

WDDC Christmas Walk 2018

Reference:- OS Explorer Map 203 Ludlow, Tenbury Wells & Cleobury Mortimer. A portion of this map, appropriately marked, will be distributed for participants.

The Start and Finish will be at Crumpsbrook Cottage, 3 Crumpsbrook, Hopton Wafers, DY14 0EP. To get there follow A4117 road between Cleobury Mortimer and Clee Hill village. At the top of Hopton Bank, if you are travelling from Cleobury, at the **Murco Filling Station**, turn right onto the minor road (turn left if travelling from Clee Hill village). Follow the minor road across a Cattle Grid and carry straight on for a short distance until you reach a junction at the top of a small rise, marked with a small shelter building and a signpost for Stockhall. Turn right at this junction and turn immediately left onto the grass and gravel driveway marked with large rocks – look for Union Flag flying at the gate to the property.

The Walk - Safety First. The walk traverses a variety of surfaces from tarmac, through gravel, stone and grass tracks to paths across Common ground. Parts of the route involve walking along roads and tracks so be aware of motor vehicles using these. There will be muddy and slippery surfaces and trip hazards in places so dress appropriately and take care. Contact telephone numbers:- Landline 01584 890047, Clare 07980 592314 and Nigel 07875 924905.

Leave Crumpsbrook Cottage via the pedestrian gate and follow the driveway to the road junction and cross the road so that you are on the right side of the small shelter. Ahead you will see a cream coloured house, Craven Cottage, in the lee of Magpie Hill. Follow path towards Craven Cottage until you reach a single track road and turn right. Follow the road into Cleeton St Mary until you reach Woodlands Farm at the crossroads at the top of the bank. (large green waste bins adjacent to green cabin on this junction). Turn right onto Byway, Jack Mytton Way, at this junction and follow this onto Silvington Common. Brown Clee will become apparent on your left as you enter the Common. After about a kilometre the gravel track turns right and Jack Mytton Way continues straight on. This junction is marked by a large fence post with Blue paint on it. For those wishing to take a shorter route turn right and follow the gravel track downhill (shown in pink on map). More details below.

The main (Green) route continues to follow Jack Mytton Way for a little over a kilometre, through a gate, until just before a bungalow, a gate on right opens onto a footpath with a wooden stable block to its left side. Take the footpath downhill WITH CARE as it is muddy and slippery for a short distance. This path meets a single track tarmac road at junctions with drives to Rabbit House and Haresfoot Cottage. Turn left on single track road and follow it until you reach a crossroad junction with 2 tracks. Turn right and follow track uphill. This track is firmer underfoot towards the edges where vehicles have compacted the surface. At the top of the bank go through the gate and at the sharp bend to the left leave the track going straight forward onto a grass Bridleway. Continue to follow this until it meets a gravel/stone track. Turn right to reach a red post box and a bench at a track junction. THIS IS WHERE THOSE WHO TOOK THE SHORTER ROUTE REJOIN THE MAIN ROUTE.

The end is in sight and you need to make a decision on how to get there. You can either follow the gravel/stone track downhill from the bench until it meets the road or you can go straight forward along the grass footpath that meets the road close to the bridge over Crumpsbrook. FOR BOTH ROUTES turn right along the road, taking care to watch for traffic. After about 250 metres there is a fingerpost on the right where a track from the right meets the road. Cross to the left side of the road at this junction and walk across the Common, crossing a gravel track towards Crumpsbrook Cottage which is in front of you. WELL DONE!