

# CORSHAM TOWN WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL WALK

St Bartholomews Church—( Memorial to 1<sup>st</sup> World War Men of Corsham to right of South Door) **Pic.1**

Town Hall—(Used as Hospital during WW1).**Pic. 2**

War Memorial—WW1 and WW2 **Pic.3.**



Garden of Remembrance WW2. **Pic.4.**

The Batters Nature Trail ( WW1 Exercises). **Pic.5.**

Ladbrook Lane Cemetary(11 in Number WW1 and 11 WW2 Commonwealth War Grave Commission graves).**Pic. 6.**

# WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY WALK (3miles).

**Start** at [St Bartholomews Church](#) facing the the South door. [On your right](#) is a First World War memorial carved into the buttress of the Church wall recording 88 men of Corsham who fell during that War.( [Pic.1](#))

[Exit the Churchyard](#) via the Main Gate . As you cross the yard towards church street note Corsham Court on you right a Fifteenth Century Manor House and now the home of the Methuen family and also part of Bath Spa University.

[Proceed along Church Street](#) until it meets The High Street. On you right is the Post Office and opposite to the right is the Town Hall. This was a 90 bed hospital and treated 875 soldiers at a cost of £2500.00 per annum during WW1.([Pic.2](#))

[Turn left and proceed along the High Street](#) heading for the Methuen Arms Hotel ( 0.2 mile).

At the Methuen Arms [turn left onto the B3353](#) and proceed to the War Memorial at the Roundabout and on the left Opposite the Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses.([Pic.3](#))

Reverse you journey up the B3353 to South place and the Methuen Hotel and [turn left](#) into Station road. Continue along station road until you approach the junction with Stokes road . OR

[Leave the War Memorial and proceed along the B3353](#) in the direction of Gastard ( Almshouses are on your left) after approx 100 metres turn right taking the path between the Pound Arts Centre and the Bowling Club.At the end of the path turn left into Station Road proceed along the road. 10 metres before the junction with Stokes road is a Gate on the left leading into the Memorial Garden and monuments. It commemorates the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War , the Korean War and subsequent conflicts.([Pic.4](#))

[Exit](#) the garden via the gate and turn left into Stokes Road. Proceed to the roundabout and [turn right up](#) Pound Pill and over the railway bridge where you will see the entrance to the Batters nature trail on your left opposite Lypiatt road.([Pic.5](#))

[Join the Batters Nature trail](#).This runs parallel to the rail line and is where troop exercises were carried out and trench digging well practiced.Follow the trail ignoring the first exit on the right into the housing estate.Continue down the track noting the various information signs.If you think you need to make a decision on direction bear right. Join the Broadmead estate at the bottom turning left onto Brook drive following the road to the bottom and exiting on a tarmac path into [Ladbrook Lane](#).[Turn left](#) and proceed uphill over the main London Bristol line railway bridge.Continue until you see the impressive [Lych Gate](#) on your left .([Pic.6](#)) [This is the entrance to the old part of Ladbrook Lane Cemetary](#). Proceed inside and the war grave are spread to the left and right of the gate. They are fairly easily recognised by the distinctive Commonwealth War Graves Headstones except one which has been moved to a family grave.

You can exit the cemetery via the top far corner in the new part and beyond the hearse turning circle. Turn right into this path and proceed until you join the Lacock road. Taking care to avoid fast moving traffic cross the road into Corsham Park. Bear left and follow the path with Corsham Lake to your right until you see St Bartholomews Church in the distance to your right. Head for this and join the south drive to Corsham Court and the church. Turn right and enter church square. Ahead of you is Corsham Court and to your right is St Bartholomews church where the walk started. You will have walked approximately 3 miles so sit down and admire The church and Court.

Hope you enjoyed the walk. Peter Collier Royal British Legion Corsham Branch .(01249713968)