

right. You will also see the meandering River Dove in the valley dividing Staffordshire and Derbyshire and in the distance to the right you can see the ruins of Tutbury Castle silhouetted against the skyline.

Make your way down the hill to the stile at the bottom and follow the path round the field and then out onto a road through what used to be an old RAF base but is now an industrial estate. Houses start to appear and as you walk through, bear left where the road splits and out on to the main road. Walk right here on the verge for a short distance then cross the road, taking great care, and pick up the path again on the left as the road bends to the right.

Now you are back on flat, open grassland. Follow the path across the middle of two large fields then head right across a footbridge in the middle of a hedge in the third field. Head towards the base of the castle mound and here you have a choice to go up the steps to take a look round the village of Tutbury with its pleasant shops, pubs and cafes or carry on the footpath to return back towards Hanbury.

Do try and visit the castle if you can. It is best known as one of the prisons of Mary Queen of Scots but it was also visited by many English kings and queens and was home to the great John of Gaunt, 2nd Duke of Lancaster.

Picking up the path for the walk back to Hanbury, the footpath runs along the base of Owen's Bank and back out once more onto the main road which you cross again with care and go straight over, joining the well marked path. The landowner leaves little room for error on this return journey as the path is fenced and rather regimented. However, take care to pick up the right hand path crossing the ditch by way of a railway sleeper, and further on as you come to the farmyard at the back of Castle Hayes Park Farm, cross over the road way and pick up the path as it heads straight on for a short while and then off to the right where the path once again becomes obvious. Continue on until you reach Hare Holes Farm; here you need to keep right where the signs give you 2 options, and follow the path back towards the crater where you will pick up the tail end of the red walk. At this point you can choose to either go straight back to the memorial hall or follow the route anti-clockwise via the crater before retracing your steps back to the Cock Inn.

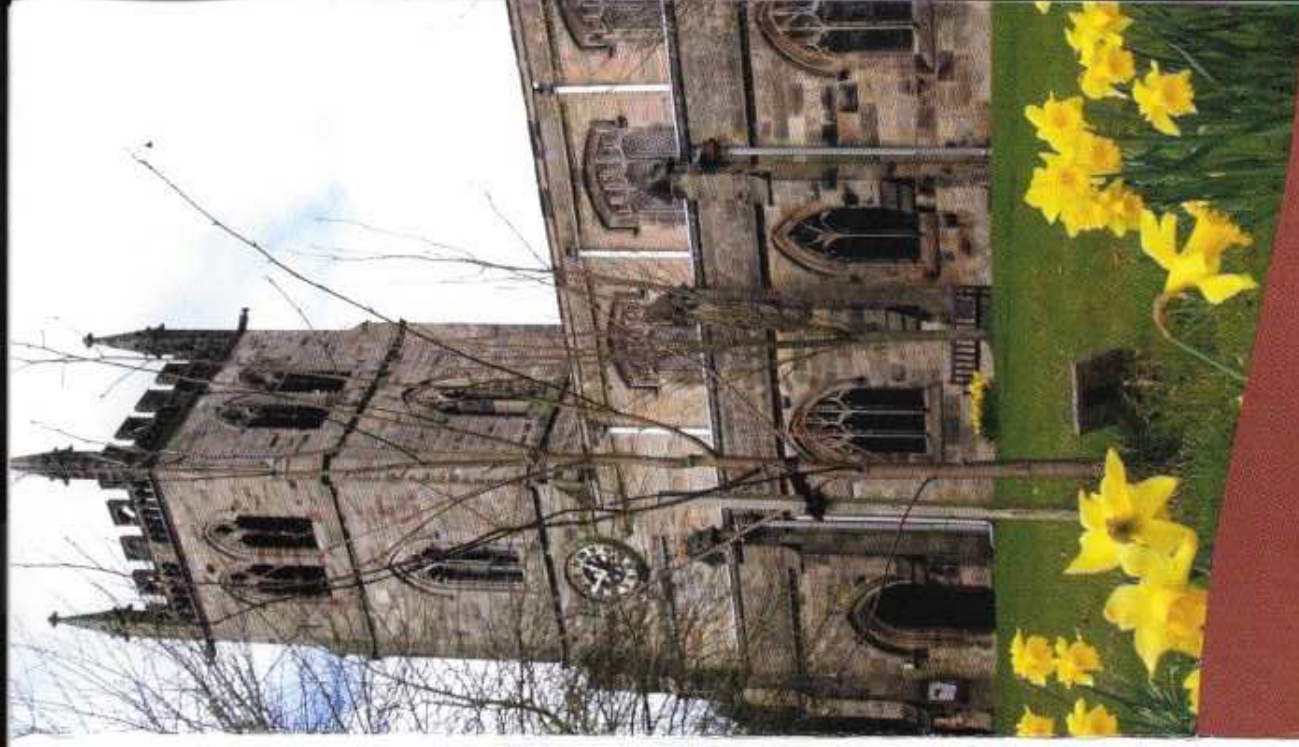
YELLOW WALK

3 miles – 1.25 hours clockwise

This is a new walk added to the map and starts at the other end of the village, known as Hanbury Woodend. It begins by taking the footpath in Chapel Lane to the right of Sycamore Farm. This is to the left of The Old Crown and is actually the driveway and old car park of this former pub. Go through the five bar gate and the footpath continues straight on across two fields to an old oak tree where there is a stile and little bridge. Follow the edge of the field and keep left round the corner. The footpath is now punctuated with a series of kissing gates through the horse fields of Hanbury Park. When you get into the farmyard (characterised by a brick arch to your right) turn left and head through the gate along the track with horses often grazing either side. Keep going straight ahead, and keep on along a grassy track, underneath the pylons, to the road which is reached by going through a gate and across a short section of private parking. At the road, turn right for a very short distance before picking up the footpath on the right which takes you back across the same field you have just crossed.

Find the gate about midway in the far side of the field and follow the path round the plantation, where, if you look carefully, you can see the sink holes caused by the undermining. Turn right and the path then continues straight on across fields until you come to Needwood House Farm. Care is needed here as paths go off in all directions. Ignore the triple finger post, you are looking for a single finger post that indicates the path going right tracking along the rear of a large shed and then the farmhouse into the copse beyond. The path is not always clear through this part of the walk but turns right at the first junction following the pheasant pens round, then left, away from the pens, near the edge of the copse onto an overgrown path. Keep going until you find your way out onto the driveway by Hanbury Park Gate and turn right to return back to Hanbury Park. This time you will approach the farm yard and the brick arch will be on your left at which point you will pick up and reverse the route you began on. Turn right after the last kissing gate down a grassy track to return to the Old Crown.

Hanbury Walks



PARKING

The red, blue and green walks tend to start off from the village pub, The Cock Inn, situated at the top of Hanbury Hill. Walkers are usually welcome to park in the pub car park if they pop in for a drink or a meal before or after their walk. If it's a big group it may be best done by prior arrangement.

Other parking can be found at Hanbury Common, which is further down Hanbury Hill on the right-hand side, and has a stepped path up through a wooded area, leaving a short walk along the road back up to the top of the hill.

The yellow walk is not near a car park and so therefore if you do arrive at the start of the walk by car you will need to park considerately, avoiding private property and obstructing access.

BLUE WALK

3.5 miles – 1.5 hours anti-clockwise

This walk takes you into the heart of Hanbury and beyond into Draycott in the Clay. The views from the back of the church are simply stunning, where you can see well into the Peak District looking North.

Out of the pub car park, turn left and walk up to the T-junction, then turn right opposite the bus shelter. As the road bends sharp left, head straight on instead and walk down Martin's Lane, past the old school on one side (now converted to residential properties) and the water tower on the other – a prominent and useful landmark



when making your way back to the village from most directions. Take the left-hand fork down Church Lane and when you get to the Church take the track bearing off to your left past a delightful, half-timbered, thatched cottage.

Take a moment to look at the Church and go in if it is open. Records show that Newborough and Marchington were originally included in the Parish, which could account for the size of St Werburgh's Church relative to Hanbury today. The church is an ancient stone structure with a square tower, however the fact it is dedicated to St Werburgh suggests it was founded long before the Norman Conquest.

Pay attention to the map, as you now follow the footpath signs remembering this walk is written going anti-clockwise. After you have walked across the first field, take the left hand of the two stiles in front of you and make your way diagonally down the steep bank to a stile in the middle of the hedge at the bottom. (You may wish to take the right hand stile instead and extend the walk as indicated on the map).

Head straight across the fields following the map until you meet Riddings Lane and turn left to walk into the village of Draycott until you get to the school where you will find a footpath sign to your left. Take this path and go across the field and over a footbridge into a charming little valley (often a bit boggy!) with a brook running along it. At the end you will come up a small bank and over a stile out onto Greaves Lane which you should follow straight on until you get to Foxholes Farm, where the footpath starts again, down the side of the farm house and to a stile. Heading left, diagonally up the hill, the path follows the wooded top of the fields where at the brow you will see you are nearly back in Hanbury. Go over the stile, straight across the field and pick up the trail going right until you come out onto the road, which you take left to get back to the Cock Inn.

RED WALK

Fauld Crater – 1.5 miles – Clockwise

The footpath for this walk starts from just the other side of The Cock Inn garden. Follow the signs and navigate the various stiles and kissing gates leaving Brown's Copple to your left until you get to the perimeter fence of the crater, with some rather alarming MoD warning

signs. The history to this is the Fauld explosion which took place on 27th November 1944 when as many as 4,000 tonnes of high explosive stored underground in the chambers of the exhausted gypsum mines were accidentally detonated.



The green walk to Tutbury heads straight on at this point, but you are heading right and following the fence, past the memorial of the 70 people who lost their lives on that fateful day.

Carry straight on and the path eventually loops back on itself a little way to bring you out through a kissing gate into the open field which you head straight across and follow the trail. The route passes a disused air shaft and continues across the field back towards the village (this is where the water tower is a handy point of reference) and you come out along the path to the side of Hanbury Memorial Hall. Turning right on the road, a short walk brings you back to the top of Hanbury Hill, where if you go right again you find yourself back at the pub.

GREEN WALK

Tutbury – 6.5 miles- 3 hours- Clockwise

Follow the red walk to the point at which you reach the crater and the red walk turns right. Proceed straight ahead down the stepped bank, taking care as this section can be muddy and slippery, then keep straight on at the bottom. Follow the track looking out for the areas of no entry, it forks right after a while and you need to pick up the more grassy path which forks off to the left as you climb back up out of the woods. Soon you will come out onto open meadow land where from the crest of the hill you can see into the Staffordshire Moorlands to your left, the Peak District ahead and the Derbyshire Hills to your

