

## **Walks In and Around Loxley**

### **Walk 1: Loxley to Alveston [The Fox to The Ferry]**

**Distance: 6 miles (approx.)**

**Minimum time: 2-2.5 hours (excluding lunch!)**

**Gradient - flat**

**Level of difficulty - easy but requires ability to climb stiles**

**Parking - In Loxley village**

**Toilets - in public Houses and Airfield Café**

**Dog friendliness - across private land so keep dogs under control at all times**

A great opportunity to walk from the centre of Loxley to nearby Alveston where The Ferry provides a superb refreshment stop. Alternatively, start and finish in Alveston and eat lunch at The Fox. Countryside views over flat terrain and a range of agriculture are the highlights of this walk. Be prepared to encounter cows, stiles and see some light aircraft in passing. Enjoy the architecture in both Loxley and Alveston which are both delightful examples of small Warwickshire villages.

### **Directions**

1. From The Fox public house in the centre of Loxley, head downhill towards the village green and Stratford Road. At the green, head straight down from the Memorial towards the stile that leads into the field between Loxley Hall and Loxley Farm. Enjoy the view from the top of the green looking across the Warwickshire countryside.

2. Once over the stile, bear immediately left and take another stile into a small copse. Follow the footpath through the copse and out the other side into fields leading towards Wellesbourne airfield. Follow the footpath signs until you come to the airfield climbing over a stile onto the road adjacent to Newlands Caravan Park. As well as the wooded countryside to enjoy, you may encounter cows here and will need to climb several stiles in this section.

3. Take a left and walk on the road for a short distance before taking a left onto Hunscombe Lane. Drop into the Airfield café if a cup of tea is needed at this point and to enjoy the hustle and bustle of this busy small airfield.

4. Follow Hunscombe lane for about a mile until the road becomes a dirt track. This is a quiet tarmaced lane which provides some easy walking. Just beyond the house called 'Wayside' take a right-handed footpath over fields towards Alveston.

Follow this path across two arable fields before you reach Alveston Farm. Continue to follow the footpath down the drive to this farm passing a range of dwellings as you go. Finally, you will reach the B4086 with a road signposted 'Alveston' directly in front of you. Cross the B4086 and follow the road into Alveston. There is pavement here so the walking is safe and even.

5. Once in the village of Alveston, take a right-hand turn towards The Ferry public house. The village is quiet and has some lovely buildings so admire as you walk. Arrive at The Ferry in time for a drink and snack lunch.

On your return you could retrace your steps or take the alternative route directed here:

6. Retrace your steps back to the B4086 and then across to Huncote Lane (numbers 4 and 5).

7. At Wayside, where Huncote Lane becomes a dirt track, cross the lane and follow the footpath in front of you into fields heading towards Oldborough Farm. Follow the footpath passing the back of Loxley Park and Glebe Farm. You will climb a number of stiles and pass through several metal gates in this section.

8. At Glebe Farm, take the path across the fields towards Loxley emerging onto the Stratford Road at the edge of the village. Turn left onto the Stratford Road and walk for a few hundred yards back to the village green and then up the hill towards The Fox. Have a drink here too – you deserve it - before heading home.