

**N.B: Water & refreshments are not provided. Please carry what you need.**

### **Route Directions for all -- PROMENADE and Purbeck routes.**

**Between Studland and Swanage expect WaterAid waymarks and a marshall on Ballard Down.**

#### **START POINT A for 16 mile walk:**

Solent Beach car park, Southbourne Coast Rd, Bournemouth, BH6 4BG. **Open 0900 to 1100**

At Start Pt A you will get a **ticket for the Sandbanks Ferry**. From the car park, walk back to road, turn left and turn off the road after one house on your left to join the start of the promenade and walk southwest past Bournemouth then on past Poole towards Sandbanks. Now see >O>

#### **START POINT B for 4 mile PROMENADE walk:**

Branksome Dene Chine car park, off Pinewood Rd, Poole, BH13 6JP. **Open 1000 to 1100.**

Walk along the Promenade past Bournemouth Pier to East Cliff Lift, where you turn round and return. Walking once to the end of Bournemouth Pier will make the walk 4 miles. Finish where you started.

#### **START POINT B for 10 mile walk:**

Branksome Dene Chine car park, off Pinewood Rd, Poole, BH13 6JP. **Open 1000 to 1200.**

At Start Pt B you will get a **ticket for the Sandbanks Ferry**. Walk from the car park down to the sea front, turn right and walk southwest past Poole and towards Sandbanks. Now see >O>

#### **>O> 16 and 10 mile Purbeck routes:**

Follow the sea front to the end of the promenade at Shore Rd. Turn right into Shore Road, then left into Banks Road. Follow Banks Road to Sandbanks and board the ferry at the far end. From the ferry please walk along the road past the Ferry Offices (with clock tower) and turn left only 100 yards before the toll booths into Shell Bay car park and find the **Shell Bay checkpoint - open 1100-1500.**

#### **START POINT C for 6 mile walk:**

Shell Bay car park, Ferry Rd, Studland Heath, BH19 3BA.

**Open 1100 to 1500.**

#### **ALL PURBECK ROUTES, from Shell Bay [Start Pt and Checkpoint] onwards:**

Leave the car park by the footbridge, which leads you straight to the beach. Walk along Shell Bay, Knoll Beach and Studland Beach, keeping on the beach past Knoll Beach Shop, Café and toilets, and beach huts. At the **very** end of the sandy beach, facing some trees, leave the beach up a ramp or steps, keep the Middle Beach Café (brown) on your right and walk up a tarmac lane for 150 yards. *[If tide is too high, cut right between the huts, up steps into car park and walk to car park entrance.]*

20 yards before a barrier and level with the entrance to Middle Beach car park, turn left onto a footpath in trees at a stone waymark to Fort Henry. Follow this path, ignoring signs for The Pig Hotel and leaving Fort Henry on your left, until at a stone waymark you turn right, as for the village. Follow this path between fences. Opposite South Beach car park, cross the road with care, turn right and within 50 yards turn left through a metal kissing gate at a signpost to the church. Follow the path round the church building, and beyond it find the **Studland checkpoint** at the church hall - **open 1200 to 1630.** *[For those interested, the Norman church is well worth seeing inside.]*

From the checkpoint continue on the road to a crossroads. Go straight ahead, passing Manor Farm and walking up a rising tarmac road, heading directly for the hill in front of you. At the top of the road go through the gate signed Swanage 1.5 miles. Keeping to the track which climbs the slope at an angle to the right, reach the top of Ballard Down at the stone seat and enjoy the views.

Take the path ahead to Swanage which, as you begin to descend, angles to the right then steeply downhill. Take great care here - the footing may be slippery. Stay on this path to Hill Road and bear left. Straight on to Redcliffe Road, Ulwell Road and Swanage Sea Front. Along the promenade to the sea front clock tower shelter. Turn right into Victoria Avenue and left at the traffic lights into Rempstone Road. A few yards and you have reached the **Finish** on your left in St Edward's Church Hall, **open 1230 to 1800**, and a well-earned rest and cup of tea. **Well done and thank you!**