

Explore the former Wantage Arm of the historic Wilts & Berks Canal and the restored waters of the main line from East Challow past Grove.

Start at **A** Church of St. Peter & St. Paul opposite the Vale & Downland Museum behind Wantage market place.

From the churchyard, follow the footpath downhill past a brick garden wall to the right of No. 2 Priory Rd.

Turn right after the footbridge to follow Letcombe Brook between tall mill buildings and carefully cross Mill Street to **B** the site of the Wharf at the end of the infilled Wantage Arm of the Wilts & Berks Canal.

From **B** there are two footpaths. Avoid the new path alongside Letcombe Brook itself, but follow the old path (marked by a 'Cyclists Forbidden' notice) between Mill Cottage and the new wharfside housing development.

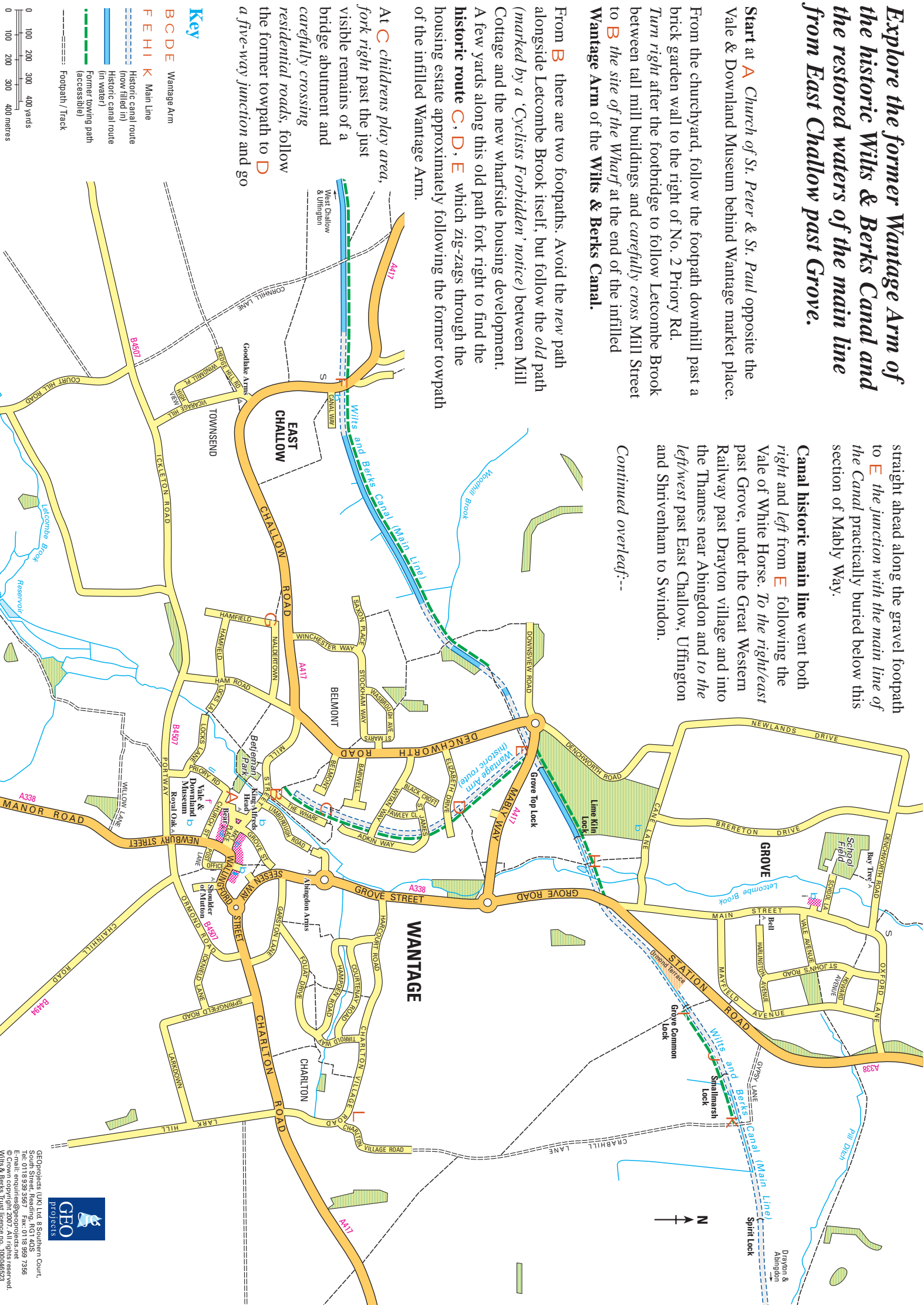
A few yards along this old path fork right to find the historic route **C**, **D**, **E** which zig-zags through the housing estate approximately following the former towpath of the infilled Wantage Arm.

At **C** childrens play area, fork right past the just visible remains of a bridge abutment and carefully crossing residential roads, follow the former towpath to **D** a five-way junction and go

straight ahead along the gravel footpath to **E** the junction with the main line of the Canal practically buried below this section of Mably Way.

Canal historic main line went both right and left from **E** following the Vale of White Horse. To the right/east past Grove, under the Great Western Railway past Drayton village and into the Thames near Abingdon and to the left/west past East Challow, Uffington and Shivenham to Swindon.

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Key

- B C D E** Wantage Arm
- F E H I K** Main Line
- Historic canal route (now filled in)
- Historic canal route (in water)
- Former towing path (accessible)
- Footpath / Track

0 100 200 300 400 yards
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