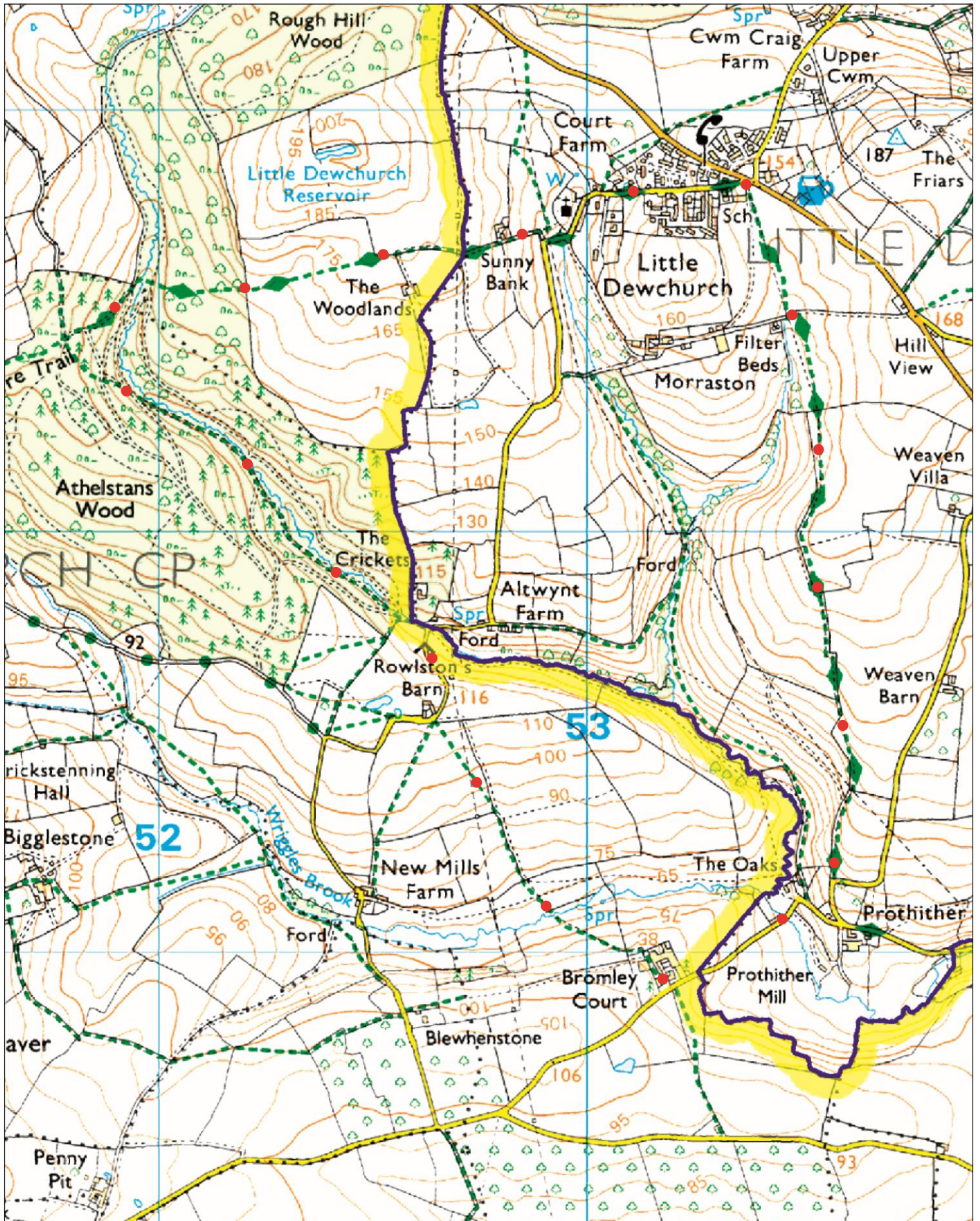


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From the Village Hall car park turn right and right again after the bus shelter onto the head of the track to 'Morraston'. Immediately bear left across field reaching stile.

Walk straight to obvious stile in opposite hedgerow, cross and keeping hedgerow on right go up rising ground. Keep treeline on right and cross stile at top.

Keep hedge line and solar farm on left, crossing stile in bottom corner of field.

After 30m turn left up steps and cross stile. Turn right following field boundary to stile in bottom right hand corner. Cross and keeping treeline on right, descend to stile in bottom right corner of field.

Cross to tarmac lane then turn right to T junction, then right again. Walk downhill turning sharply left, over stream and past cottages on right. Proceed uphill to 'Bromley Court', a farm on the right.

Go right, through farmyard to the left of a stone barn carrying on through gateway, turning left and walk through 2nd gateway. Descend diagonally right towards pylon and stream. At stream turn left and find footbridge, crossing it and then bear right going through small metal gate.

Bear left keeping hedge on right and overhead cables on left. Cross into next field at field corner. Bear left under overhead cables to ruined barn in distance.

At barn turn right down tarmac road then descend steeply. At bottom turn left down track reaching a stile, cross and enter 'Athelstan Wood'. Follow track with stream on right reaching 2nd track. Walk right then keep left ignoring next track on right.

Walk up track with stream still on right reaching sharp left turn. Walk straight for 60m then right down steep slope to foot bridge. Cross stream then climb slope to wooden steps.

Climb steps then turn left and then right (ignoring path on left), then immediately right again following narrow path uphill through woods reaching an exit stile. Cross into field and bear left walking to right of pylon.

On reaching hedge there are extensive views across much of the surrounding countryside to the East and the South. Walk straight into the next field through opening keeping hedge on right reaching field corner. Bear right then left, downhill to tarmac lane keeping hedge on left.

Walk downhill to T junction turning left and follow road past churchyard (alternatively walk through churchyard and out the other side).

Continue uphill through village and then downhill to car park and maybe to The Plough Inn to recover.