

Old Lanes – Shephall

A 6 mile cycling route from Stevenage Cycling Hub

The route from starts with a circuit of 2 of the lakes in Fairlands Valley Park where previously Fair Lane linked Shephall and Fairlands through farmland. (5)

The cycleway across the showground goes alongside Whomerley Wood and Monk's Wood (1) before joining the Great North Road route towards Broadwater Smithy and the Roebuck Inn. (2)

Shephall Lane goes alongside Shephallbury towards Aston crossing the new Oaks Cross. (3)

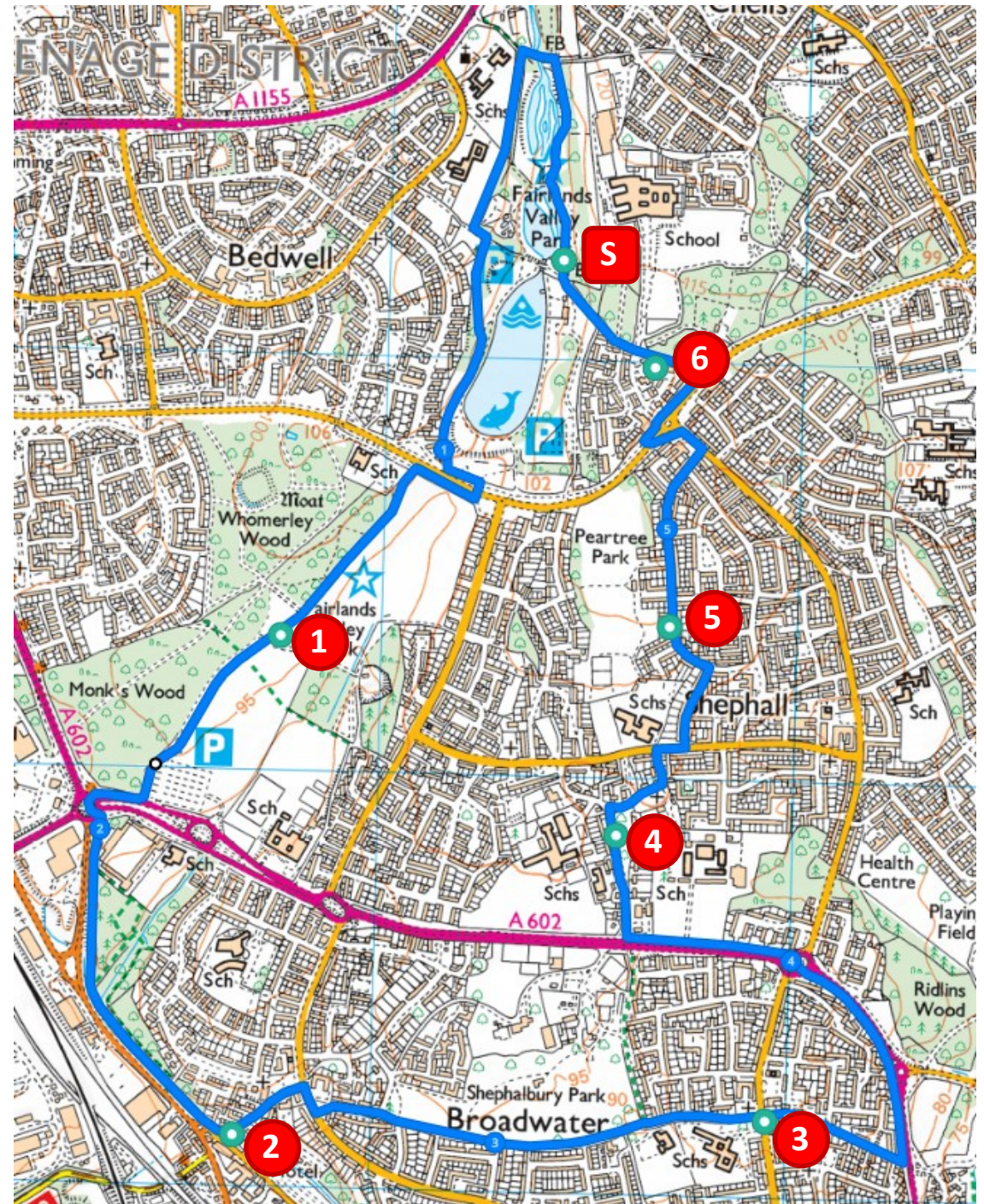
Turning right from the A602 cycleway leads alongside Shephall Green towards St Mary's Church and the Red Lion public house. (4)

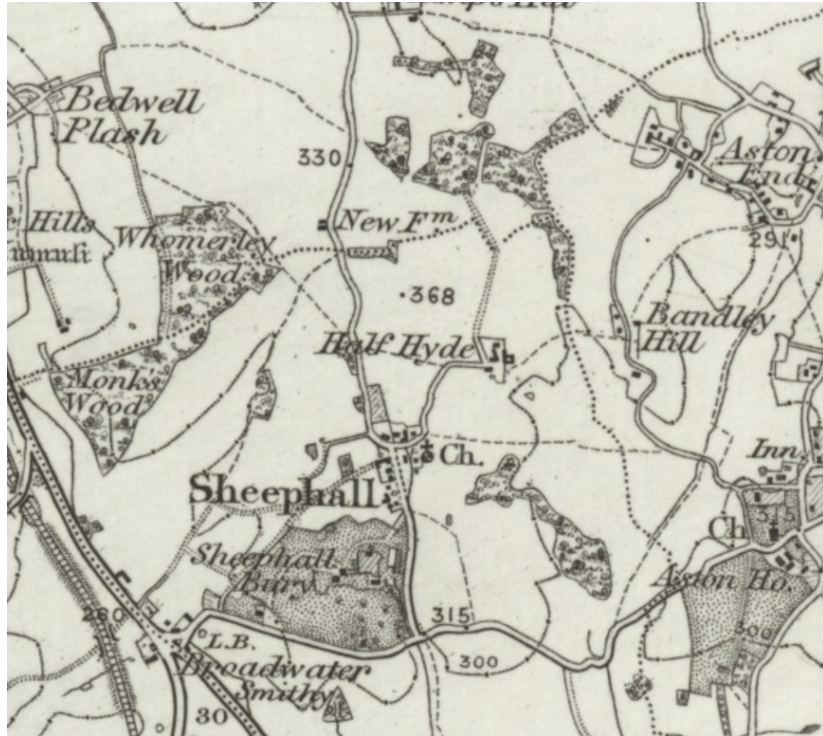
Returning towards Fairlands, Hyde Green South and Hyde Green North are close to Half Hyde. (5)

The final link from Fairlands Way uses the path alongside Ashtree Wood (6) back to Abbot's Grove.

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*Miss Anabel Wigram and Miss Ethel Wigram
at Shephalbury Manor 1907*



Roebuck Inn c. 1900



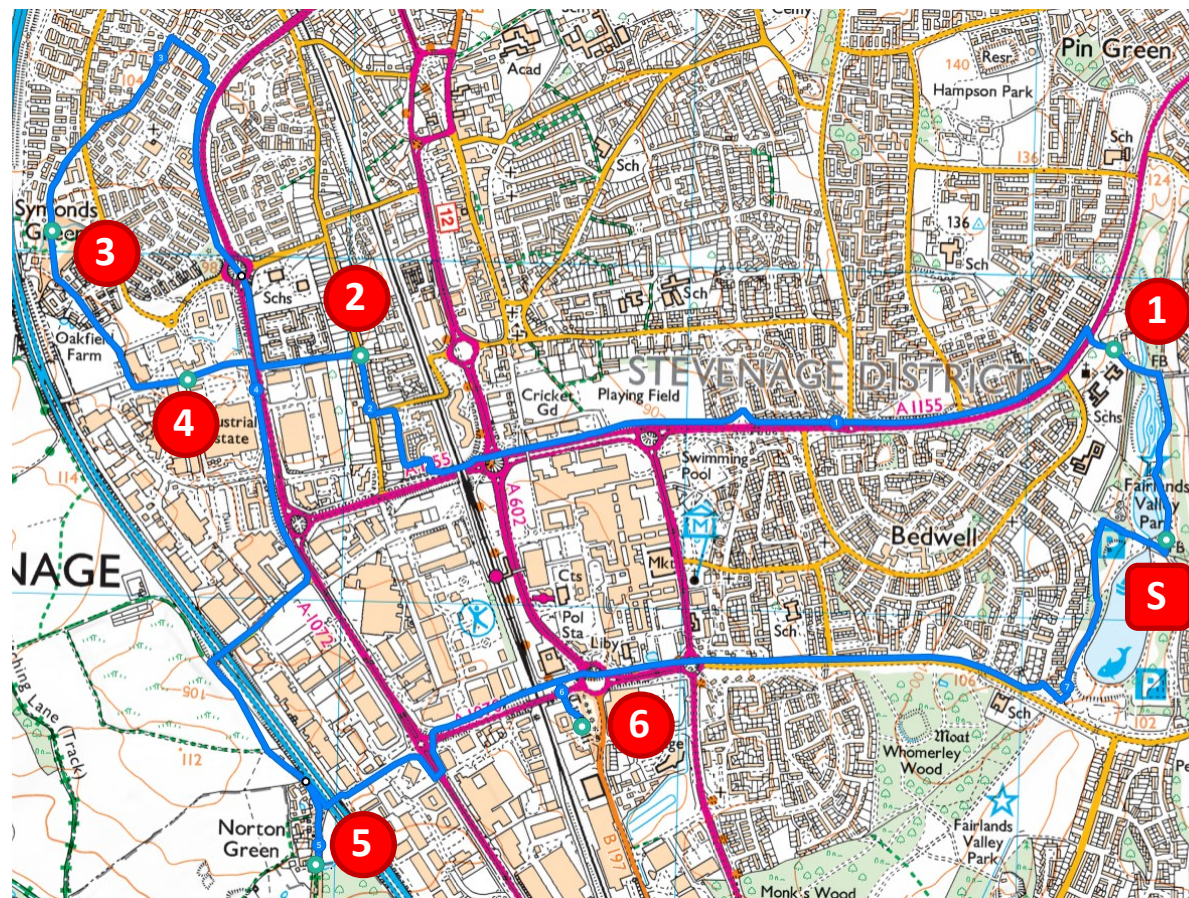
Shephall Green c. 1960

Stevenage Old Lanes - Symonds Green, Norton Green and Six Hills

A 7 mile cycling route from Stevenage Cycling Hub.



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Route Start at the Stevenage Cycling Hub (S) and head north to leave Fairlands Valley Park past Fairlands Farmhouse (1) Follow Fairlands Way to pass under the railway line. After passing under the railway bridge, turn right up the zig zig cycleway link to Bridge Road and Fairview Road. At the GR post box, join Meadway (2) to where it is now crossed by Gunnelswood road, then use the modern cycleway to Scarborough Avenue. Opposite Symonds Green Road, join the cycleway that continues to Symonds Green and the pond. (3) Return to Gunnelswood Rd via Meadway (4) then head south to Norton Green and the pond (5) Use the underpass beneath the A1 (M), turning right just after the railway bridge to visit the Six Hills (6) before returning to Fairlands alongside Whomerley Wood.

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Fairlands Farm buildings from the south 1971



Symonds Green Pond c.1952



The Woodmans Arms, Norton Green c.1950



Six Hills c. 1918

Old Lanes – Chells Manor and Aston End

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Route Start at the Stevenage Cycling Hub (S) and head north to leave Fairlands Valley Park past Fairlands Farm to Moss Bury (1)

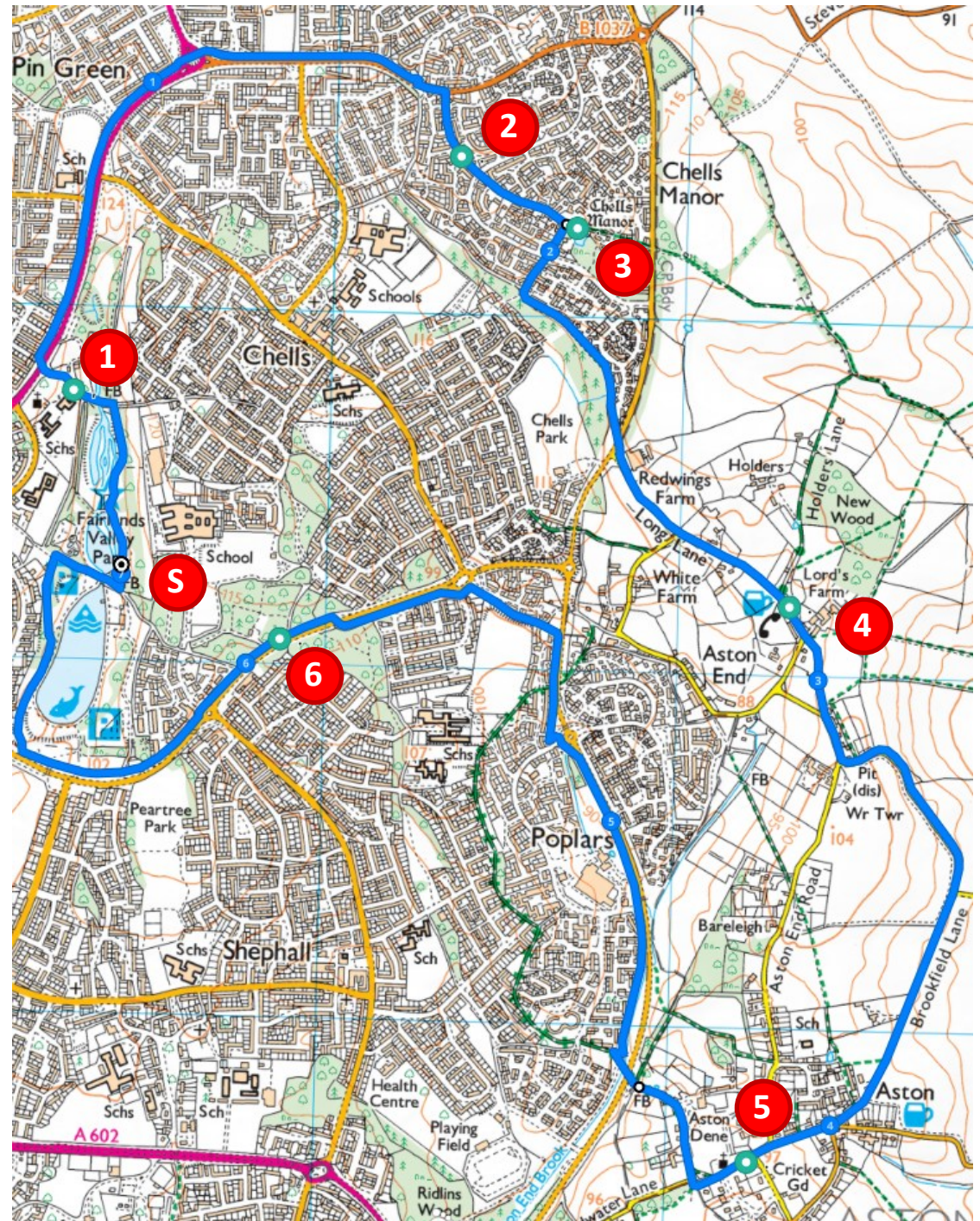
Turn right off Fairlands Way into Knights Templar Green then the cycleway that follows the route of Chells Lane (2) After crossing The White Way, follow Chells Lane to Chells Manor house and pond. (3)

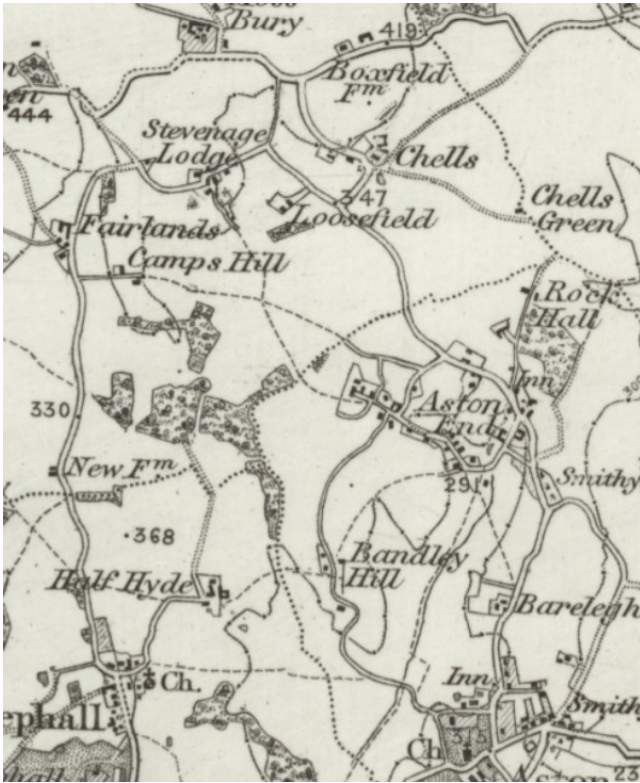
Return to Chells Lane from the pond and follow it down to cross The White Way again and link to Lanterns Lane. Pass under Gresley Way, join the road section of Lanterns Lane and then Long Lane to The Crown.(4)

Turn left to follow Brookfield Road along the Beane valley to Aston End turning right to pass St Marys Church. (5) Aston House, which was opposite the church, was occupied during World War 2 by the Special Operations Executive. It was then the HQ of the Stevenage New Town Development Corporation before being demolished.

After the church, turn right down Dene Lane which descends over the Gresley Way towards Bandley Hill. Follow the cycleway north towards Tatlers Farm, then return to Fairlands Valley Park along Six Hills Way

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*View of Six Hills Way
at Fairlands Valley 1955*



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*Chells Manor
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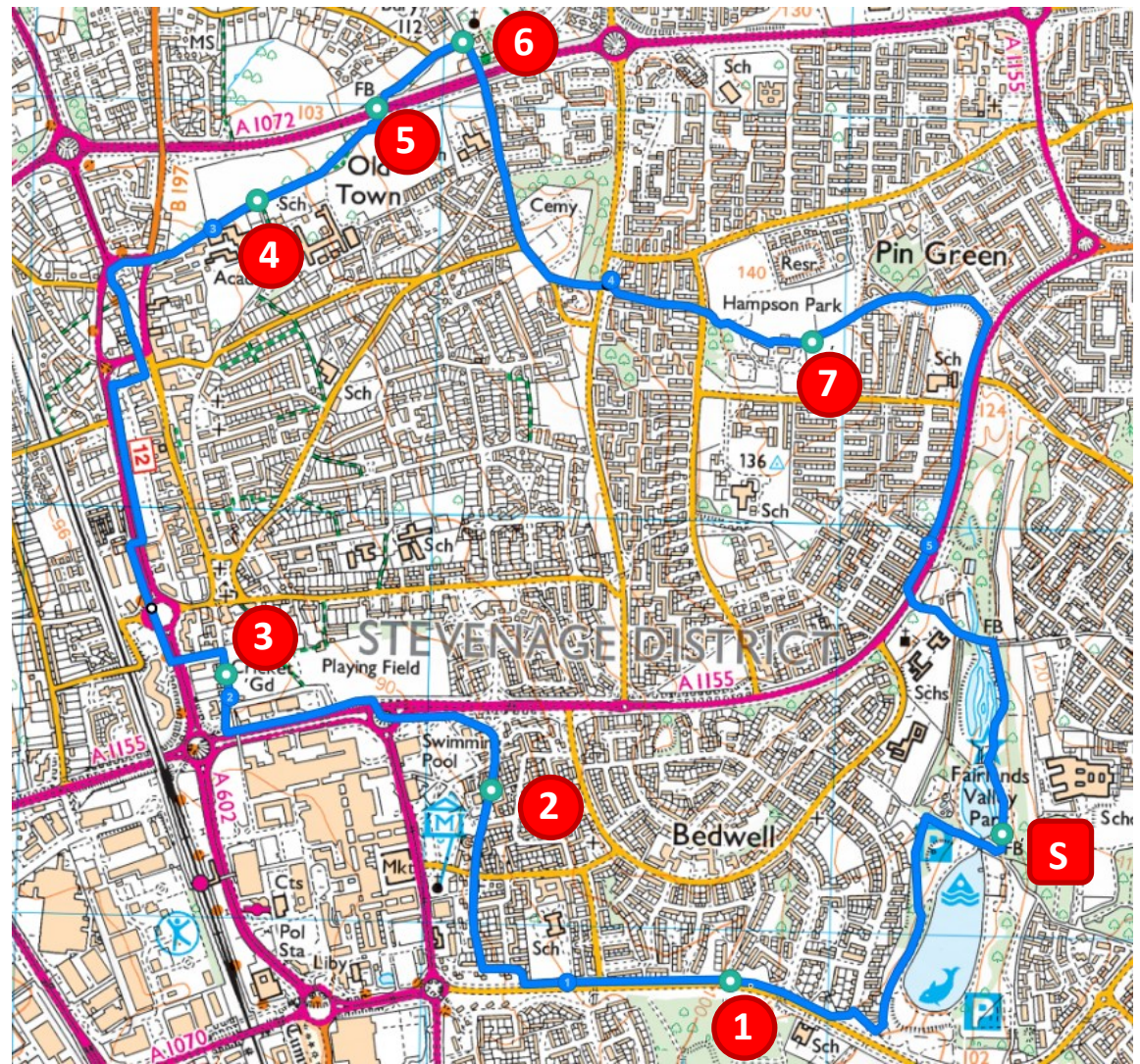
Aston House viewed from the garden c. 1918

Stevenage Old Lanes – Old Town and Pin Green

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Route Start at the Stevenage Cycling Hub (S) near Ashtree Wood and leave Fairlands Valley Park alongside the northern edge of Whomerley Wood (1) then link to Silam Road alongside Bedwell Plash (2) After heading west, join Ditchmore Lane towards Stevenage High Street on the route of the Great North Road. (3) After passing the War Memorial, follow The Avenue (4) towards The Bury, going over the curly bridge (5) to join Rectory Lane and St Nicholas Church (6) Continue past Weston Road then bear left up towards Pin Green crossing Hampson Park and close to the 444 ft spot height and the water tower (7) Return to the start past Fairlands Farm and the northern lakes where previously Fair Lane linked Shephall and Fairlands through farmland.

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The Avenue c.1900



"Curly Bridge" across Martins Way from the Avenue c. 1970



Pin Green showing construction of Water Tower Oct 1955



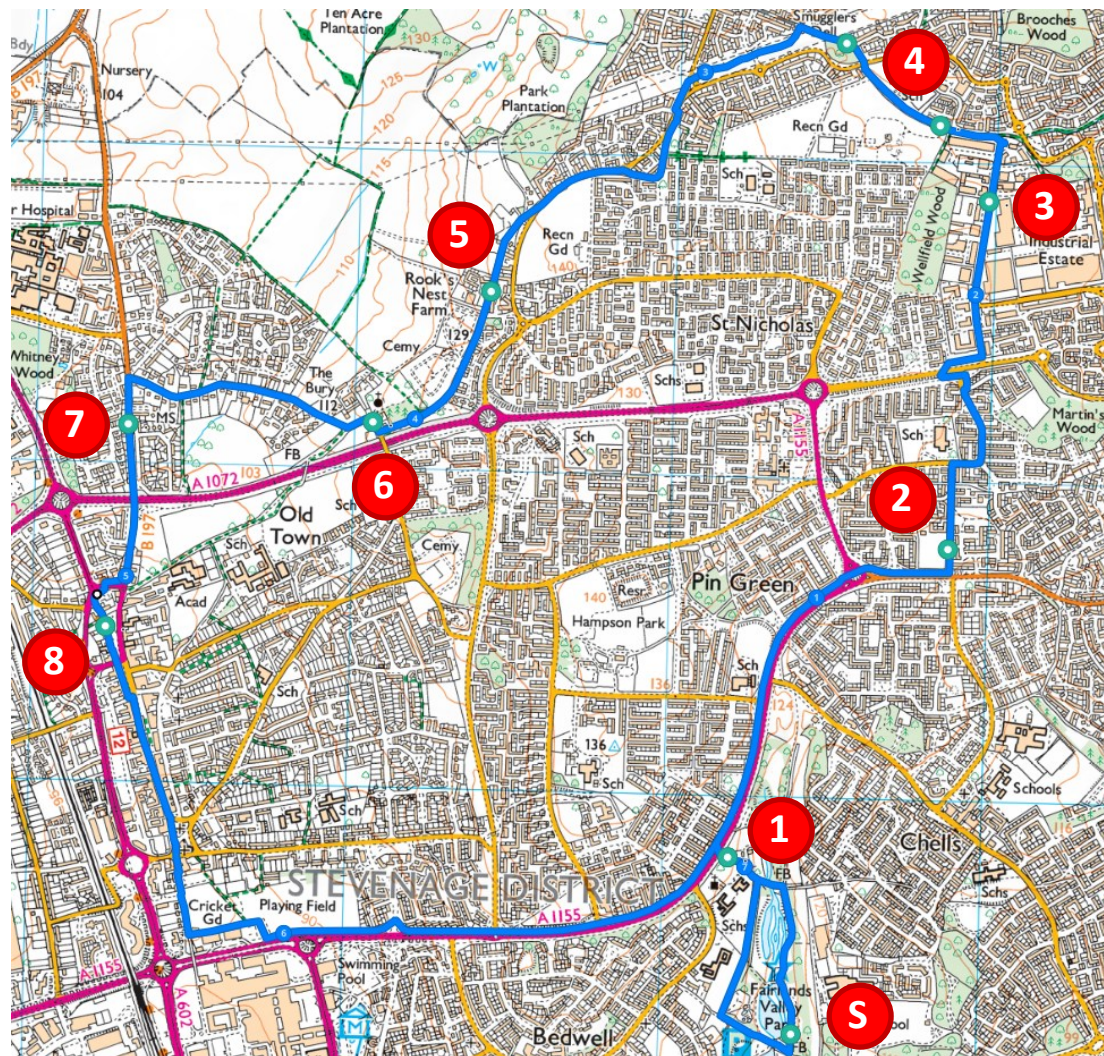
*Church Cottages on corner of Rectory Lane and Weston Road.
Fred Bracey leading the Farm Cart and a horse named Nelson 1920*

Old Lanes – Great Ashby and Old Stevenage

A 7.5 mile cycling route from Stevenage Cycling Hub



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Route Start at the Stevenage Cycling Hub (S) and head north past Fairlands Farm (1) turning right as you leave Fairlands Valley Park. Opposite Mobbsbury Way turn left alongside the site of Moss Bury (2) then turn right onto Mildmay Rd and left onto Ascot Crescent. Cross under Martins Way and onto Wedgewood Way past Wellfield Wood (3) Turn left onto the lane past Botany Bay towards Smugglers Dell (4) then left onto the cycleway and Great Ashby Way towards the link to Weston Road and past Rook's Nest (5) Turn right past St Nicholas Church (6) and go down Rectory Lane past The Bury and the Rectory. Turn left at the end to join the North Road cycleway passing a mile post (7) then cross the toucan crossing to the Bowling Green opposite The Grange (8). Continue down the High Street

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Botany Bay painting by Ronald Maddox c. 1960



Rook's Nest with E.M.Forster on his pony outside, c. 1890



The Grange c.1900



The High Street looking south c. 1900

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