

## ROUND THE PARISH

1. The walk starts at the playing field at the top of Plovers Rise. There is car parking here.
2. Walk away from the Pavilion and Youth Centre buildings to the far end of the playing field. The gate leads on to Napleton Lane.
3. Almost immediately opposite is a driveway with cattle grid and small picket gate. Walk along the driveway until the footpath veers slightly to the right through trees and along a 'green lane' between a paddock and a field. The end of the path has a wooden ditch crossing and emerges onto the Roman Road.
4. Turn right and walk along the road, past Napleton Farm on your left. Continue along the road, ignoring the right hand turn, until you reach a T-junction with The Croft on the corner.
5. Turn left and walk along Bestman's Lane, past a thatched cottage and over the M5 motorway bridge, onto Kempsey Common.
6. Walk straight ahead, past the car parking area and the few houses, to go uphill on the right hand side of the Common. Almost at the crest of the hill, turn to the right keeping the hedge on your right. Then turn right again to go downhill between the trees on Back Common. As this is common land, there are no officially marked footpaths and bridleways here, but footfall will show where others have walked.
7. When the Common opens out, beyond the trees, go over a ditch crossing, up a slight incline and then veer slightly right. You will reach a wooden gate with the motorway on your right. Go through the gate and then straight ahead down a path, which at times is tarmacked. This comes out onto a lane, with Marlbank Cottages on your left.
8. Turn right and go along the lane, under the motorway bridge. Just beyond this, turn right up a steep bank and go through the gate. Follow the grass path straight ahead with the motorway close on your right and paddocks on your left. You will eventually reach a gate.
9. Go through the gate and, after a few metres, where it opens out, veer left. You will have a vista of turfed land and, in the distance, the full spread of the Malvern Hills. Go slightly right across the turfed land towards a single tree. Continue up to the brow of the hill, going to the right of a section of scrubland. From here go slightly left downhill, towards a large oak tree in the hedge line, to the left of a house.
10. Go down the bank and then turn right to follow the hedge line towards the house. Just beyond the house, strike out diagonally across the turfed land towards a wooden signpost. There are steps at the signpost down onto a road.
11. Cross Bestman's Lane and then go along the footpath immediately opposite. Continue along this footpath, between hedges and passing a junction of paths. Continue straight ahead with houses on your right.
12. At the end of the footpath, turn right up the lane. Cross the road (Bannut Hill), onto a grass verge and then go straight ahead with a house on your left and a bungalow on your right. Cross a stile and follow the path along a field edge with the hedge on your left. You will see the playing field on your left, through the hedge. Go over the stile at the end, out onto Napleton Lane. The gate back onto the playing field is immediately on your left. Go through the gate, back through the playing field towards the buildings to return to your starting place.