

A) Leave the Village Hall, turning left into Millbrook Way. Proceed for 370 yards, crossing a bridge over a stream, and between houses, to reach the War Memorial, on the right. Go straight over the crossroads into Tunnel Lane for 80 yards, and take the lane on your right. After 100 yards you reach Orleton Manor, the present house being built in 1568, and occupied by the Blount Family from 1655 to 1907. King Charles 1st was reputed to have stayed here after the battle of Worcester, and in 1875 the estate covered 2500 acres. Continue on this lane, ignoring a turning to the right, for a further 275 yards to reach a footpath, on the left, between 2 timbered houses, named Little Overton and The Grange.

B) Go along this footpath for 65 yards, cross the stile into a field, with a pond to the right. Follow close to the hedge on your left to reach a footbridge. Cross the bridge and walk, half left, through an orchard to another footbridge, by a ford and large pool on your left. Cross the bridge and walk, in the same direction, on a track for 50 yards. Here take the left bend in the track for a further 80 yards to reach a T junction of tracks. Turn right for 40 yards to find a stile in the hedge on your left. With your back to the stile there are views of Bircher Knoll (ahead), Mortimer Forest Ridge (half right), and Orleton Manor (far right). Cross the stile,

aiming for the hedge on the left, and climb to reach another stile, with a black and white timbered cottage (Hewell Cottage) on the left.



Hewell Cottage

C) Go over the stile and turn left along Tunnel Lane for about 80 yards, and before you reach the 30mph speed restriction sign, cross a stile in the hedge to your right, into a field. Climb gently, aiming for the church spire, and when you reach a hedge on the field edge follow this hedge to the right until you arrive at another stile with access to St. George's Churchyard. Cross the churchyard to reach the left hand side of the church, and a path. Turn right on the path, past the church tower, and through a gate to access King's Road. Parts of the church date back to the 12th century, and it contains a Jacobean Pulpit, and a fine example of a 12th century font. In the churchyard there is a recently restored 14th century preaching cross, and 2 tombs of ancestors of the Procter and Gamble soap and cosmetics empire, which are situated near the north porch.

D) Turn left along King's Road, ignoring 2 turnings to the right, and passing a number of black and white timbered houses. Pass the Boot Inn, on the right, parts of which were built in the early 17th century, and where lunches, dinners and a variety of refreshments are available. Just beyond the Inn turn right at the cross roads, with the War Memorial opposite, and the Orleton Post Office and Stores across the road, which caters for all requirements. You have now walked full circle, and only have to continue along Millbrook Way for 370 yards to reach the Village Hall, on the right. The Maidenhead Inn, also offering lunches, dinners and a variety of refreshments, is situated at the crossroads about 100 yards beyond the Village Hall.



*St George's Church
Orleton*