

March 18th 2012

Though there is some road walking on this route, most of the roads are quiet lanes or village footpaths. There is only one ploughed field, so a good walk for wet weather. Lovely views to the north, and over the vale at the end, reward your efforts.

- From the TK, walk north along the A413 towards Winslow, crossing Oving Road at the roundabout and then taking the old road to Mount Pleasant.
- From there, continue carefully along the wide verge of the A413 until a FB and stile appear, left. Cross this into the ploughed field, and follow the (usually) well-re-instated footpath (53) which leads (about 2 o'clock) to a track coming in from the right.
- Turn left onto this down the left hand side of the field until a stile appears to the right of the gate ahead.
- Cross this, and head first, right along the ridge, then downhill towards the stile/FB/stile which becomes visible in the bottom hedge.
- This is the Whitchurch/Oving Parish boundary, but the FP (now Oving Parish No 18) continues in the same direction to cross a stile and a further field (head for the derelict trailers!) to emerge via a stile onto the lane known as the Meadway.
- Turn left up this to Oving, and cross Whitchurch Lane to the crossroads; turn left into the village along the Bowling Alley, past the Recreation Ground until a FP, left, leads through a gate and past the allotments at the rear of Stone View.
- At the end of these, cross the stile, turn right for a short distance until a gate leads to the end of Stone View and its continuing track.
- Turn left here, and continue along this, passing more well-kept allotments, until a wider track is reached, which turns right to lead up to Oving Road along the Parish boundary.
- Turn left along the footpath until the bus stop is reached; cross carefully and turn right through the KG onto the FP to the left of the Surgery. Follow this between fence and hedge, and, through the KG, turn left to walk the short distance to the stile next to the gate ahead. (FP27).
- In this large field, walk initially ahead, towards the fence which intrudes into the field, then walk parallel with this to reach the KG which decants you onto Weir Lane.
- Cross this into Castle Lane, and continue until a KG, right, leads onto Bolbec Castle mound (57). The well-trodden path leads downhill, with the mound right, to cross the Spring of Fair Alice by a FB, and on to cross a stile/FB/stile in the hedge ahead.
- Walk along the fence/hedge on the left of this field (21), and as it converges on the stream which emerges from Whittle Hole, head up the hill, through the gate and onto the tarmac path back to the TK.

Key: Numbers refer to Whitchurch Parish Paths
KG=kissing gate
FB=footbridge
TK=Telephone Kiosk