

(A) **Baddesley Pit:** Closed in 1989, the Pit was the main employer in the area. Mrs Harriet Dugdale cut the first sod when the shaft was sunk in 1852.

(B) **Meredale Hall:** This castle - like Victorian house was built in 1840, and is the home to the diaries and books of Sir William Dugdale, the great Warwickshire antiquarian.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

### LENGTH OF THE WALK

This walk is suitable for all the family. It is clearly indicated with the waymark signs identified below and offers a cop-out should you wish to shorten your excursion due to changing circumstances..

Total Walk 7 miles (approx. 3 hours)  
 Cop-out 6 miles (approx. 2½ hours)



### STARTING POINT

The walk starts at the Rose Inn Public House, Baxterley. Parking is available in the Public House car park

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on other circular walks in North Warwickshire, Countryside Events & Activities, and Cycleways, please contact North Warwickshire Borough Council, Community Development Division, The Council House, South Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BG, telephone (01827) 719207.

More information about activities and events in Northern Warwickshire can be obtained by visiting the Northern Warwickshire Information Centre, Kingsbury Water Park, Bodymoor Heath Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Telephone (01827) 872660.

If you find any problems on public footpaths, please contact Warwickshire County Council's Countryside Access Team on (01926) 410410.

For **HAPPY** walking follow the country code

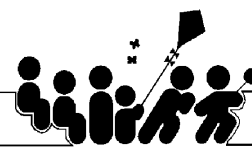
- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work*
- Keep all dogs under control*
- Keep to public paths across farmland*
- Fasten all gates*
- Guard against the risk of fire*
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls*
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone*
- Help to keep all water clean*
- Take your litter home*
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees*
- Make no unnecessary noise*
- Take special care on country roads*
- Follow the waymarkers which indicate the route of the walk*
- Wear strong water-proof footwear*



# Baddesley Walk



With its pleasant mix of rural countryside and industrial heritage, this walk circles the villages of Baddesley, Baxterley and Grendon, and in so doing offers panoramic views over the Leicestershire countryside.



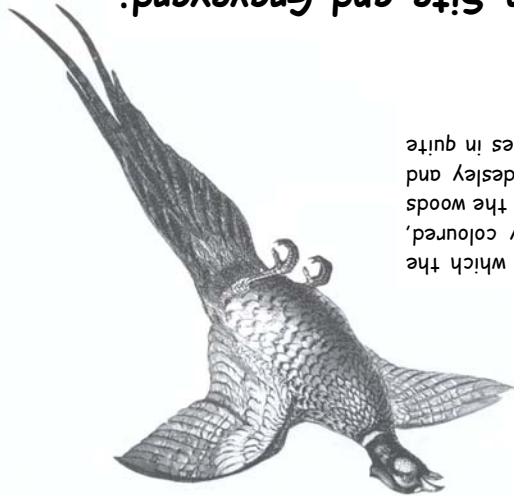
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Meredale Hall, the home of the famous antiquarian, Sir William Dugdale. Along with many other publications, Sir William financed and wrote "The History of Warwickshire", a triumph in its time. Sir William Dugdale, and his succeeding heirs have placed this small part of Warwickshire onto a map of history which will never be forgotten.

(F) **Sugar Brook:** Given its name during World War One when a local woman hid a stolen bag of sugar in the brook.

(E) **Baddesley Church Site and Graveyard:** The original location of Baddesley village before the mine drew people to the present site.



The pheasants, of which the males are brightly coloured, can be seen around the woods and fields of Baddesley and Meredale, sometimes in quite large numbers.

(C & D) **Baddesley Pit Wheel:** Half of the wheel is located in each of the villages of Baddesley and Baxterley as a memorial to the past dependency of local people on the mining industry.