

## Walk No. 9

This walk is entirely along roads, and is a very pleasant 6 miles or so, going through some lovely countryside. It reaches out a little beyond the boundaries of Kimbolton to first Middleton and then Leysters.

Start at the Stockton Cross, and walk in a northerly direction away from the A4112 along a pleasant country lane signposted Pateshall to a T junction which is reached after a mile. At the T junction follow the road round to the right in front of Coghall, a half-timbered house, and then round to the left over a bridge keeping the house and its garden on your left. Continue along this road for about three quarters of a mile until you come to a crossroads. There are nice views across farmland to Middleton. Turn right at the crossroads, and continue along the road until you come back to the A4112. You have been going steadily uphill to this point, and to look back is to enjoy some fine views across towards Wales and Ludlow. When you reach the A4112, turn right for a few yards along the main road and then cross the road to take the road to Wootton: clearly signposted.

Follow the road down through Wootton for something over a mile, an idyllic route, and through a couple of gates on the road. You will eventually come to a sharp fork back to the right, signposted to Brook Farm. Take this road down past the farm and the ford beyond the farm. Then follow the road up the very steep Killhorse Hill to Lower Bache, and, following the road round to the left at the top of Killhorse Hill (you can't go wrong: there are no other turns!) you will come out on Bache Hill with its splendid panoramic view over Herefordshire to Wales.

Carry on down the hill to the left and continue along the road for just over a mile, keeping the views on your right, until you come to a crossroads (the Pyke Crossroads). Turn right at this point and carry on for half a mile first downhill and then uphill back to the Stockton Cross Inn.

