



We hope you enjoyed your walk around Elford!

A Walk in Elford

Of less than an hour (excluding extensions)

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We hope you enjoy your walk around our village and perhaps also enjoy the extended Walks.

Whilst a small amount of information is included in this booklet, much more local information can be found at St Peter's Church, The Hall garden Project, and the following websites:

<http://ron.jean.tripod.com> <http://elfordparish.co.uk> www.elfordhallgarden.org.uk

- Start in front of St Peter's Church¹ 14
- Walk left to 'T' Junction, turn right.
- Walk straight over the road, through the gate into Elford Jubilee Memorial Playground² 2
- Turn left through the hedge then immediately right to walk alongside the Cricket Pitch³, through the hedge then a gate.
- Continue across into alleyway 4
- Turn right into second alleyway 5
- Walk along the side of the Sports and Social Club (for better walking access, with no steps, go to the right of the Club).
- Turn left⁴ continue until fingerpost on the bend at 'The Green' go down the drive and around the houses 8
- Continuing out onto the layby turn right onto Tamworth Road and up the hill. (To avoid stiles turn right, back into 'The Beck' and pick up the route through the Sports and Social Club Car Park).
- Cross over the main road as the footpath runs out on the village side.
- *As an extension to the walk turn left through first stile in hedge on hill 9 walk to end of fields, turn right along the road, right again to top of hill. Turn right back towards village 10 and through a stile back onto the main road, or left to follow walks 11 and 15 on the map. This finishes on the busy A513 with no footpath, a return along 15 11 10 is advised.*
- Cross back, take the drive to 'Skip Hill House' turning right over the stile 6
- Walk across the field and over stile at the bottom.
- Cross straight over the road into the Sports and Social Club car park, exit top left of the car park into The Crown Pub⁵ car park.
- Exit car park, turn right⁶ then first left into alleyway next to School⁷ 3
- At exit⁸ turn right, turn left at bend into Church Avenue back to St Peter's Church. *Continuing past the right side of St Peter's Church grounds takes you into the Walled Garden⁹*

St Peter's Church¹ - The earliest known Church at Elford was Norman, probably 12th century. The present Church is largely the work of Francis Paget (Rector 1835 - 1882). An early follower of the Oxford Movement, he was determined to completely restore the Church as near as possible to Sir Thomas Ardenes Church of the 14th century. Over a period of years with the help and support of the Hon. Mary Howard, lady of the Manor, this was accomplished, resulting in Elford Church as we know it today.

Elford Jubilee Memorial playground² - Built by resident Dick Cowley and Friends was opened by local politician Philip Bennion on 23rd July 2005. The pictures of the stones in the memorial playground show how the village of Elford has altered through the ages from the Stoneage to the middle of the twentieth century.

Cricket Club³ - Our first documented account of the Village Cricket Club emerged in 1852. From here onwards there were regular references to the Clubs' AGM being held and always the same observation - "The Rules and Subscription will be the same as the previous summer!"

The Beck⁴ - So called because a Stream (or Beck) runs under it from the Green to the River.

The Crown⁵ - Years ago the Crown served two roles in village life one as a public house the other as a courthouse. The cells were in the cellars and the courtroom was on the first floor, the only way down from the courtroom was by stairs, which were protected by a unique door on the stairs that could only be opened from below, it worked as a shutter down onto the stairs to stop anyone from escaping.

Village shops⁶ - have been situated in the houses on both sides of the Crown's car park entrance in the past.

The Howard School⁷ - prior to 1956 was known as Elford Primary School and at the centenary it was decided to name it after it's founder Mary Howard and since then it has been known as The Howard School.

Black and White Cottage⁸ and **Bagot House⁷** - two of the oldest buildings in the village.

Elford Hall Garden Project⁹ - A restored walled garden, open to the public, originally the gardens of Elford Hall.