

The Route:

1. (719 295) From the Car park/Parish Hall , walk to the bottom end of the playing field and exit by the bottom gate. Turn left then right onto Cheswardine High Street.

2. (723 291) After about 200m enter a field on the left at the way marker and go diagonally across towards the road (Depending on the season, this path may be inaccessible or difficult, in which case, carry on along the road, taking the first left by the bungalows and you will reach the field path exit on the left) On leaving the field cross and go along the lane opposite.

3. (728 290) At the T junction, The Old Nook is on the left, Cross over and follow the road ahead, heading for a small gate in the hedge.

4. (730 290) Take the first right turn and as the road bends to the right (25m) go through the gate at the corner of the field. Head diagonally across to the oak tree midway along the hedge. Go through a gate, go straight ahead keeping the hedge on your right.

5. (729 285) Turn left into the lane and stay on the Newport Road (approx 500m) through the hamlet of Hopshort taking care to watch for traffic.

6. (729 279) Just before Soudley Park Farm (half-timbered house) turn right and follow the wide track, black barns will come into view. Go between the trees (this is not the official path but to avoid walking through crops the landowner has given permission to use it). From here there are lovely views of The Wrekin. At the junction take the gate ahead , then head left down the path towards Ellerton Wood Farm .

7. (720 277) Cross the New Brighton canal bridge (No 51) and immediately take the steps to the towpath and go left under the bridge. Follow the towpath past Fox Bridge (No 52) to Halleman's Bridge (No 53).

8. (713 287) Exit the towpath here and turn right onto Westcott Lane. Follow the lane for approx 500m. **

9. (716 290) Turn left into the field over the stile by the way marker. Head diagonally to the right across the field and cross another stile. Cross the farm track and keeping the hedge on the left, head for the village. Go through the gate into the narrow lane (Hell Lane) between the houses and on to the Parish Hall located on the right, past the playing field. (Alternatively, carry on along Westcott Lane at ** , turn left then left again to the Parish Hall.)

We hope you enjoy the walk. May we remind you to follow the country code: Close gates after use. Take your litter home. Keep dogs on leads near livestock.

CHESWARDINE

Cheswardine is located about 5 miles from Market Drayton. The Parish Church, dedicated to St. Swithun, overlooks Cheswardine Parish from the hill at the top of the village.

Cheswardine boasts 2 pubs: The Red Lion and The Fox and Hounds, and a third, The Wharf is located on the canal. There is also a community shop located within the Parish Hall, next to the car park, playing field and playground.

Cheswardine Parish Council on behalf of its Parishioners



Cheswardine Walking Group (2023)

CHESWARDINE WALKS: 3

Cheswardine - Soudley - Hopshort Little Soudley - Cheswardine



Image courtesy: Julia Stanley

A circular walk of approx 3.5 miles (6 km), starting and finishing at Cheswardine Parish Hall, across fields, and country lanes, and along the canal. Some road walking is involved - be aware of traffic. You may also encounter livestock on this country walk.

Time: Approx 1.5 to 2hours

Fitness level: easy to moderate.

Explorer Map: Market Drayton 243 (grid references marked in the route details)

All 6 Cheswardine walks can be
downloaded from
www.cheswardineparishcouncil.org.uk

For further information and to find walks in
Shropshire: www.shropshirewalking.co.uk