

## OWLSMOOR CIRCULAR - 4 miles

**START POINT** - SU842613 Car park at Sandhurst Community Hall

### THE ROUTE

#### Prayer Stop (before we start)

For the local groups that use the Community Hall .

For our council and councillors

For the sport groups that use the memorial park

For children and youth that use the play facilities and the skate park

For the local police (note police point at house to left of hall)

For those commemorated at the war memorial (face the hall then turn left to see the memorial)

For users of the Day Centre and staff and volunteers that work there. (end of Day Centre behind war memorial)

From the car park go to the right end of the Community Hall. Take the tarmac path that runs alongside the end of the hall with Cricket Club building ahead. Follow the tarmac path alongside the cricket building. At the end of the building turn left over one footbridge then turn right to walk along a grass strip with a stream on each side.

Follow the grass strip as it curves half left and along an avenue of trees with a sports pitch on either side. At the far end (almost at the Yorktown Rd and near the car park under construction) turn right along the edge of the field. In the corner turn left to reach the tarmac path beside the road and turn right along that path.

SU846613 In a few yards reach the Rackstraws traffic light junction. Go straight ahead continuing along Yorktown Rd. towards College Town

*Caution. At this junction, must use the light controlled pedestrian crossings to cross the turning lane and the main lanes of Marshall Rd on the right.*

SU850610 Follow Yorktown Rd to the junction with Branksome Hill Rd (on the left) with charity shop on the corner.

#### Prayer Stop

For the work of the HospiceCare charity

SU851609 Continue along Yorktown Rd and take the next road on the left, College Rd At the corner note the funeral directors on the left.

#### Prayer Stop

For those who are bereaved and those who care for the bereaved.

Go along College Rd and soon take the first road on the right Westbourne Rd

Go almost to the end of Westbourne Rd, where the RMA boundary fence and residential buildings are visible ahead.

#### Prayer Stop

For those who live and work at RMA

For our armed forces in general

Return along Westbourne Rd, and turn right along College Rd again.

SU855620 Almost at the end of College Rd follow the main traffic route, turning left along Yeovil Rd

SU851621 Stop outside the Community Centre / Doctors Surgery on the right side of the road.

#### Prayer Stop

For the doctors surgeries here and in Yorktown Rd, and for those that are ill

For community activities here in Owlsmoor.

Just beyond the Community Centre turn left into Brook Close. At the end is a fence at the boundary of Sandhurst School playing fields. The school buildings are behind the trees on the right

#### Prayer Stop

For staff, governors, and students at the school

For the Kerith Church who use this school as their place of worship.

Return to the Community Centre and at the far end from Brook Close, turn left along Cambridge Rd.

Stop outside Owlsmoor Primary School, at the junction with Church Rd

#### Prayer Stop

For staff, governors, and students at the school

Turn left along Church Rd

SU849622 At the end of the road turn right along Owlsmoor Rd and stop outside St Georges Church

#### Prayer Stop

For St Georges Church

Continue along Owlsmoor Rd.

Near the end of the road continue ahead over a roundabout.

SU850628 At the end of the road reach the junction with Rackstraw Rd. With care use the refuge to cross the road.

On the far side of the road turn right then immediately left into South Rd - a small tarmac cul-de-sac. Follow South Rd as it curves gently left then right. Part way round the right curve take a well trodden path up the short slope on the left. At the top of the slope look back to the right

#### Prayer Stop

Utilities: electricity line above us; gas control station and mobile phone mast at the end of South Rd. Also our water supply (including the pipeline under construction in Swinley Forest) even though nothing is visible for this.

Continue along the path at the edge of the Heath passing the Wildmoor Heath information board, parallel to the electricity line overhead on the right. Follow the path downhill, and pass through a gate.

*Note. Cattle sometimes graze in this area. They are generally friendly but try to avoid disturbing them!*

SU846630 Reach a crossroads of paths. Here turn left through a gate. Follow the path onto a boardwalk.

*Caution. Where boardwalks are mentioned take care to stay on them, as the area beside them can be very wet!*

The boardwalk curves right then left and the path then leaves it into a narrow line of trees ahead. Follow another section of boardwalk.

At a third section of boardwalk follow the boardwalk through a gate ahead, and soon after go through another gate, still on the boardwalk.

Beyond the end of the boardwalk keep straight ahead in the woods through two gates fairly close together.

After a third gate keep straight ahead into a residential road (Thibet Rd).

SU840617 At the far end of Thibet Rd turn left along the road (Wellington Rd)

Keep ahead along Wellington Rd, passing Park Rd on the right.

SU842616 At Brookside (road) on the right, the St Mary's Site is on our left.

*Caution: Bend in Wellington Rd restricts visibility.*

## **Prayer Stop**

For St Marys

Turn into Brookside

In Brookside keep straight on through a barrier towards the end of the road.

At the end of the road turn left and in a few yards use the pedestrian crossing to cross to the Community Centre car park.

**END OF WALK**