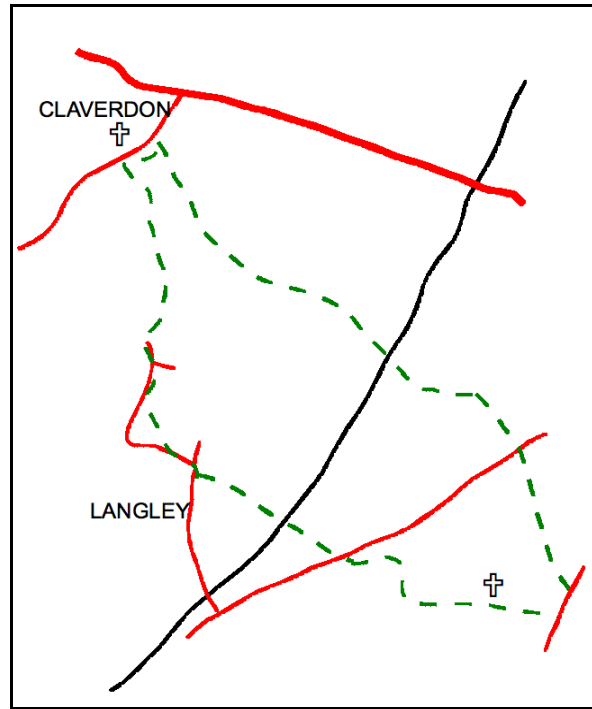


Dorridge & District Residents Association

Claverdon to Wolverton

This is a walk of around 3½ miles which mainly is through fields. It has several stiles, around three of which are not negotiable by dog, so a bit of lifting might be needed by dog walkers, and there are some mild hills to climb. It starts from nearby the Church of St Michael & All Angels, across some fields, over the railway line that links Stratford-upon-Avon to the Birmingham-Leamington Spa line, across to Wolverton, with its interesting church with wooden bell tower. On the return, there are some spectacular panoramic views above Wolverton in all directions. The picturesque village of Langley is briefly visited, and then there is a hilly return to Claverdon. The route is clearly waymarked, so the walk is easy to follow.

To find Claverdon from Dorridge, go down the Warwick Road until the large roundabout, turn right, signposted Shrewley. Go through Shrewley and you will eventually reach the A4199. Turn left, and in about 800 metres on the right, after the sports club, you will see a turning signposted to St Michael & All Angels. Park on the road near the church which is a short distance from the main road.



1. Turn Right into Park Farm



With the church on your left, walk down the road until you find Park Farm. Turn right into the driveway.

2. Take the footpath on the right



At the rear of the farm building there is a stile and footpath on the right of a farm gate. Walk diagonally across the field where there is a yellow marker to guide you.

3. Go through the gate, past the ponds



Keeping an eye on the way marks, walk straight ahead. As the track reaches the pond it briefly swings right then left, across a track. Essentially, carry on in a straight line.

4. Continue in the same direction

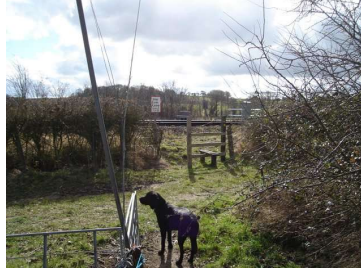


The path now continues in a straight line until you reach the railway line.

5. Continue on...



6. Cross the railway line.



The line is very quiet, but it goes without saying that you should take care. After crossing the stile onto the line, go right and over the filled in crossing, and then down to the stile

and over the other side.

7. Carry along the edge of the field.



From the line, if you follow the waymark arrow, you should see a stile in the distance to your left. However, we walk straight on along the edge of the field

8. Through or round the gate



At the gate, bear left along the clear path through the saplings to the stile.

9. Cross the bridge and carry straight on



After crossing the bridge and stiles, the path goes more or less straight on in the same direction.

10. Aim for the bottom of the hill



The path seems well used, but if not clear, you are aiming for a gate which is the bottom of the grassy hill on the far side of the field.

11. Cross stile and follow track



At the other side of the field, cross the stile and follow the farm track, which continues all the way to a road...

12. Through the gate



...but first there is another gate.

13. At the road, cross.



The track reaches a road. Cross the stile, go across the road, over another stile and then continue in roughly the same direction.

14. Head for the left of the brick building



The path goes across the field and then down past the left of the buildings on the far side.

15. Across the corner



a paddock, crossing two stiles to reach a track/driveway down which we turn left to reach the road.

One of the joys of a right of way is sometimes history overcomes common sense. As the fence on the far side of the field is reached, the path bears left, over the corner of

16. Turn right,



At the road we turn right walking a few houses along.

17. Turn right again



Turn right up the driveway, waymarked and straight up along the tarmac path. This goes past the beautiful Wolverton Church, with its wooden spire and entrance.

18. Past the church, bear right.



After perhaps popping in to admire the church, continue past the church, and through the gate, bear right through the small paddock to another gate.

19. From the gate, cross follow path.



and from that point you can see unspoilt countryside for nearly 360° around.

Having left the paddock, do not follow the road, but cross and follow the field ahead, with the hedge on your right. Soon you will see the Wolverton 2000 Millennium bench

20. At the end of field, turn right



Having followed the field, the path arrives at a stile. Cross the stile and turn right, again following the hedge on your right.

21. Bear left through gate



Eventually you arrive at the next field, looking down a fairly steep slope to a country lane. Bear half left to the gate at the bottom.

22. Cross the road to another path.



Crossing the road, a little way to the left is another footpath, through some trees leading to another field. It gets very boggy there.

23. Cross the field diagonally



The path goes diagonally across the field to the left, to a point at the right hand end of the hedge that ends about halfway along the far field edge.

24. Continue along the field edge.



Having arrived at the hedge, go through the gate, keeping the hedge on your left.

25. Go on through the next field



...following the left side of the field with the line of trees.

26. And on through the next



Go through the gate, and ahead there is another stile which leads onto the railway line. Cross the line, taking extra care as there is no proper crossing. Continue in the

same direction, following the waymarks.

27. Continue up the hill



Following the same line, go straight up the hill, passing through a gate which marks the path. Head up to a gap by a ramshackle shed.

28. Pass by the shed, and carry straight on



Follow the hedge on the left, walking straight on until you reach the road.

29. Turn right, then left



Having reached the road, which is on the edge of Langley, turn right and then immediately left into the quiet lane.

30. Turn right up the footpath



About half way up towards a row of houses that can be seen across a few fields, there is a footpath on the right. Follow up the edge of the field, keeping the fence on your right.

31. Go to the right of the garage



The footpath arrives at the back of a garage. Go over the stile and go to the right of the brick building, through the narrow passageway, along the gravel drive and onto the road.

32. Turn right



Turning right on the road, follow this, ignoring the waymarks on either side of the road.

33. Continue up the hill



Turn left at the junction, sign-posted Claverdon. Take care as this is the main route to civilisation from Langley.

34. Turn right at the footpath.



After climbing the hill for 100 metres or so, keep an eye out for the footpath down a wide opening to the right, after the White House.

35. Follow the path



The path goes roughly straight on, waymarked. Cross the field to the next stile.

36. Cross the stile



Having crossed the stile, the path now follows the left hand edge of the field.

37. Cross Another stile



Having climbed yet another stile, go across the recently renovated bridge and climb up the other side.

38. Climb the hill



The land rises steeply up a hill, the path following near to the bushes on the right.

39. Continue to the road



Having reached the top, the path goes through a gap, and the path continues along the line of the fencing on the right. The gate on the far side appears to be half way along the

field, but as you approach it becomes apparent that the gate is in the corner.

40. Turn right at the road



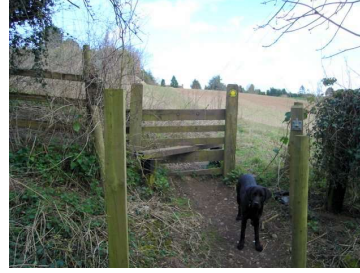
At the road, turn right, keeping to the wide grassy verge. After 50 metres or less, there is a green gate approached by a tarmac path.

41. Go through the gate



Go through the gate, along this hedged path between the houses.

42. Turn left into the field



A few metres down this track, at the end of the garden of the house on the left, is a stile which goes up into a field. Follow the left-hand edge of the field, heading for the diagonally

opposite corner.

43. Return to the start



As you get to the corner of the field, after admiring several gardens with open views over the Warwickshire countryside, there is a grassy gap off to the left. At the

top right of this, there is a gate which leads back to the road. The church is in front, and all that remains is to remember where you parked...