## **Weston on the Green to Chesterton and Wendlebury**

An 8.5 miles circular walk visiting Chesterton and Wendlebury Churches, some of which is on minor roads.

Starting at St Mary's Church Weston on the Green, leave the Church yard by the gate to the Village Hall, continue up the footpath past the Hall alongside the stream.

At the end of the path, cross Westlands Avenue diagonally right and continue down the Oxfordshire Way between the bungalows.

Go through the kissing gate and continue down the right hand side of the field, through the next kissing gate and down the narrow path between houses on the right and field fence on the left.

Continue through the next kissing gate and out into North Lane, turn right and continue up North Lane to the top.

Take the footpath round the oak tree and continue past the entrance to the housing estate to the end of the path, to cross the road and through a gap in the hedge by a fingerpost for Chesterton (Be aware, fingerpost may be partly hidden in hedge)

Bear slightly left diagonally across the field to a gap in the left hand hedge, go through gap, bear right and then diagonally left across this field to the far left hand field edge where the tall trees commence.

Continue on right hand side of the hedge to cross a footbridge on the left then head diagonally right to a footbridge about one third of way along far hedge.

Cross the next field heading slightly diagonally left to a footbridge and stile in far hedgerow,

Cross the next field diagonally left towards the farmhouse on the left, officially the public footpath goes through the farmhouse garden but the landowner has given permission to skirt around the outside fence of the farmhouse to pick up the path again through the gate to turn right alongside the tennis court and continue down the path between the ditch and the hedge to a footbridge over the ditch. Cross the footbridge and bear diagonally right to go through the gate at the end of the paddock.

Bear diagonally left to the stile and footbridge through hedge, crossing a narrow strip field diagonally left to stile and footbridge about three quarters of way along far hedge. (GPS may show footpath to right of where stile actually is)

Head straight across this field to a stile and footbridge to the right of open gateway and straight across next open field to far left hand corner and the motorway.

At the motorway turn left and walk parallel with it to some steps leading up onto Akeman Street.

Turn right and follow the road straight down into Chesterton, to visit the Church follow road round to the left, past The Red Cow and bus shelter to take Manor Farm Lane on the right.

On leaving the Church, retrace your steps to the Red Cow, turning left immediately after the pub.

Follow the road along until it turns sharp left where you go through the kissing gate and take the footpath ahead signposted to Wendlebury. Cross this open grassland diagonally right to stile halfway down the right hand hedge, cross the stile and head diagonally left to stile in left hand hedge, just beyond electricity pole.

Cross the stile and turn right along footpath to carefully cross the dual carriageway at the gap in the central reservation and take the old road into Wendlebury.

To visit the Church, turn right up Church Lane opposite The Lion.

On leaving the Church continue through the Churchyard to take a small gate in far wall to the left of the Church. Go past the hedge on the left to then turn left and follow the hedge line down to it's end, continuing past houses on the left, through the kissing gate and out onto the road.

Turn right and follow the road out of the village and up to the motorway flyover.

(From here you can continue along the road, back into Weston on the Green up and over the A34 flyover and back through the village to the Church.)

If you would prefer to stay off the road then immediately over the flyover take the entrance on the left, turning immediately right to follow the footpath signposted Islip, down a narrow track and over the stile on the left.

Turn right and follow the hedgeline over a footbridge and continue to the open field, crossing straight across to the hedge on your right and on along to a footbridge on the right.

Cross the footbridge turning immediately left through the woodland and out into an open field.

Cross this field slightly diagonally left to a gap in the far hedge, and continue on same route across the next field to cross a footbridge in far right hand hedgeline.

Continue diagonally left across this next field to the far corner of woodland, continuing on the same route across the next field to a footbridge in the far hedge.

Continue diagonally right across the next field to a gap in the hedgerow to then bear slightly diagonally left out onto a tarmac road.

Turn right and follow the road up to the T junction, turn left following the Oxfordshire Way, at the next T junction, turn left again and follow the road up and over the A34 flyover and down to the mini roundabout.

Turn left at the roundabout and into the car park entrance of The Chequers, crossing the stile just to the right of the car park gate.

Turn right after the stile and follow the field edge round past the gardens of the houses on the right and through a kissing gate into a small woodland. Continue on the path through the woodland and out through a wooden kissing gate Into a grass field.

Continue following the path diagonally left to a kissing gate and wooden bridge In far left hand corner of the field.

Cross the bridge and turn immediately right to follow the path initially along the field edge staying in a straight line past the open field on the right and continuing around the field edge, past the tennis court on the right and over a wooden footbridge onto a farm track.

Turn right and follow track to the top, diagonally cross the road to the right back into the Churchyard.

