

ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS

Higham Ferrers Jubilee Permanent Trail BWF App No PT2435

START & FINISH: Market Square, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Northants NN10 8DZ
OS map 153 Grid Ref SP960685 Distance 10km
Fee £1.00

Route last updated on 30 January 2012

This route description is valid from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012
This walk has been established by members of the Ise Valley Vagabonds Walking Club (BWF Club No 70) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time.

From the Market Square, turn right to walk along College Street passing the remains of Chichele College and a house with bottles in the wall. Just past this house (bottle cottage), turn right into the driveway beside Peartree Cottage and pass Castle Cottage on your left, heading towards the park.

Follow the path round to the left and through the gates into Castle Field and continue along the path to the road (Kimbolton Road). At the road turn right and then right again into Midland Road. Continue along Midland Road for about 250 metres crossing John White Close and road signposted 'Midland Road leading to 1, 1a, 3, 3a, 3b' and turn right into the church yard. Follow the path passing the church on your left.

QUESTION 1. WHO IS THE OBELISK IN MEMORY OF?

Turn left through a side gate, to the church entrance. Turn right to leave the churchyard between the metal gates and follow the driveway into the Market Square.

Turn left and follow the footpath round the car park and turn right between the War Memorial and the Town Hall. At the road turn left and cross over the road (signed 'Market Square') and continue along the High Street passing the Queen's Head (opposite side of the road on your right) and the Griffin on your left. Turn left into Queensway and follow the road to the School crossing Linnetts Lane, Manor Way and Duchy Close. Near the School (The Ferrers Specialist Art College) cross to the other side of the road to turn right onto the Footpath/Cycleway.

Follow the Footpath/Cycleway for about 1km (gaining a railway track on your right) until the Footpath/Cycleway joins the road by an old railway bridge and some traffic lights. Turn right and walk down the road to the Railway Station/Museum. Turn left using the 2 sets of traffic lights and walk along the left hand side of Rectory Road for about 500 metres, crossing East Grove, Victoria Road, Albert Road, Queen Street and Portland Road to reach the crossroads with traffic lights.

Go straight ahead along Park Road, crossing Park Place and Griffith Street, passing the Methodist Church on your right, crossing Crabb Street and passing the Baptist Church on the opposite side of the road on your left. At the crossroads, turn right into Albion Place.

QUESTION 2. WHAT YEAR WAS ROCK COTTAGE BUILT?

Follow this road to the end and continue down the alleyway. At the road turn left to the pedestrian crossing. Cross the road using the pedestrian crossing, then turn right and in 50 metres, turn left into Wymington Road. Continue up Wymington Road crossing to the other side when it is safe to do so. After passing the entrance to Rushden Hospital, continue up the hill for about 100 metres to reach the entrance to Rushden Hall Park on the right. Turn right into Rushden Hall Park and follow the path towards the Hall for about 250 metres to a circular flowerbed. Turn left and follow the path with the wall on your right. At the end of the wall, continue ahead to the metal gate. Go through the gate and along the driveway to the road.

QUESTION 3. ON BUNGALOW NUMBER 75, HOW MANY BIRDS ARE THERE?

Turn right and follow the road (this is Hall Avenue and it becomes St Mary's Avenue) round all the bends for about 500 metres until you reach a roundabout. Turn right to cross the road via the pedestrian crossing, then continue uphill (Skinners Hill) to reach the road junction with the War Memorial on your left.

QUESTION 4. WHICH SAINT STANDS ABOVE THE WORDS 'TO KEEP IN'?

Turn left and pass Tesco Extra, with St Mary's Church on your right, then turn left down Church Street. Cross at the pedestrian crossing and continue downhill to reach the roundabout, then turn right into Duck Street. Continue along Duck Street past the car parks and by the traffic lights, with Wilkinson's ahead of you, turn right (this is College Street). Continue to the T-junction. Turn left along the High Street and follow the road to the traffic lights by the Wetherspoon Railway Inn. Cross over the road and continue along the High Street (pub on left) crossing over Station Road and turn left through the low wooden bollards, onto the footpath by the traffic lights.

Follow the footpath, with a disused railway embankment on your right, and turn right at the fork and continue with the stream on your right and later the fire station on the left to a road (Washbrook Road). Turn right and follow the road to the pedestrian crossing by the entrance into Asda and cross over. Turn right for about 10 metres, then turn left into Spencer Park.

Follow the Footpath/Cycleway through the park towards the School. Just before you reach the school, turn right and go through a gate to the road (Spencer Road) and go straight ahead up the road to the end. Turn left and walk along the road (Hayway) passing the road entrance to the school on your left.

QUESTION 5. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT?

When it is safe to do so, cross over the road and continue to the end. Turn right and walk along the road (Northampton Road) for about 250 metres until you reach the bottom of the hill. Cross over at the traffic islands and continue in the same direction, then turning left into Shelley Drive.

Follow Shelley Drive for about 500 metres ignoring all side turnings to the end, then continue straight ahead on the footpath between the houses. At the road, turn right and follow the estate road (Gardenfield) to a T-junction. Cross the road (Wharf Road) and turn right, after about 20 metres turn left into a driveway beside the school and follow it to the gates leading into the park.

Go through the gates and follow the path through the park passing buildings on your right to a road (Vine Hill Road). Turn right and follow the road (you may find it easier to cross over the road to the pavement) to the end of the parkland. Cross over Saffron Road and continue to the main road. Turn right along the main road (College Street) to return to the Market Square.

We hope you have enjoyed the walk!

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**ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS
PERMANENT TRAIL REGISTRATION FORM**

TRAIL	Higham Ferrers Jubilee Permanent Trail	
ROUTE UPDATED	30 January 2012	
DATE WALKED		
NAME		
ADDRESS		
ADDITIONAL WALKERS		
ENTRY FEE	Walkers @ £1.00 each	Total £
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		£
Please put my IVV stamps on a new set of Insert cards Yes/No		
ANSWERS		
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Comments		
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