

CHURCH HILL SHOPPING CENTRE TO BEOLEY

This walk starts from the entrance to the Church Hill Centre car park. If you are coming by bus, walk a few yards from the bus stop and then turn left past the Church Hill clinic.

Opposite the car park entrance, the main walkway takes us to a path running alongside school playing fields. Keep straight on until just after the road sign - 'Moorgate Close' and then turn left into another hard surface path. This path leads us through a pleasant well-wooded area on the edge of Church Hill. Turn right at a T junction, cross the footbridge, and walk through the underpass. There is one more footbridge to cross and then you are out, by a public footpath sign, in to Beoley Village. From this point onwards the walk becomes more rural.

Having crossed the main road you will see, by the telephone box, the start of another well defined path. Over two bridges and a stile, continue through the meadow keeping alongside the hedge until you reach a bridge on the left. Walk through the field with the steep part of the hill on your left and you will see a stile into the next field.

The way is now towards Beoley Church, which you will see from the high ground in front of you as you cross the stile. Another stile has to be climbed before reaching the beautiful St. Leonard's Church. The interior of the church is of considerable interest because of the Sheldon Chapel. The Sheldon family introduced tapestry into this country during the sixteenth century. For residents of Redditch it is interesting to learn that one of the first looms was set up at Bordesley Abbey.

Through the graveyard, at the rear of the Church, there is a 'kissing-gate'. To the left of this exit from the churchyard, there is another gate leading into a field. To your right across the field you will see a metal stile. Turn left along the road within a short distance you are at a crossroads.

Over the B4101, you are now in Icknield Street; walk under the main road and up the steps onto the walkway. Turn left at the sign for Tenbury Close and then right into Upperfield Close and on to the Church Hill car park and bus stop - the end of a very pleasant walk.

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Rambles round redditch

Beoley - "the clearing where
there are bees"

