

Refreshments: Corner Stores, Boot Pub, Kimpton

Park in the Memorial Hall car park – grid ref: TL172182

- ❖ Walk up Hall Lane. This is a former Roman road which went from St Albans to Ickleford. As you will see, the height of the road is much lower than the hedge which lines it. This hedge probably dates back to medieval times – this can be calculated by the number of different species in a 30m stretch. On your right you will see an example of a spindle tree. Its wood was formerly used for making spindles, knitting needles and skewers. The berries are an unusual pink and orange and are attractive to birds.

- ❖ At the top of Hall Lane, you will see Hall Farm on your left. This farmhouse was built in the 15th century although there have been many alterations since then. Two of the barns are 18th century.



- ❖ Continue straight on, along the bridleway which is a continuation of Hall Lane, as far as the gap in the hedge, on to the road.

TAKE CARE CROSSING THIS ROAD

- ❖ You will see a footpath leading along the side of a private drive at No 18. Follow this through woodland and at the end turn right past the horse paddocks.
- ❖ At the road (Porters End Lane), turn left then at the next gap in the hedge turn right onto another footpath. The path runs to the right of the hedge - it is often overgrown.

- ❖ Go through the trees at the end and over the stile into the field beyond.

- ❖ You will have a good view of Kimpton Bottom valley. This field has a good display of cowslips in May and orchids and other wild flowers in June/July.

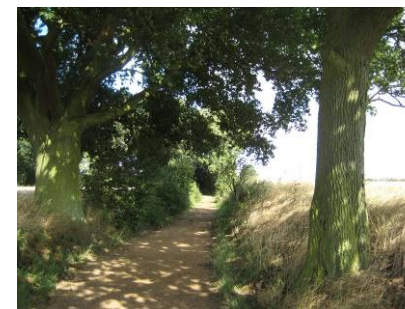


- ❖ Cross diagonally to the bottom of the field, go through the kissing gate, then turn right to go through another gate on to the road. Either of these fields might have miniature ponies in them. They are friendly but are very interested in dogs, so beware!

- ❖ Turn right and walk a short distance along the road.

- ❖ TAKE CARE WALKING ALONG THIS SOMETIMES BUSY ROAD

- ❖ Turn left at the first track, up Skegsbury Lane. This lane is an old country road, sunken for most of the way.



- ❖ At the top of the lane, take the footpath on your right which runs alongside the road at the edge of the field - it is often overgrown. When this path ends at a hedge, you will need to walk in the road until you reach a sharp right bend in the road.

TAKE CARE WALKING DOWN THIS ROAD. IT IS A BUS ROUTE.

- ❖ At the bend in the road, go straight over to the bridleway and follow this as far as the Corner Stores.
- ❖ Cross Claggy Road. Walk down the High Street back to the Memorial Hall on your right.