



# Eccleshall Parish Council

## Bench to Bench Walks

6 accessible\* walks around  
Eccleshall using public benches  
as resting places.



\*Accessible to wheelchairs, scooters, zimmer frames & pushchairs

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P & M Edwards  
Garden Centre

Fletcher's  
Garden  
Centre

# Eccleshall Bench to Bench Walk 1



**Approximate total distance 5.3 Km (3 ¼ miles)**

This walk allows you to plan short walks between the public benches in Eccleshall

Circular walk around Eccleshall including country lanes, Elford Heath,, Holy Trinity Church, and the historic high street with its eighteenth century houses, library, coffee shops ad clock



Starting in the Town centre, bench 1, proceed easterly for approximately 1045m (3/5 mile), passing the Little George seventeenth century coaching house and benches 2,3 and 4 to Fletchers Garden Centre with teashop, miniature railway and Gentleshaw Wildlife centre.

After Bench 5, outside the garden centre, carry on along Stone Road, for 300m, until the right turning down Blurtons Lane, which passes through countryside for 1110m (approx. 3/5 mile) until the junction with Stafford Road. Turn right down Stafford Road for until the left turning for Green Lane, Bench 7.

Follow Green Lane for 516m, passing Bench 8, then straight across Newport Road to Cross Butts. Along Cross Butts for 456m, until the junction with Goal Butts and Shaws Lane, passing the Community Centre on the right.

Walk down Shaws Lane, for 805m, passing fields and Allotments until the junction with Kerry Lane, Bench 13. To your left is Elford Heath, with its picnic benches, woodland, pond, and open space.

Turn right down Kerry Lane for 546m until the junction with Church Street and Bench 14. Turn right for 155m and pass by the 12th century Parish Church, and Bench 18. Opposite is the historic Washpit, where sheep were once cleaned and benches 16 and 17.

Continue for 339m down the High Street with its many historic buildings, library, shops and Town Clock to Bench 19, outside the old bank. Proceeding 73m further down the High Street towards the mini roundabout reaches Bench 1.



Between benches 16 and 19  
Town Clock



Opposite bench 19 on the  
High Street  
Historic building



Between benches 16 and 19  
Eighteenth Century Houses on  
High Street



Bench 15 and opposite 17 and 16  
Holy Trinity Church

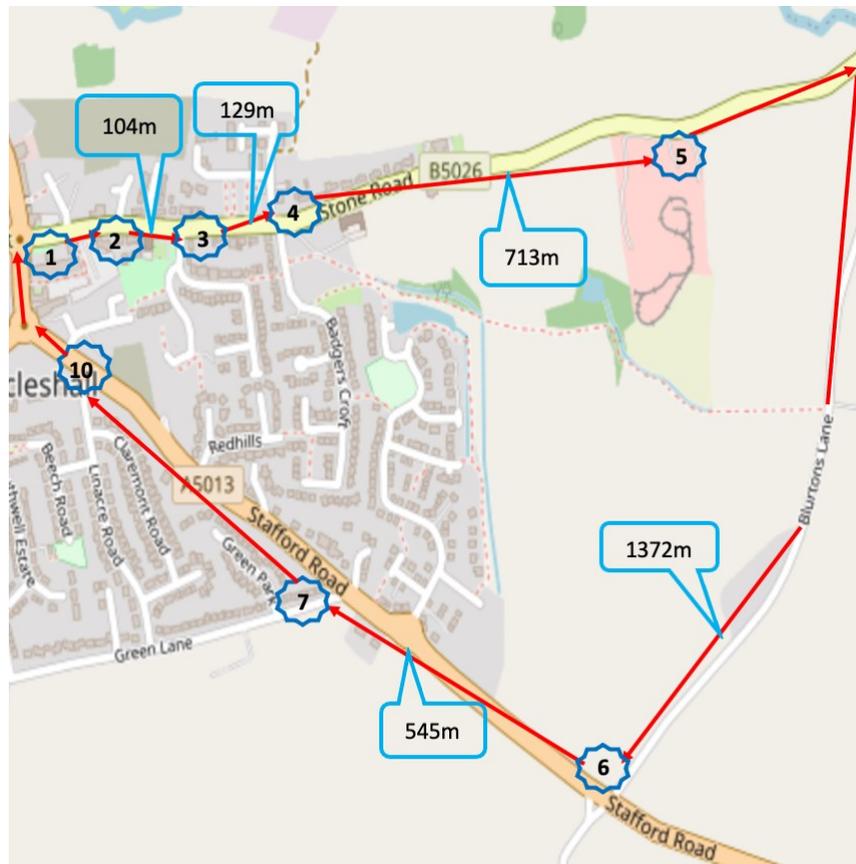


## Eccleshall Bench to Bench Walk 3



Approximate total distance  
3.7 Km (2 ¼ miles)

A circular, starting and finishing in the centre of Eccleshall. From Bench 1 to Bench 10 via the Stone Road, Blurtons Lane and Stafford Road



Starting in the Town centre, Bench 1, proceed easterly along the Stone Road for 1,045m ( $\frac{3}{5}$  mile) past the Little George seventeenth century coaching inn, benches 2,3 and 4 to Fletchers Garden Centre that has a teashop, miniature railway and the Gentleshaw Wildlife centre.

After passing Bench 5 just beyond the garden centre carry on along the Stone Road for 292m until the right turning down Blurtons Lane, which passes through countryside for 1372m, until the junction with Stafford Road.

Turn right down Stafford Road for 545m passing the mini roundabout for the new estate, until the turning for Green Lane, and Bench 7. Continue to follow Stafford Road for 500m until the junction with Linacre Road with Bench 10.

Then carry-on down Stafford Road for 118m until the mini roundabout and turn right into Stafford Street for 110m passing Perrys, the renowned butchers and then the Kings Arms public house (which dates to the 1500's and was a stopping point for London to Chester coaches), on your right and the garage on the left, before returning to Bench 1, opposite the Little George eighteenth century coaching inn where refreshments are available.



## Eccleshall Bench to Bench Walk 4



Approximate total distance  
1.1 Km (0.7 miles)

A circular, starting and finishing in the centre of Eccleshall. From Bench 1 to Bench 19 via Eyeswell, Holy Trinity Church and the High Street



From Bench 1 walk south down Stafford Street, past the garage opposite the Kings Head public House until the mini roundabout, 107m, turn right into Newport Road and then right onto Goal Butts passing the Eagle public house and Small Lane, 144m.

Look for the entrance to the Public Footpath and Eyeswell on your right, immediately before the gatepost marked Croft. Enter the footpath, passing Bench 22, and the wooded area to your left. Note the board describing origins of Eyeswell.

Keep to the footpath for 132m, until Perle Brook road, go straight across and continue along the footpath for 212m turn right for 44m until the Washpit is reached with Bench 16 and a notice board surrounded by railings with the history of the Washpit.

Turn right past Bench 16, the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church is opposite. Continue, for 400m, down the High Street, with its many historic buildings, library, shops and Town Clock to Bench 19, outside the old bank.

Thence returning to Bench 1 opposite the Little George 12<sup>th</sup> Century Coaching Inn.

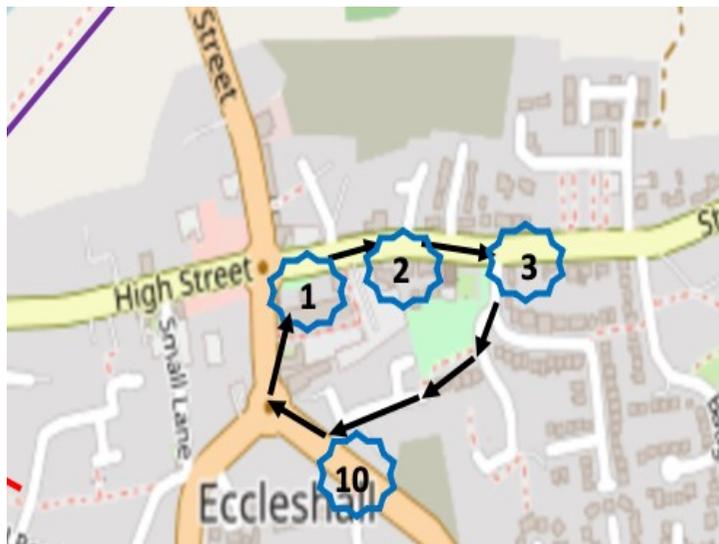


## Eccleshall Bench to Bench Walk 5



Approximate total distance  
0.7 Km (1/2 mile)

Circular walk to and from Bench 1 via Stone Road, Hartlands Road, Market Fields, and Stafford Road



From Bench 1 walk east along the Stone Road, passing the public toilets and bench 2. Carry on across the entrance to the Co-op car park on your right and the Saddlery on your left.

A short distance after the Methodist Church is the entrance to Hartlands Road, 252m. Turn right into Hartlands Road, then keep right into Bishops Court. The Queen Elizabeth 11 field is on your right. (The field was part of a nationwide project in celebration the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2012.) 100m.

Turn right and cross the field for 50m to a short footpath that leads into Market Fields. Follow Market Fields for 121m until the junction with Stafford Road and turn right proceeding along Stafford Road for 73m until the mini roundabout.

Turn right into Stafford Street, pass the award winning butchers, Perrys, and the window of the Coop, which displays an historic fire engine, returning to Bench 1 after 107m opposite the Coaching Inn, the Little George.



## Eccleshall Bench to Bench Walk 6



Approximate total distance  
1.2 Km ( 3/4 mile)

Circular walk to and from Bench 1 via Castle Street, footpath 12, the Church and the High Street



From Bench 1 walk north up Castle Street, past the Old Smithy Public House and the site of the blacksmiths. Opposite is the seventeenth century coaching house, The Little George.

Proceed for 300m passing Bench 20, in the bus shelter, to the footpath sign on the left. On your right, behind the trees is Eccleshall Castle whose origins are in the thirteenth century, now a private residence, built in 1693 by the then Bishop of Lichfield, and is open to the public for one day a year.

Follow footpath 12 across the field for approximately 350m, until the Churchyard, then walk through the Churchyard for 120m, passing the 13<sup>th</sup> century church. The church building was begun in 1189, for the Bishops of Lichfield containing the tombs of four Bishops, including that of William Overton, beside the altar. Parts of a stone cross outside date from the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Bench 15 is outside the parish room, in front of the Church.

Turn left through the Lychgate onto Church Street passing the War Memorial, originally erected to commemorate the fallen of the 1914-1918 war and proceed along the High Street passing the old fire station and Peel House, on your right. Peel House was formerly the court house and police station and many of the houses were shops and businesses. Proceed for 400m, passing many Georgian houses, the library, shops, the 18<sup>th</sup> century Bell Inn and Stafford House. On the right is the Royal Oak early 19<sup>th</sup> Century coaching inn and the Crown, once an Inn, but now the surgery.

Pass the Town Clock to Bench 19, located outside the old bank building. Thence returning to Bench 1 opposite the Little George 17<sup>th</sup> Century Coaching Inn.