

## October 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 Village Views

A walk for damp autumn weather that avoids (nearly) ploughed fields and muddy gateways, but gives some fine views permitted by Whitchurch's relatively elevated position over the vale and beyond. Distance: 3 miles; time approx 1.5 hours.

- ⌚ From the TK, turn left along the High Street, crossing Oving Road at the roundabout, and walk up the old Winslow road to emerge onto Mount Pleasant.
- ⌚ Turn right to the main road and cross carefully; continue up the bank to the stile ahead. Cross the narrow field (35), and, as it opens out, bear right along the headland (38) until the fence ends, cross a short stretch of ploughed field (43) to a gap between fence and hedge.
- ⌚ Turn right along the fence; views towards Winslow to the North and Creslow, northeast, can be admired.
- ⌚ Almost at the field corner, turn right through a KG into the village cricket field. Cross this, bearing left towards the gate (45) and through to bear left across the short paddock, through a KG, another short stretch and further KG onto FP 54, a lane along the back of the High Street.
- ⌚ Take the right fork from this to emerge by the White Swan. Turn left, then cross the road carefully, continuing down the hill towards Aylesbury.
- ⌚ Ignore the first (disputed) FP on the right, and continue to the second FP sign and gate, right. Go up and through this, crossing a small paddock and stile onto a concrete track. Turn right up this, until a stile appears, left. Cross this and proceed along the backs (1) of the houses of Little London, and through a dim tunnel of hedges via KGs into a wider expanse of grassland.
- ⌚ Good views from here of the vale to the South. Continue downhill along a recently-planted hedge to cross a stile into horse paddocks.
- ⌚ Cross an intervening stile to the double stile at the bottom of the field, and then across the stream via the FB, and in the same direction to cross a stile into the lane.
- ⌚ Turn right and continue (2) until the lane bends left; cross the stile ahead to turn right along the field edge.
- ⌚ Just before the right hand field corner, go through a short stretch of hedge to cross a stile into the pasture ahead.
- ⌚ Gradually diverging from the right hand hedge, head towards the byre, (7), cross the stile into a short stretch of farmyard, and emerge, via a further stile, into Weir Lane.
- ⌚ Continue up this, ignoring the first FP right, to the second. Cross this field, heading uphill towards the top right corner (18), and cross the double stile onto Castle Mound.
- ⌚ Continue ahead to the stile/FB/ stile, and then ahead (21) to converge with the stream emerging from Whittle Hole, and up the concrete path to the TK.

Key: Numbers refer to Whitchurch Parish Paths

FP=footpath

FB=footbridge

TK=Telephone Kiosk KG=kissing gate