

WALK NO. 12 - ECCLESHALL – SHAW'S LANE – JOHNSON HALL – THE DELLS – WINCOTE – CASH LANE – ELDFORD HEATH

WALKS IN ECCLESHALL PARISH



Enjoy your walk and remember the
Country Code.

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1. The walk starts at 'The Washpits' an open area of land opposite Holy Trinity church in the High Street. Head south through a green kissing gate and up the hill. Follow the path to a wooden kissing gate and then through a barrier.

2. Take care crossing this lane. Turn right and after 50 metres climb a stile on your left. Go ahead, keeping the hedgerow on your right. Go up to a field gate and a stile to join a lane and turn right. Proceed until you reach a green lane on your left.

3. Go down the green lane track and bear right at the bottom, joining 'The Dells' at a kissing gate. Follow 'The Dells' cutting climbing up to a kissing gate. Leave 'The Dells' at this point going slightly to the left and follow the field boundary, keeping the hedge on your right. Continue to a kissing gate leading into a gravel driveway. Proceed along the driveway to reach Wincote Lane.

4. AT THIS POINT THERE IS A CHOICE OF ROUTE

A. ROUTE ONE

Cross Wincote Lane to join a Restricted Byway through four field gates and up to a country lane, known as Cash Lane. Go right and keep ahead looking for a footpath on the right. Climb the stile, keeping the hedge to your left.

Carry on along field boundary, down hill slightly until you see a new farmhouse on your right. Keeping to the left of the house go up to a field gate.

Go through the gate to follow road to the right past new barns on the right. Proceed up the hill passing a farm on your right and the rear

driveway to Horsley Hall. Carry on ahead until you reach a 'T' junction. Turn right and continue along the lane until you reach Elford Common on the left.

At the cross roads cross over, passing a thatched cottage on your right and proceed down 'Kerry Lane' to the main road. Cross over the road onto the pavement and turn right to return to your starting point.

B. SECOND ROUTE OPTION

On reaching Wincote Lane turn left and proceed along the lane up to the main Eccleshall to Newport Road.

At the main road turn left, keeping ahead for 100 metres. Join a path on your left by a galvanised kissing gate in a metal fence and follow this route to a metal kissing gate and then a gap in the fence. Pause to admire the view of Johnson Hall and proceed, keeping the pool on your right.

Leave the field by another metal kissing gate and go up a green track. Turn left on reaching a driveway joining from the right. Keep ahead past a white metal gate and turn right onto a lane. Pass the black and white house on your right and go up to a roadway by a school.

Turn left and walk along the road ahead with care, looking for a footpath on the right. Join a path via a wooden kissing gate and descend past the rear of gardens to your right. Go through the green metal kissing gate to return to your starting point.

NOTE – The footpath through 'The Dells' or 'Dingle' and the Restricted Byway were re-opened in 2010 following a lengthy campaign by Eccleshall Parish Council

ENJOY YOUR WALKING AND WHEREVER YOU GO, FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

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