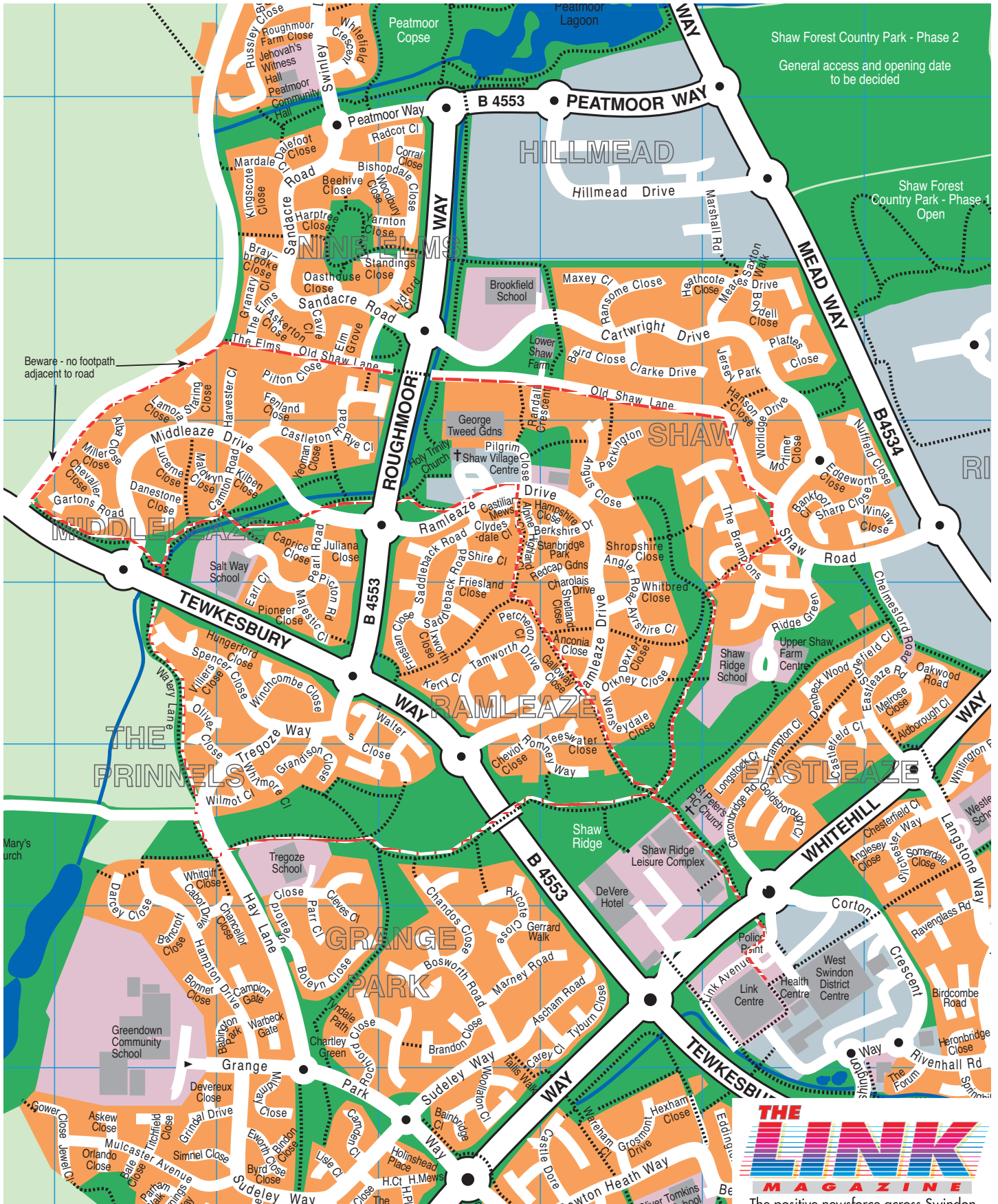


# WEST SWINDON WALKS: OLD SHAW CIRCULAR

3 mile route on tarmac footpaths to Old Shaw Lane and back, with optional extension via Watery Lane and Grange Park



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This circular route is about three miles, all on tarmac paths. The start and finish involve a fairly steep climb up on to Shaw Ridge. Otherwise the gradients are gradual.

Starting at the Link Centre ramp entrance, cross Link Avenue and take the subway underneath Whitehill Way. Walk uphill with Shaw Ridge Leisure Complex on your left and St. Peter's RC Church on your right. At the top of Shaw Ridge, ignore the first path on your right then turn right at the crossroads of paths. As you walk along this path, there are fine views to your left across the Northern part of West Swindon and beyond. Ignoring the turning on your right to Shaw Ridge School, take the next right turn, which crosses The Bramptons, with a tennis court on your right. At the end of the path, turn left on to Shaw Road then left again into Old Shaw Lane.

Walk the entire length of Old Shaw Lane, passing Lower Shaw Farm on your right and taking care crossing the busy Roughmoor Way. Turn left after the Nine Elms pub on to a minor road. Keep to the left-hand side of this road and follow it until it meets The Street / Tewkesbury Way. Turn left on to the footpath then cross Middlelease Drive. At the right turn leading to the subway, there is a choice of routes back to the Link Centre:

(a) Take the right turn and walk under the subway. Coming out of the subway, veer to the right on to Watery Lane. At the top of Watery Lane, cross Tregoze Way / Hay Lane, turn right and walk along the pavement until you reach the footpath on your right which leads to Tregoze School. Take this path, ignore the turn to the school then turn right at the next crossroads of paths. Follow this path to the footbridge over Tewkesbury Way. Keep to the right after the footbridge and follow the path along the ridge until you reach the first crossroads of paths again. Turn right and walk back down the hill to the Link Centre.

(b) Ignore the path to the subway and all other turnings until you cross a different part of Middlelease Drive. Keep to the right until you cross a footbridge over a stream then head left towards the subway under Roughmoor Way. As you come out of the subway, take the path on your right towards Ramleaze Drive. Cross Ramleaze Drive before the Shaw Village Centre then turn left. Take the path on your right, opposite the shops. At the first major junction of paths, take the main path on your left then ignore all other paths until you cross another part of Ramleaze Drive. Take the path immediately in front of you and walk up the hill on to the ridge. Keep going straight ahead and down the other side of the ridge to the end of the walk at the Link Centre.

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