



# 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](http://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.

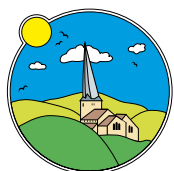


## Build walking into your daily routine

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](http://www.shropshiregreatoutdoors.co.uk)
- Cleobury Country Centre: [www.cleoburycountry.com](http://www.cleoburycountry.com)
- Walkers are Welcome: [www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk](http://www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk)



Cleobury Country

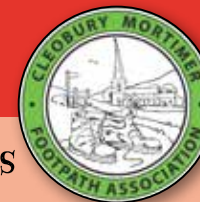


Shropshire's GREAT OUTDOORS



# Cleobury Country Walks

## Walk 14: A Walk in Three Parishes



- Length:** 3 miles (5 kms) or 4½ miles (7kms)
- Time:** 1½ or 2¼ hours
- Start:** Outside St Mary's Church, Cleobury Mortimer
- Walk Grade:** Moderate. Fairly flat, one steep slope at end. 5 stiles on longer walk, 3 on shorter.

**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



Walkers on route

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A walk to the west of the town into Neen Savage and Hopton Wafers Parishes. The high ground gives extensive views over Cleobury to the Severn Valley.

Walk prepared by Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association

## Walk Directions

- 1 Take path between Market Hall and Church and through narrow section to road. Cross and continue to crossroads with playing field beyond. Turn left along road and where it bends left, go straight on to right of Sports & Social Club and through gate. Turn right and follow path, fork left after 100m. At bottom, go through another gate then immediately right into field.
- 2 Go diagonally left up to gate in far corner onto Road. The official Right of Way is via the stile opposite and across to far right corner of field but it is easier to turn right for 100mtrs then take farm drive on left and follow it past **Lea Farm** [*A C18th rebuilding of a medieval manor house. Listed in a survey of 1581 as a hamlet*]
- 3 Go through opening into field to left of barn conversion. Keep hedge on your right and go right through waymarked gap around back of garden. After 50mtrs, go over stile on your right into orchard. Keep hedge on your left to go over two stiles and follow power lines to gate by reservoir leading to lane.

### For the shorter walk only:

Turn right along lane for half a mile. Pass farm on left and shortly after dip go right over a stile and diagonally uphill to gate in far corner. Turn right along lane to rejoin longer walk at 7

### For the longer walk

- 4 Go through gate almost opposite and across field towards row of poplar trees. Go through woodland and over stile on right into field. Turn left along field edge to corner, then sharp right

down towards hedge. Keep forward with hedge on left and over bridge. You are now in Hopton Wafers parish.

- 5 Veer left along middle of field and through gate/stile in hedgerow ahead. Turn right along hedge then uphill across field to gate to right of house ahead. After gate, turn right towards hedgerow and over stile. Continue in same direction and over next stile into Neen Savage parish. Veer slightly right across field to tree line.
- 6 Go right over small stream into next field and continue with stream on your left. At end of field go left across stream via footbridge and continue in same direction to gate at top corner of field onto Lane. Turn left along lane then right at crossroads passing gate on the right where the short walk rejoins.
- 7 Continue to a fork where go left. After 200m turn right down track with tall hedge to your right. Pass house [*site of the POORHOUSE where aged and sick paupers went to be cared for*]. Go over stile, downhill over footbridge (into **Cleobury Mortimer parish**) and steeply up to tarmac track. Turn left into caravan park [*the site of the WORKHOUSE, built in 1740, it took in poor people who could not support themselves. These people did small jobs to pay for their keep*]
- 8 Take right hand of two roads and then right down footpath between hedge & wall. Go across estate road and through gate into open field. Continue in same direction uphill to large tree then right and into a narrow section to a kissing gate. Go forward to crossroads where you retrace your outward route



LEA FARM