

This route can be found on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 243, Market Drayton. You are advised to use this map in conjunction with the instructions.

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# WALKS IN ECCLESHALL PARISH



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Enjoy your walk and remember the  
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Each paragraph number relates to a point marked on the map and is followed by its map reference, found on Ordnance Survey Map 243.

1. (827 290) The walk starts at 'The Washpits' an open area of land opposite Holy Trinity church in the High Street. Go across the road from the monument and up, passing through a green kissing gate. Follow the path to a wooden kissing gate and then through a barrier (825 286).

2. Take care crossing this lane. Turn right and after 35 metres climb a stile on your left. NB: Stile can be tricky to climb. Go ahead, keeping the hedgerow on your right. Go up to a field gate to join a lane and turn right. Proceed until you reach a green lane on your left before the lane turns right (824 284).

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 (817 279). Proceed left along the driveway to reach Wincote Lane (814 275).

#### **4. AT THIS POINT THERE IS A CHOICE OF ROUTE**

##### **A. ROUTE ONE**

Cross Wincote Lane to join a Restricted Byway through 2 fields with one field gate and up to a country lane, known as Cash Lane (810 270). Go right and keep ahead looking for a footpath on the right (807 273). Walk up the field, keeping the hedge to your left.

Carry on along field boundary, downhill slightly until you see a new farmhouse on your right. Keeping to the left of the house go up to a field gate (809 279).

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 (813 284). Turn right and continue along the lane until you reach the crossroads at Elford Common on the left (820 289).

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 (827 274).

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 (828 275) and head in the direction of the black and white building, Johnson Hall, bearing slightly left to a metal kissing gate. 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 (825 284). Pass the black and white house on your right and go up to a roadway by a school (826 286).

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 (824 284) 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