

Shuttington, Amington, Alvecote round walk



- 1** The walk starts in Shuttington at the kissing gate at the end of Milner Drive, cars can be parked at the Wolfeston Arms public house. Follow the path sign posted with an arrow straight ahead until you come to a kissing gate with an old tarmacked drive to the left. (This drive once belonged to a farm that was demolished when the area was opencast in the 1950's).
- 2** From the kissing gate walk down the slope until you reach another gate located in a hedge row, pass through this and on until you reach the next gate at the end of Laundry Lane.
- 3** Pass through this gate and turn right, there will be large padlocked gate in front of you with a style next to it. (Not the bridle path) Cross the style and walk up the side of the field with the fence and lakes to your left. (At the end of Laundry Lane on what is now a car park used by fisherman stood Laundry Cottages, now demolished.)
- 4** When you reach a gateway with a style to your left, cross over into the corner of a field with lots of trees and rabbit burrows and carry on with the barbed wire fence to your right.
- 5** To your left at this point you will see a large mound of overgrown rubble, this was once 'Warren Farm' and the fruit trees also to your left once it's orchard. If you look to your right over the fence you will see a small pool with bird watching hides around it. Keep walking with the fence to your right.
- 6** You will soon come to a gateway and style, cross the style and follow the track along the left hand edge of the field which dog legs until you reach a kissing gate on you left.
- 7** Go through the gate and follow the track with the hedge on your left towards the river.
- 8** When you reach the wooden footbridge cross over The River Anker and follow the footpath through the water meadows towards Amington, keeping the river to your left.
- 9** You will come to a kissing gate near to some stables when you pass through the gate you will find yourself on a small road, keep straight ahead.
- 10** Cross the railway line and just after Catherine Place flats, turn left.
- 11** Just before the canal bridge on the left, there is a pathway leading down on to the towpath of the Coventry Canal.
- 12** Follow the towpath under the Tamworth road and you will eventually come to a small footbridge.
- 13** This is the site of a disused canal wharf hidden in the woods to your left, also the site of a railway branch line which crossed the canal on it's way to Glascoate Colliery. Tamworth Golf Course can also be seen on the far side of the canal.
- 14** On the left is the site of the old Tamworth Colliery spoil tip and on the right the new Alvecote Marina, once the site of a brickworks.
- 15** Opposite the Samuel Barlow pub cut up onto the tarmac service road running alongside the Coal Yard, then turn left crossing the railway before following the road around to the left towards Alvecote. From here you get a good view across the lakes towards Shuttington, the lakes being a recent feature caused by the land subsiding due to mining.
- 16** Pass down through Alvecote, the cottages once the home to miners from Pooley Hall Colliery. Notice the old shop now closed and on the very end of the row of cottages the location of an old Methodist Chapel damaged by bombing during WW2, demolished and now a play area.
- 17** On the left is the site of Alvecote Fields Nature Reserve where Dragonflies, Snipes and Hoverflies can be seen.
- 18** Carry on down to the junction of Alvecote Lane and Shuttington Road and turn right until you come to Shuttington Bridge, or 'Black Bridge' as it used to be known.
- 19** Carry on across the bridge and cross the road before the bend, here you will see a kissing gate, go through the gate and carry on across the field up towards the pub.
- 20** You will come to another kissing gate half way up the field, pass through this and back to the start point at Milner Drive.

This walk takes around 2-3 hours and is approximately 5 miles long, walking mostly on flat terrain.