

Retrace your steps, cross the road and walk to the right of the Wolfenstan Arms, parallel with Milner Drive. At the end of Milner Drive, head to the left of a block of garages. Cross over two stiles into a field and turn left heading downhill to the stream. Cross the bridge and head diagonally right towards the gate and the traffic lights. Cross the river bridge on the left and head along the road for 500 metres. Turn left and follow the road through Alvecote village. After leaving the village, turn right over a railway bridge. A short diversion takes you to Alvecote Priory and Dovecote (H). Cross over the canal bridge, turn left down the path, and the Priory and Dovecote are ahead of you. To return to the main route, retrace your steps back over the canal bridge. Take the track between the canal and railway bridge (I) and follow this old miner's path through the trees, with pools on either side (J). After about 500 metres, the path opens out. Keep straight ahead, with the spoil heap away on your left. Continue along the track, which soon meets the canal again. Follow the path above the canal and cross over the bridge, over a stile, and then under the motorway. Follow the road around a barrier, passed some old buildings on your right (K) and eventually passed Polesworth War Memorial. Continuing down the road, Pooley Hall (L) is visible on your left. About 300 metres after the War Memorial, the path leaves the road at a driveway on the left. Following the waymarkers, the path runs parallel with a fence on your immediate right. Go through the gap in the bushes ahead. After a short distance, cross straight over another driveway, and through the trees to a field. Keep to the path to the left of the field until you reach the houses on your right and the canal on your left. Continue until you reach the main road; turn left and cross the road to reach Abbey Green Park car park.

At the end of the field, the path joins a wide track. Turn left, pass the ruins of Bramcote Hall (F) and cross over the motorway bridge. After about 100 metres, as the main track goes left around a small conifer plantation, go straight ahead through the gateway. Follow the track, initially with a hedge on your right. Follow the track as it swings left towards a copse. Just after the copse, go left through the hedge and follow the footpath along the field edge. About 100m after crossing a plank bridge over a ditch, follow the path to the right across the field. Cross over the lane and continue along the path as it crosses the middle of a field. When you reach a hedge, bear left to a track, which leads out onto Main Road opposite Shuttington Village Hall.

The walk starts in Abbey Green Park (A). Leave the car park and cross the footbridge (B) over the River Anker. Turn right and head diagonally across the grassed area towards Polesworth Abbey Church (C). Turn left before the Church and head along the drive under the archway (D) to the road. Turn left onto the High Street and, at the T junction, turn right into Station Road. On the corner stands the Nethersole Centre (E). Walk along Station Road, crossing the railway bridge, until you reach a road junction. Go straight across at the junction and up the track to Bramcote House. Take the rough track to the right of the cottage and continue to the right of the old pumping station. Cross over two stiles in quick succession and proceed along the side of the field, with Bramcote Brook on your left. At the end of the field, the path joins a wide track. Turn left, pass the ruins of Bramcote Hall (F) and cross over the motorway bridge. After about 100 metres, as the main track goes left around a small conifer plantation, go straight ahead through the gateway. Follow the track, initially with a hedge on your right. Follow the track as it swings left towards a copse. Just after the copse, go left through the hedge and follow the footpath along the field edge. About 100m after crossing a plank bridge over a ditch, follow the path to the right across the field. Cross over the lane and continue along the path as it crosses the middle of a field. When you reach a hedge, bear left to a track, which leads out onto Main Road opposite Shuttington Village Hall. Bear left and follow the pavement through the village.

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POLESWORTH WALK

LENGTH OF THE WALK

This walk is suitable for all the family. It is clearly indicated with the waymark signs identified below, predominantly across flat countryside. It provides an interesting contrast of architectural splendour, coal mining heritage and beautiful rural scenery.

Total Walk 6 Miles (approx. 3 hours)



STARTING POINT

The walk starts from the Abbey Green Park car park, off Grendon Road, Polesworth. Please park carefully as you will be away for some time.

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



POLESWORTH WALK



This scenic circular walk links the historic village of Polesworth with the rural charm of Shuttington and Alvecote. In-between these settlements, the walk takes in a varied blend of countryside scenery and coal mining heritage



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