



Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association

is a member of Shropshire Council's Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme. We have monthly work parties to maintain local Rights of Way. This includes footpath clearance and installation or repair of stiles, gates, bridges, fingerposts etc. We also encourage use of local footpaths by leading Sunday walks in and beyond our parish and produce a number of printed guides for walks in our glorious countryside.

For more information please visit our website: www.cmfa.co.uk



Walkers are Welcome

Cleobury Mortimer joined this volunteer led national organisation of affiliated towns in 2010. This status is awarded to towns with well maintained, safe way-marked footpaths and who give a warm welcome to walkers in their accommodation, pubs, cafes, and shops.

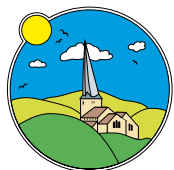


Build walking into your daily routine

Start gradually, set yourself small targets and goals and build slowly from there. Small changes can make a big difference. The most important thing is to make a start as any activity is better than none. To get the most benefit you need to do 30 minutes continuous moderate physical activity on at least 5 days of the week and any health benefits gained will be lost if you don't stay active.

Useful websites:

- Shropshire Great Outdoors: www.shropshiregreatoutdoors.co.uk
- Cleobury Country Centre: www.cleoburycountry.com
- Walkers are Welcome: www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk



Cleobury Country



Shropshire's GREAT OUTDOORS



Cleobury Country Walks

Walk 8: The Cleobury Wiggle



Length: 2 miles (3kms) or 3 miles (5kms)
Time: 1 hour or 1½ hours

Start: Outside **St Mary's Church**, Cleobury Mortimer

Walk Grade: Easy. Mainly made up paths and lanes, with Two stretches on grass (which can be muddy in wet weather). Three short uphill stretches

Note: Due to the terrain, nearly all our walks involve at least one short steep uphill and some stiles. However, you can take it as slowly as you like and the views make it worthwhile.



A view down the River Rea at Pinkham. Until Telford built the Newbridge(1790) the main road ran through this once busy but now quiet hamlet and across the river via a ford. There was an Inn and a mill.

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A short walk along the paths, lanes & fields within a mile radius of St Mary's Church.

A choice of distance to fit the time available.

Walk prepared by Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association

Walk Directions

For the shorter walk: Cross the road via the crossing point opposite the Pharmacy. Go left then right down Lion Lane and through a kissing gate to join the longer walk at 4.

For the longer route:

- 1 From St Mary's Church, take the path between the Church and the Market Hall (Visitor Information point). Continue between high hedges with the OLD JUNIOR SCHOOL on your right to a road. Cross and continue passing the OLD INFANT SCHOOL on the right. *[The splendid Georgian House housed the Junior school and was built in 1740 from a bequest by Sir William Lacon Childe, the lord of the manor. The infant school was built in 1863. Both schools operated until the 1960s]*
- 2 Turn left down a narrow path between houses. Follow this to the end of a cul-de-sac and then continue to a road junction. Cross to take the footpath almost opposite to pass school buildings on the right. At the end of the school buildings turn left down steps and follow the path to the Main Road.
- 3 Cross the road and go left then right at a crossroads (Tenbury Road). As the road bends right go left into Eagle Lane. At the bottom of the slope, where the lane goes left uphill, go over stile. Continue forward alongside gardens to a kissing gate.
- 4 Go uphill away from the town to a seat at the top and view back over Cleobury. Continue forward in the same direction across a field with farm buildings on your left. Once over the next stile turn left down a track, through a farm gate and to a road.

- 5 Turn left along the road, passing one stile on the right after about 150metres, continue for about 5 minutes, to a house then stile on the right. Go over the stile and diagonally left across a field to stable buildings, over a stile and then through a gate to a track.

- 6 Turn right along this track and continue to the right of a bungalow as it becomes a grassy path. Continue downhill through a gate to PINKHAM.

- 7 Go left along the lane, passing the old mill and continue to a junction with the medical centre opposite. Turn right up to the main road. Turn left and shortly, cross the road to go right down New Road. As the road bends left, go straight on into Rockley Bank.

- 8 At the end, take the footpath which goes downhill, through a kissing gate to go over a footbridge over the River Rea. Turn left and with the river on your left pass the ruins of the PAPERMILLS. *[Papermaking was a major 19thC local industry. The paper mill was burnt down in 1885].* Continue to another footbridge.

- 9 Cross back over the River and then go left along a lane keeping the river on your left and then steeply uphill. Halfway up the hill, take a footpath on your left above the river.

Continue up steps into a close.

- 10 At the end of the close, turn right then as the road bends right go straight ahead into a cul-de-sac to take a footpath in the top left hand corner. At the end, turn left then immediately right along a narrow lane. At the end, turn left to return to the church.



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PAPERMILLS RUINS



OLD JUNIOR SCHOOL



OLD INFANT SCHOOL