



### To Shaw's Corner

Crossing over the Codicote Lane, bear left and find the path that takes you round Stockings Springs Wood.

Take this path as it follows field boundaries and a small wood.

The path eventually opens onto Bride Hall Lane. From here, turn right and follow the road to the junction with Bibbs Hall and Hill Farm Lane. Shaw's Corner is worth a visit, or carry straight on towards the Old Church, where the walk finishes.

### Shaw's Corner

Shaw started renting his Arts and Craft style house in Ayot St. Lawrence in 1906, remaining there for the rest of his life. Originally built as a new rectory for the village, he even renamed it Shaw's Corner.

It was here that he wrote most of his later works, making use of a revolving garden "shed" so he could get the best of Hertfordshire's sunlight.



This is one of a series of five guides produced for an exhibition: Dreamers, Radicals & Satirists: Hertfordshire's inspired writers (February to June 2020).

Other walks in this series feature the landscapes of Forster, Bulwer-Lytton, Orwell and Thomas.

Maps are also available on the ViewRanger app, which also has bonus images and audio (search for BritishSchoolsMuseum).



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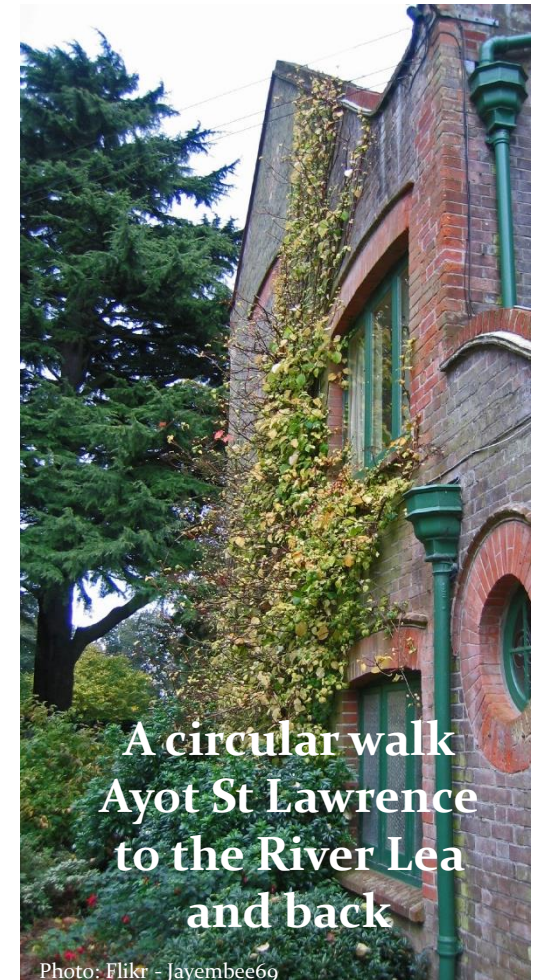


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DREAMERS,  
RADICALS  
& SATIRISTS

## George Bernard Shaw's country

Explore the landscape so familiar to George Bernard Shaw. You'll travel along the Hertfordshire Way to the River Lea. Following the river, you will head back to Ayot St Lawrence. Remember to take a map.

**Distance:** 6 miles / 9.5 km

**Terrain:** Fairly easy, across countryside

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Map:** OS Explorer Map 182 St Albans & Hatfield or free ViewRanger app

**Parking:** Hill Farm Lane, Ayot St Lawrence AL6 9BU

**George Bernard Shaw** (1856-1950) was a playwright, activist and critic. Born in Ireland, he moved to London in 1876 becoming a member of the Fabian Society and the famed playwright of *Arms and the Man* (1894) and *Man and Superman* (1903).

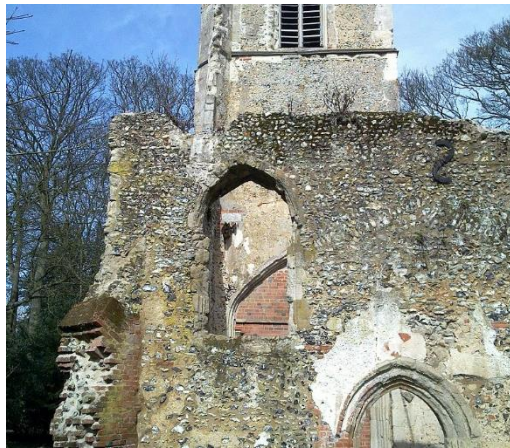


Along with Bob Dylan he remains the only winner of both an Oscar and a Nobel Prize. He settled in Hertfordshire in 1906, making it his home for over 40 years.

## Ayot St Lawrence

The Old Church in Ayot St Lawrence is our starting point. From the Church, turn right and head into the village, taking Bibbs Hall Lane past Shaw's Corner. Just after the road to the new church, take the footpath on your left – the Hertfordshire Way (look out for the stag's horns emblem).

Continue on the Hertfordshire Way, bearing left towards Lamerwood House and then right to Codicote Road. The route then joins Sheepcote Lane.



## The River Lea

Sheepcote Lane goes under the B653, but for our route turn left just before the road. Then follow the winding path along the river Lea to Waterend.

At Waterend turn left onto Waterend Lane (the River Lea is a short diversion in the opposite direction). Follow the road until you get to a right bend – to the left is a waymarker for the footpath leads onto the Ayot Greenway. Once there, turn right onto the Greenway (a disused railway line).

Take the footpath on the left at Hunter's Bridge through Bladder Wood all the way up to Codicote Road.

