractive and historic 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.



'The Balance Inn' is, we believe, the only remaining public house with this name. It marks the earlier site of the wool weighing scales (or 'balance') and reflects the historic local importance of the wool trade.

The Balance is open every evening and for lunch on Saturdays & Sundays.

Local bus No. 492 (Hereford-Leominster-Ludlow) stops at The Balance Inn

This walk takes us out of the village and into the beautiful surrounding countryside. It is mainly through fields, crossing several streams and the railway line, with a short stretch along Eye Lane. We pass the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Eye (2) which dates from the 13th century. It's fine features include the 14th century wooden porch showing ornate tracery, 15th century tombs, and the memorial of Thomas Harley who built Berrington Hall in 1780. Eye means 'island', so called because it lies between two streams. There are wonderful views across to Bircher Common, Croft Woods, beyond to High Vinnals in Mortimer Forest and the Clee Hills. These are visible from most parts of the walk, along with more local features. Do take time to linger and enjoy them.

And finally,
do please remember

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

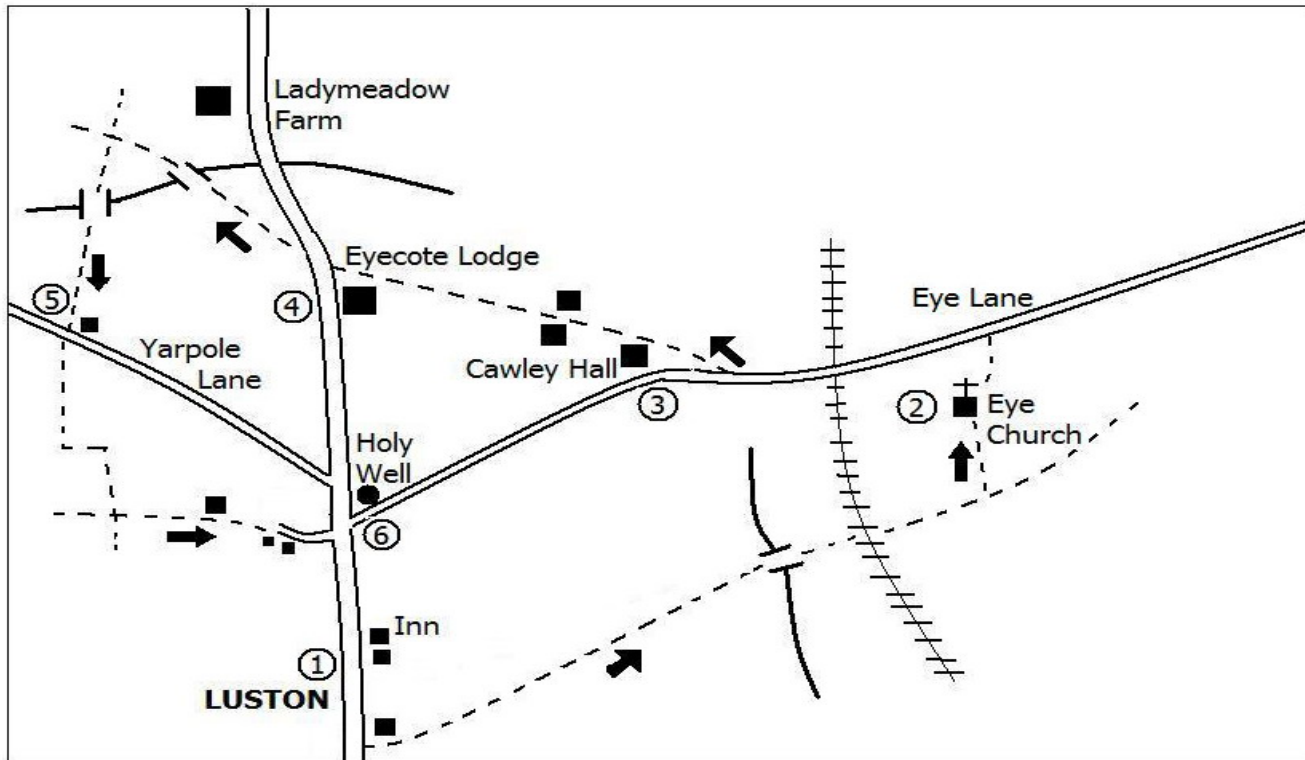


2: A circular walk
north of the village
via Eye Church

OS Map: Explorer 203
3.5 miles (5.6 km), Mainly flat
Bus: 492, Stop: The Balance Inn



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The Route: Start from Balance Inn. (1) Turn left and walk along pavement to footpath sign on left, opposite Methodist Chapel. Go through gate and follow path with hedge on left to bottom corner. Cross stile and follow path across field towards large hedgerow tree by gap in hedge. Go through gap and continue across next field to footbridge over stream. Enjoy the views to the east, of Berrington Hall Woods, and beyond to the Long Wood above Kimbolton. Cross bridge and follow hedge on left to end of field, before railway line. Cross stile, railway and second stile. PLEASE TAKE CARE. Continue straight ahead, pausing for views of Eye Manor and the tower of Eye Church through trees on left. Go through

two gates, crossing farm track. Continue across field and find stile in hedge on left. Cross small field to stile and into churchyard. Take time to look round this beautiful church (2) and the churchyard which is part of the Caring for God's Acre scheme. Follow path to lychgate, turn left and follow drive to Eye Lane. There are good views of Shuttocks Hill and Kings Hall Covert to the north east. Turn left and follow the lane, past the old railway station (now a private house) and over the railway bridge. Continue on lane and just before the village hall, (3) turn right through gap in the hedge. Follow field boundary passing hall on the left, at corner continue in same direction across field towards stile and barn in trees. Cross two stiles with drive in

between. Follow green lane between two houses to end. Cross stile, continue along field edge with hedge on left. Go through gate, follow hedge on left to footbridge by Eyecote Lodge. (4) Cross bridge, go through kiss-gate on opposite side of road. Bear right, follow footpath diagonally across field to far corner by stream. Cross stile and bridge and, bearing left, continue to gate in centre of fence, leaving Ladymeadow Farm to the right. Go through gate, turn left and follow fence to bottom of field. Cross bridge over stream again, go through gate and continue up the middle of the field to stile in hedge at the top of the hill. Cross two stiles, follow narrow path, through gate to further stile and onto Yarpole Lane. (5) Cross road, follow farm road opposite. Pause for views of Berrington Hall in woods to east. As road bends right just after traffic bump, and by chicken sheds and turn left. Follow boundary to stile in hedge on right, also rather hidden in trees. Cross stile, walk straight across field towards large oak tree, and past it to stile in hedge. Cross stile, turn left and walk with hedge on left, passing barn on left and through gate to Townsend Park. Follow road through houses to main road. Turn right and follow road back to The Balance Inn for a well earned drink.

Note: This walk can be made shorter by following Eye Lane back to the village: On leaving the church, (2) turn left into Eye Lane and continue past the village hall (3) on the right, following the lane about half a mile to the junction with the main road, by Holy Well. (6) Turn left and follow the road back to the Balance Inn.