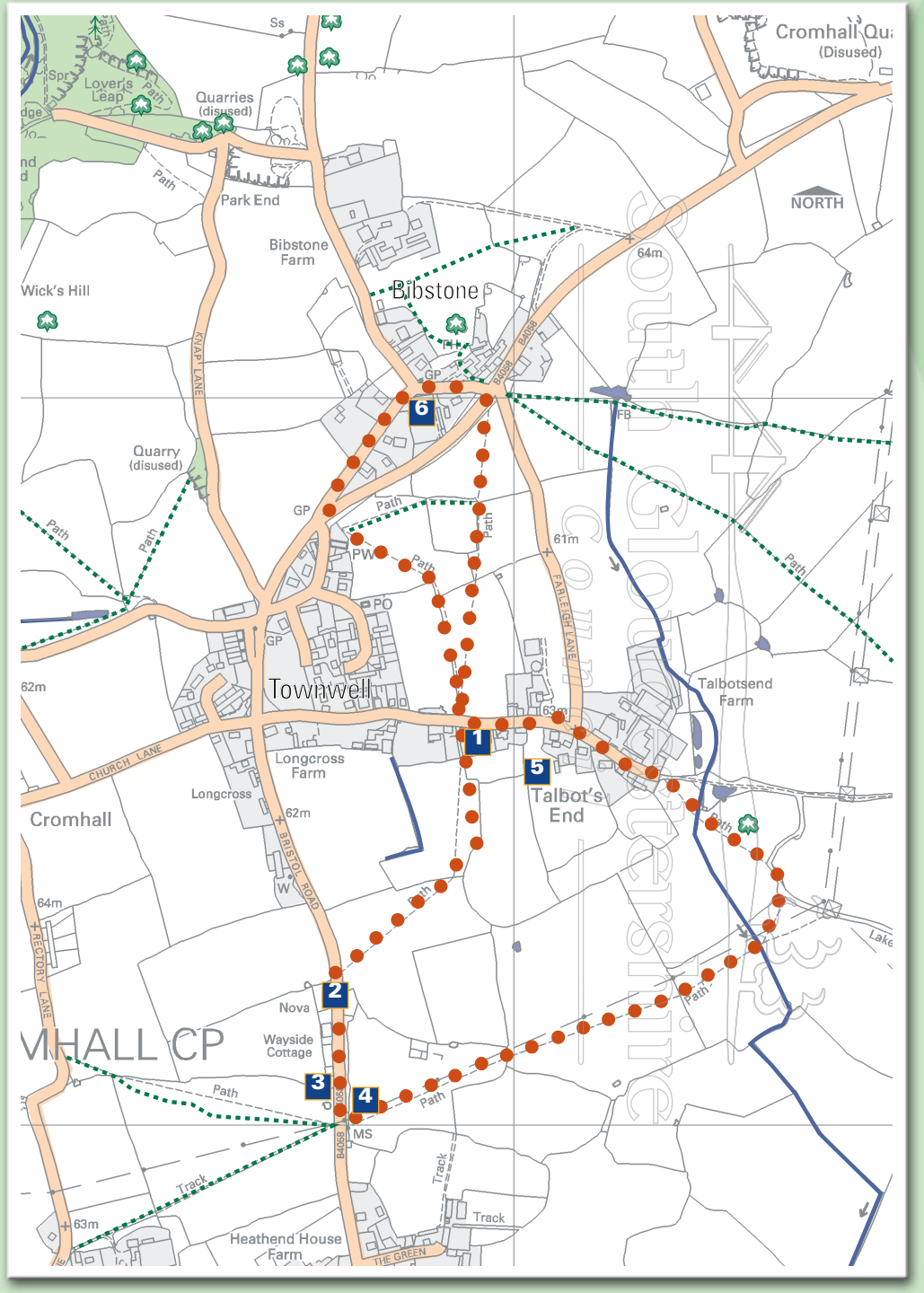
# Cromhall

**The parish of Cromhall is situated in the Falfield Vale enclosed to the East by the Severn Ridge and the west by gently sloping ground.**

**Within the local area are the settlements of Cromhall, Bibstone, Townwell and Talbot's End and to the north within Tortworth Park is Tortworth House set within woodland and pleasure gardens, including an arboretum, a lake and an ancient fort.**

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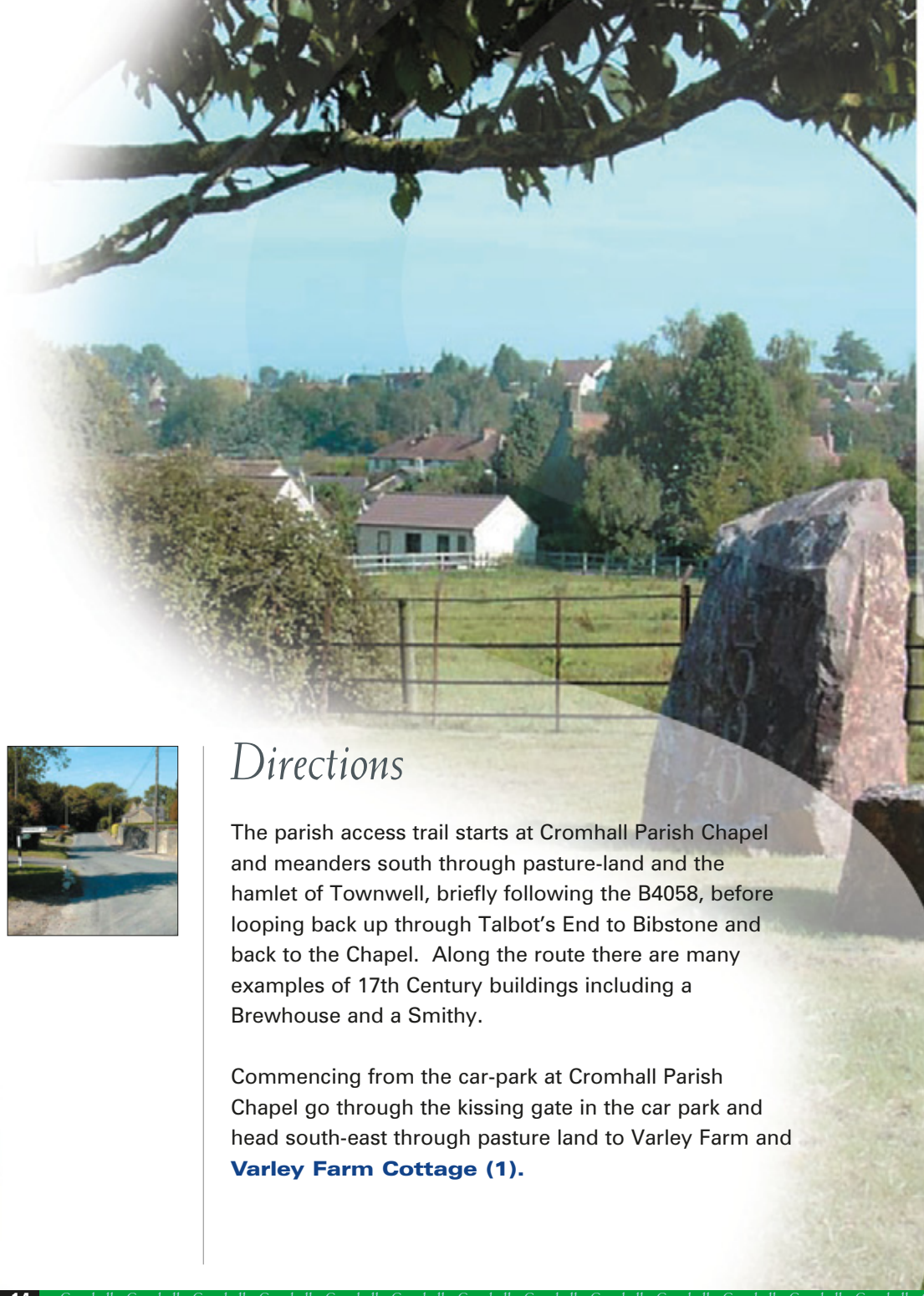
# Points of Interest

1. Varley Farm Cottage.
2. Turnpike.
3. Site of 17th Century Smithy
4. Milestone.
5. Talbot's End.
6. The Old Smithy.



# Directions continued.

Keeping Varley Farm Cottage to your left continue south and then southwest to meet the B4058. Turn south and follow the road for 200m past the site of a **turnpike** on the left **(2)** and the site of a **17th century smith** on the right **(3).**
At the **milestone (4)** turn left onto a footpath and head northeast.

As the footpath meets Lake Lane turn left and follow the lane north for 50m as the track veers right turn left onto the footpath and head towards **Talbot's End (5).** Passing Varley farm and the surrounding buildings (6) turn right through the field gate onto the footpath that leads back to the Chapel, but this time keep to the footpath that crosses the field diagonally, this will take you to Bibstone.

Crossing the B4058 turn left into Bibstone and pass the Royal Oak public house, turn left again at **The Old Smithy (6)** and head southwest to join the B4058 again opposite Cromhall Parish Chapel.



# Directions

The parish access trail starts at Cromhall Parish Chapel and meanders south through pasture-land and the hamlet of Townwell, briefly following the B4058, before looping back up through Talbot's End to Bibstone and back to the Chapel. Along the route there are many examples of 17th Century buildings including a Brewhouse and a Smithy.

Commencing from the car-park at Cromhall Parish Chapel go through the kissing gate in the car park and head south-east through pasture land to Varley Farm and **Varley Farm Cottage (1).**

# Points of Interest

1 **Varley Farm Cottage.** Mid to late 17th Century cottage.

2 **Turnpike.** Site of turnpike gate as marked on the old Tithe map.

3 Garage on the site of a **17th Century Smithy.**

4 **Milestone.** Late 18th Century to early 19th Century Georgian milestone showing miles to Wotton-under-Edge.

5 **Talbot's End.** The "End" referred to commonly means the end of a settlement, possibly part of a medieval parish. There are three buildings in the hamlet dating to the mid 17th century or earlier, and there are documentary references dating to 1630. This small settlement is probably a medieval hamlet and may well preserve archaeological deposits and structures relating to this period.

6 **The Old Smithy.** A mid to late 17th Century building used as a smithy in the 19th and early 20th Century.