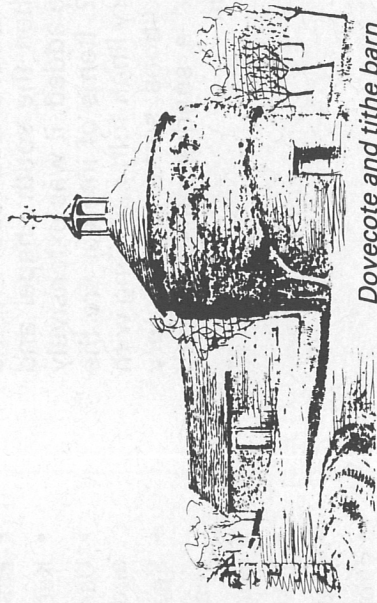


Walk No. 7

This is a shorter walk of about 3 miles starting at the Stockton Cross in Kimbolton. Take the Ride Lane (KB 1) which starts to the right of the post-box opposite the Stockton Cross Inn. Carry straight on up the Ride Lane for a mile and a half, keeping the woodland to your left, and some very pleasant views across farmland to your right. Eventually you will come out on to the road at Ashton. Turn right and walk along the road (the Hundred Lane) for about 600 yards. You will eventually come to a stile on your right. Go over this to KB 7 and carry straight on down through the fields for about half a mile until you come to the road at Coghall. Turn left when you reach the road, and, after going past Coghall on your left, take the right fork along the road with a little brook flowing along the right side of the road. After going up a hill and down the other side you will come to Lower Kimbolton Farm, a half-timbered house, on your right. Between this house and some converted barns beyond it there is a footpath by a stream (the Cogwell Brook). This footpath takes you down through a gate into a field. Keep initially to the left, top side of the field, before dropping down to the right. Continue in a southerly direction on KB 12 behind Pateshall Farm, and then fork right up the field along KB 8a and then KB 11 to Stockton Cross, with a view of Kimbolton Church over to the left. An agreeable, fairly easy walk of about 3 miles.



Dovecote and tithe barn

Stockton Bury, its dovecote and its fishponds

Stockton Bury was one of the farms which were used by the monks to supply the ancient monastic foundation of Leominster Priory (founded 770 A.D.)

There is a round stone-built **dovecote**, probably medieval, with a slate-covered conical roof. Inside there are approximately 500 L-shaped nest holes.

Below the farm buildings and alongside the Cogwell Brook are bands which clearly show here there used to be large fishponds, probably originally stocked with carp.

