

# Bentley Walks



**This walk combines a delightful mix of open farmland with woodland. It follows quiet roads, ancient trackways, and streams to link Bentley Park and Hoar Park.**



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## POINTS OF INTEREST

**(A) Horse and Jockey Public House** The inn sign outside the pub depicts Sir William Dugdale winning the 1952 Grand National on a horse called Cloncarraig.

**(B) Bentley Cemetery** The church of St John in this small cemetery was built in 1837 to replace holy Trinity Chapel located about 1/2 km south.

**(C) Bentley Park Wood** Bentley Park Wood is part of the Merevale Estate. It is a mixed woodland of hardwoods including oak and ash, and softwoods such as larch and pine. The flora underneath includes bluebells, wood anemones and ferns. The woodland is a site of specific scientific interest (SSSI).



King Alfred's Cakes, a common fungi found on dead ash. So named as they are supposed to look like King Alfred's burnt cakes!

**(D) Birchley Heath** A small village, originally a farming community, but increased with houses built for workers at nearby coal mines.

**(E) Hoar Park** A collection of varied craft-related shops, in old restored farm buildings dating back to 1730. There is also a garden centre, antique shop, and a children's farm. Refreshments are also available.



Hoar Park Craft Village and Children's Farm.

**(G) Green Lane** Lanes of this type were used to be the main form of 'road' between settlements. They were used for driving animals, and the occasional cart. They are often sunken, partly through centuries of use, but also from the high banks on either side, planted with hedging to prevent stock escaping. Some were lanes gradually improved and are today's surfaced roads, but many others are now only paths, or have disappeared completely.