

GREEN LANE, WEBHEATH TO UPPER BENTLEY

The starting point for this ramble is the car park in Green Lane, Callow Hill. Out of the car park, turn right and proceed along the lane towards Webheath. With the golf course on your right, keep on, ignoring the turning off to your left into Crumpfields Lane, until you reach the area suitably named Hill Top!

At the junction between Heathfield Road and Church Road, the route taken by those using public transport will have been reached. Having arrived at the first stop in Downsell Road, the way back is up Downsell Road and then off to the right into Heathfield and Church Road.

A few yards along Church Road just past Upper Norgrove House and off to the left, there is an access road which is also a public bridleway. Proceed along the bridleway past Brownlass Farm and through a gate into a field. The view now stretches before you.

You can see Hanbury Church with the Abberley Hills as a back cloth. Go through the field, keeping the hedge on your left, and down the slope into a small coppice. The path swings to the left and then through a gate into a drive way leading into Pumphouse Lane.

As you enter the lane, you will see a signpost pointing the way you have just come, which confirms that you have just used a public bridleway. Having turned left along the lane, almost immediately on your left there is a stretch of open fence which serves as a stile. Over the fence, the path is to your right diagonally across the field through a gate in the far right hand corner of the field, you soon have a sighting of Norgrove Court.

This beautiful old house can be seen to full advantage as you proceed through the gateway into yet another bridleway.

Turning right, you follow the track which winds its way up the hill until it reaches a lane. Pause here for a magnificent view across the Malvern Hills. The route is resumed by turning right from the bridleway, from which you have just emerged along the lane towards Upper Bentley.

To your left are the grounds of the now demolished Bentley Manor and a little further on there is a beautiful black and white farm house.

The picturesque hamlet of Upper Bentley is ahead but our route is via a lane off to the right, just past the farmhouse.

The return journey commences at the 'T' junction with Pumphouse Lane. Turn right, then proceed over the ford, past Raglis Cottage and so through to the signposted bridleway back to Hill Top.

Bus users can return to the stop in Downsell Road for their journey into Redditch whilst the motorists walk down Green Lane to the car park, after a ramble of approximately five miles.

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upper Bentley

