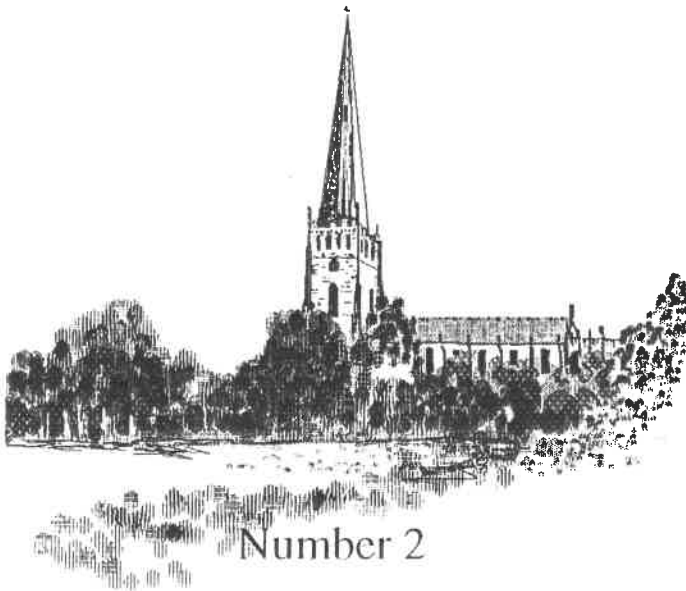


# COLESHILL CIVIC SOCIETY

## WALKS AROUND COLESHILL



Cuttle, Maxstoke Park,  
Dumble Farm, Hollyland



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Countryside Service

WALK 2. CUTTLE MEADOW,  
MAXSTOKE PARK, DUMBLE FARM,  
HOLLYLAND.

Time taken: 2½ to 2¾ hours.

If you travel into the town centre by car, park in the car park in Church Hill, behind the Old Market Hall. Before commencing your walk it's worth taking a look at the Market Hall. You will see the culmination of a major Civic Society restoration project. The building was originally three cottages, probably from the Tudor period. They were converted into a Market Hall in 1863/4, by Simon Digby, when the medieval market hall that stood in the centre of Church Hill was demolished.

Walk up to the Parish Church, and take the path past the West Door leading to the Croft, one of Coleshill's designated Green Spaces. From the old iron gate walk down the diagonal path towards the cemetery. The vicarage garden wall is on your right, with the present vicarage closest to you. The original home of the incumbent, now called Chancery House, is just visible behind it.

Go through the cemetery gates and continue in the same direction towards the middle of the hedge on your right. In the hedgerow you will find an iron kissing gate. Go through the gate into the lane. You will see another kissing gate on the opposite side. Your path is through this gate and into the old meadow beyond.

The well worn track leads you across the meadow to a stile. Cross the stile and, if the weather is agreeable, take the opportunity to sit for a few moments on the lovely memorial seat which commands a beautiful view across the Blythe valley. What a delightful way to remember someone who loved the countryside and walking.

The seat is at the top of a large arable field sloping down gently to the River Blythe. Follow the path, noting the old field pond on your right. The pond, now overgrown, is a reminder of days when they were an important part of field cultivation. Continue to the hedge at the bottom of the field. Turn right and walk along the hedge to the corner of the field. Here you will see two waymarkers. Ignore the one inviting you to go down a short green lane to Maxstoke Lane, and take the other path turning left through the new kissing gate. This path, with an old hedgerow on your left and a fence on your right, takes you down to a modern, but attractive Cuttle Bridge.



The area here is known as Cuttle Meadows. Continue straight on, down a long length of wide trackway, fenced on both sides. The path takes you to the old trackway of the Whitacre-Hampton railway. Just before the bridge, on the right of the path, there is a rather unusual and attractive oak tree.