Wychwood Walk No. 4: Ascott-under-Wychwood - Chadlington

Approximately 7 miles / 11 km
Parking: On street locally
(Please park with consideration to residents)

Part of a series of circular walks that link in with The Wychwood Way

The Wychwood Project works to help local communities to conserve and restore the landscapes and habitats in the ancient royal hunting Forest of Wychwood.

Start Point
1 From the village green follow the road to Chipping Norton over the railway and the bridge over the River Evenlode. TR onto the Oxfordshire Way for about 2.5 km passing through six gates until you reach Pudlicote Lane.

2 At Pudlicote TL opposite Pudlicote House, TR along a bridleway signposted 'Chadlington 1½ ml'. After about 1 km TL and a large fishing-pond appears on your right. BR at the bridleway to a road and TL.

3 At Green End BR until you reach a road to the left at Brookend. Follow this road to a path signposted 'Mill End ½ mile'. Go through gate and follow the path beside the brook for two fields. At an electricity pole on your right, TR down a path crossing the brook. BL, through a gate and along the edge of a wood to the road opposite the Tite Inn.

4 TR here and follow the road to the main village road where you TR. Passing shops you reach a cross roads where you TL, signposted Spelsbury.

5 Opposite the Memorial Hall there is a footpath signed Green End. Follow this footpath diagonally to a crossing of footpaths. TL, walk for 200 metres to reach a hedge with a bridge and gate. Pass through this gate, alongside an orchard, to stepping stones over a small brook and go through another gate. TR here and then BL round the edge of a field until you reach a gate / stile on the left. Enter the next field and BR to another gate / stile, cross the stream and up a track through a tree belt to reach a field. Take the footpath across this field, to another gate / stile and onto a wide track and BR.

6 At the end of this farm track, with a wood in front of you, TR and follow the Oxfordshire Way for 800m to the road. TL on the road, crossing over the river and railway bridges.

7 After crossing the railway there is a gate on your right and sign pointing to Shorthampton ½ mile away. The path initially follows the hedge on the right, then heads up diagonally left towards the field wall and onto the road. TL and Shorthampton Church is a short distance up the road. Continue uphill to a road 'T' junction and TR to reach a bridleway. Continue straight ahead for just over 1km to Chilson.

8 On reaching the road at Chilson, TL and TR into School Lane. At the end of the lane by the old school, TL at the gate and keep to the path with the hedge on your right. Pass through another gate and after a while the path swings to the left and then through a wide gap to the right, leaving the hedge on your left. Continue along the path straight ahead into a second field, and at the bottom of a gentle slope BR at the path and BR again to reach the exit from this field.

9 TL through the gap in the hedge and look for a path running diagonally left through the field towards Ascott-under-Wychwood. After reaching the road, TL into the High Street, passing the Community Shop, TR on London Lane to the village green.
Points of Interest

1-2 North of the village of Ascott-under-Wychwood is Ascot d’Oilly Castle, a scheduled ancient monument. Thought to have been built around 1129, the castle was named after Roger d’Oilly who was granted it by William the Conqueror. Only a fragment of the castle remains.


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The River Evenlode near Ascott-under-Wychwood

The Wychwood Way

View across the Evenlode from East of Ascott-under-Wychwood.

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