

## **Sandbach Footpath Group**

### **ELWORTH and WOOD LANE**

**About 1.75 mile, 2.8km**

**Allow 2 hour.**

**Shorter route only 0.8 mile**

**Allow 1 hour**

Extension to walk, via Elworth Park, adds about 0.6 mile, 0.9km

*As with all country walks, some paths are wet, muddy and uneven, so wear strong footwear and have clothing to suit the weather.*

*On narrow country lanes, take care to watch for traffic as you climb down the stile to the road, and when walking on the road make sure you can see oncoming traffic.*

#### **Full walk 1.75 miles (about 2.3 miles with the extension)**

Start at Vicarage Lane, Elworth, CW11 3BU.

Go to the end of Vicarage Lane, follow the footpath sign and walk along the drive to the farm gate. Ignore the path off to your left.

Go through the kissing gate to the left of the main gate and continue on the path, on the right hand side of the field, keeping the hedgerow on your right.

Halfway down the field ignore the path leading to the bridge over the railway.

Go through the gate or over the stile, then head towards the line of trees.

Near the fourth tree, follow the arrow on the yellow waymarker, to bear slightly left and diagonally cross the field to a footbridge.

Cross the stream then continue in the same direction as the footbridge, crossing the field to the road and over the stile and turn left onto Wood Lane.

Pass a house on your left, then over the railway bridge. Ignore the locked gate immediately after the railway, but take the track on the left about 50m after the bridge.

Continue along this track and through a kissing gate, about 100m from the lane.

Keep the hedge on your left for about another 200m until you reach a stile, soon followed by a gate between two trees to cross a stream after which the hedge then continues about 2m to your right hand side.

The field narrows and you go through a kissing gate, ignoring the path over the railway bridge.

The track now has a fence on the left and a hedge on the right and you continue, passing a lodge on your right and through the gate following the yellow waymark arrow.

About 100m after the lodge you have a choice:

[\*] *Right on a concrete footbridge bridge over a railway – this is the extended walk;* or, go left to follow the track over the main railway bridge. This is Marsh Green Road.

Continue along Marsh Green Road, keeping the hawthorn hedge on your left.

At the end of the hedge go left along the footpath, and at the end of the footpath turn right to retrace your route back to Vicarage Lane.

#### **Short walk 0.8**

Start at Vicarage Lane, Elworth, CW11 3BU.

Go to the end of Vicarage Lane, follow the footpath sign and walk along the drive to the farm gate. Ignore the path off to your left.

Go through the kissing gate to the left of the main gate and continue on the path, on the right hand side of the field, keeping the hedgerow on your right.

Halfway down the field, turn left at the waymarker, to cross the field, and head towards the railway.

Go over stile and the over the railway bridge.

Turn left through the kissing gate.

The track now has a fence on the left and a hedge on the right and you continue passing a lodge on your right and through the gate following the yellow waymark arrow.

About 100m after the lodge you have a choice:

[\*] *Right on a concrete footbridge bridge over a railway – this is the extended walk;* or, go left to follow the track over the main railway bridge. This is Marsh Green Road. Continue along Marsh Green Road, keeping the hawthorn hedge on your left. At the end of the hedge go left along the footpath, and at the end of the footpath turn right to retrace your route back to Vicarage Lane.

### **Extended walks, via Elworth Park, extra 0.6 mile**

[\*] *For an extension to either the full walk or the short walk:*

*Elworth Park is very nice and well worth a tour round it, so try this extension to either walk, and explore the Park.*

[\*] After the steps on the concrete footbridge, you then follow an alleyway to Foxes Hollow Farm where you turn left to join Elm Tree Lane.

Continue along the lane, the cricket ground on your left and then turn left onto London Road (A533), passing the other side of the cricket club on your left.

*Notice the farm house on the right with nice porch and ornately bricked chimneys.*

Continue on the main road, over the railway, passing Marsh Green Road on your left. Shortly after Marsh Green Road, enter Elworth Park via the magnificent wrought iron gates, turning right to tour round the Park.

After touring the Park, leave at the opposite exit and turn right onto Marsh Green Road, then at the post box turn right onto The Avenue, which then leads back to Vicarage Lane and the starting point.

