

From the Village Green to Salisbury Hall.

Start at the Green Dragon Public House (1) and walk across the concrete footbridge (2) and straight on to a plank bridge and a gate (3). Go through the kissing gate beside it and continue keeping the overgrown hedge on your left (4). This path (London Colney 005) continues behind Sainsbury's Superstore to the embankment of the M25. Climb the embankment (5), there are steps, and cross the motorway on the footbridge. Downhill from the motorway you will come to Bell Lane. Cross at the pegasus crossing (for horse riders) and enter the drive to the Arsenal practice ground (6). At the end of the drive, carry on between high hedges to a crossroads in the path (7). Crossing the brideway you will emerge through a way-marked gap in the hedge onto a field of football pitches. Cross this field and pass through a gap in the hedge on the far side into another field. Turn left along the edge of the field until you meet a farm track (8). Turn left onto the track and follow it as it veers right towards the Aircraft Museum. Walk around the gate on the track and continue along a short stretch of track



with paddocks on your left. Straight ahead is a metal barrier with a way-marked post on its right marking a gap in the hedge at the entrance to the

Aircraft Museum (9). Through this gap turn left and then immediately right following the road between the houses until you come to Salisbury Hall on your right behind its moat. Turn left at the entrance to the hall then continue left to join a concrete track that continues left (10).



Here you will see a path with footpath signs inviting you to cross the fields towards the M25. Avoid this and continue left along the track past the sign for 'The Farmhouse'

where you will come to a path which continues as the track veers to the left. Turn right onto the path. Follow the path through the trees which takes you to the playing fields (11).

Turn right and follow the concrete track over the playing fields, taking care to keep dogs under control, past the house on the left, straight across the car park into the drive. (Waymarked). Follow the drive back to Bell Lane (12), turn left along the pavement and continue back to the footpath sign on the right where the path over the M25 is rejoined. Cross Bell lane and pass over the M25.

On the far side keep straight on into the tree-lined bridlepath. After some quarter of a mile turn right across the stile, bear diagonally left across the field (13). Turn left across the stile in the far corner back across the wooden footbridge to the village green.

Points of Interest:

Mosquito Aircraft Museum Salisbury Hall was the birthplace of the wooden Mosquito Aircraft, one of the most successful aircraft used in World War Two. The museum contains exhibits restored by volunteer enthusiasts and is open to the public.

Salisbury Hall This was reputedly a haunt of Nell Gwynn and King Charles II. The Hall is an old manor house, dating from before 1600. A cottage known as Nell Gwynn's is within the confines of the moat. The hall was inhabited from 1905 to 1910 by Lady Randolph Churchill, mother of Winston. The building is now used as offices and is not open to the public.