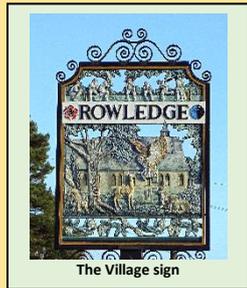


Walk 1. A Short Walk through Rowledge History. 4 kms.

A short walk to get you started, passing through some of Old Rowledge.

1: The Square was already the heart of the village in 1860; the Hare and Hounds, one of the first pubs in Rowledge, was already attracting police attention in 1865 when they were charged with selling beer out of hours. The attractive village sign, set up at the Millennium, has church and cricket prominent – one side shows the team



batting, the other fielding. The attractive Halifax Garden was donated to the village by Capt. Halifax, who fought at Gallipoli. Note one of smallest of garages, founded originally by Mr. Doggett and later known as Snooke's Garage. Also the Peak housing

development discretely located behind the old white-fronted houses facing the village shop. Shops have been located on The Square for 150 years. Mr. Porter was postmaster for half a century. Porter's Cottage is named after him.

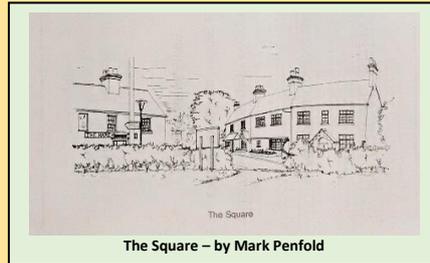
2: The footpath leading alongside Danford marks the county boundary and probably follows the ancient perambulations dating back to the 13th century. It takes you through open land to the Bourne Stream.

3: The bridge is recent but may mark the Saxon crossing of Dagmer. The Bourne looks inconsiderable; in summer it often dries out and was once called the Winterbourne for that reason.

But for centuries it marked a limit to encroachment south from Wrecclesham; some of the oldest settlements in the area nestle along its banks.

4: Holt Pound Farm is named after Holt Pound, where stray animals foraging in the Alice Holt were rounded up, and located where the old cricket pitch, the Oval, is now located. In Mediaeval times this area was covered by the Cokenore Wood.

5: TAKE CARE – BUSY ROAD AND NARROW PAVEMENT. Follow the A325, an old Turnpike Road where a turnpike cottage stood at the entrance to the forest as late as 1871. Echo Barn Lane was named after a barn where hop-pickers stayed and was once called Stickhams Lane after the old field, Stickhams, across which you have just walked.



Stickhams was also called Bourne Field and, later, South Chase.

6: The lane leads south past Wrecclesham Farm, no longer a working farm, across the ancient field called Londs.

7: There were settlements along Laurel Grove in the 16th Century. The lane itself may date back to Roman times. Here the feel is positively ancient. The ford at the end of Laurel Grove is at least mediaeval in origin. In the early 20th Century a poultry farm was situated here. Boundstone was developed in the 19th Century, and Boundstone Road is an enclosure road laid down across the Common in the 1850s.

8: Clifton Close dates from the 1960s but marks an old trackway that accessed the Frensham Parish Gardens. The footpath diagonal across the Ten Acre Wood crosses what is still common land.

9: The Switchback, a boundary with Frensham Vale, was left as a reserve by philanthropist William Rennie who lived at Frensham Vale in the early Twentieth Century.

10 & 11: The Avenue marks the old boundary between Farnham and Frensham parishes and was created at the time of the enclosure in the 1850s, following an old track which led from the Alice Holt to Waverley Abbey. The magnificent trees were probably planted by Nestor Fuller, owner of



Frensham Hill, to whom the common land was granted. In 1896, "The Avenue" was built by the builder Mr. Collinson on an old fir plantation at the western end of The Avenue. Major Lane was there from 1901 to 1912. His daughter's reminiscences provide much information about Rowledge in the early years of the 20th century. Opposite was Bayford House, occupied by Mr. Faulkner, of Faulkner's Nosegay Tobacco. Very wealthy, he built the attractive village hall façade in 1925. Chapel Road is an old trackway between encroachments, and named after the Methodist Chapel at its northern end.

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500 m

5. Turn R and proceed with care along the pavement of the A 325, turn R into Echo Barn Lane and then cross to the other side. Proceed straight ahead at the mini-roundabout at the junction with Manley Bridge Road.

6. Turn R opposite no. 34 where the track is signposted Wrecclesham Farm. Proceed beyond the farm down the steep steps until you reach the Bourne Stream.

8. To the L. is a ford; instead turn R. and follow the lane up the hill to its end and then go through the alley with the no-cycling barrier into White Post Lane and then straight on until you reach Boundstone Road.

4. Follow the footpath right-angle L. on to the track leading past Brant Storage and through the kissing gate to the A325.

9. Turn L. into Boundstone Road and then R. into Clifton Close. At the footpath sign on the R, turn R. and then immediately L. to follow the path diagonally across Ten Acre Wood ignoring pathways to L and R.

7. Turn L and follow Brown's Walk to Thorn Road.

MAP KEY
R (Right)
L (Left)

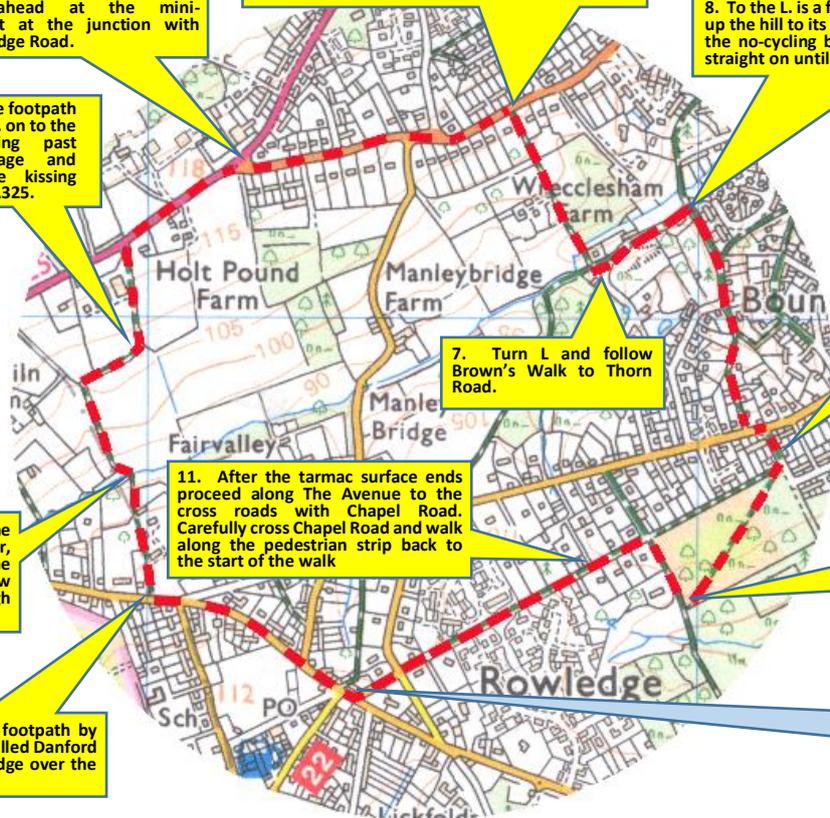
3. Stop and observe the Bourne – is it full of water, or dry? Proceed along the side of the field and follow the footpath uphill through right-angle R.

11. After the tarmac surface ends proceed along The Avenue to the cross roads with Chapel Road. Carefully cross Chapel Road and walk along the pedestrian strip back to the start of the walk

10. At the end of the wood turn R on to Switchback Lane (unmarked) and go up the slope to the start of tarmac lane. Go ahead to the cross roads and turn L into The Avenue

2. Follow the narrow footpath by the side of the house called Danford until you reach the bridge over the Bourne Stream.

1. Start at the bus shelter and proceed past the Hare & Hounds along Fullers Road until you reach a footpath sign on the R just past School Road.



This walk is not suitable for buggies because of kissing gate and steep steps. It includes a short section of pavement along the A 325.