

This is a moderate walk, but with some difficult downward paths in Lizens Wood. Care needs to be taken on these, especially in wet weather.

Leaving the Parish Hall car park turn left onto the main pavement until you come to The Fox public house. [2] Turn left along the public footpath which runs through the pub grounds. Keep going, crossing 3 stiles, until you come to Back Lane.

Turn right up the lane until you come to a steep, narrow track (“stony alley”) on your left. [3] Follow this track down to a metal kissing gate. Go through and turn right onto a grassy footpath. Follow this downward path, passing through 3 gateways. Once through the third gateway bear left downwards towards a small bridge over the stream. Turn right and follow the path straight down, passing a large willow tree until you come to another gate/stile. Go through and follow the path beside the stream and into Small Coombe. [4] Keep on through Small Coombe until you come to the Starveal to Kilcott road. [5]

Turn left along the road until you come to the next road. [6] Turn right up the road, passing Curtis Mill and the mill pond on your left. Keep on this road until you reach a track on your left [7] leading down through the woods.

Follow this track, crossing a bridge over the stream, up through the woods, through a gate and into a field. Follow the fence on your left, passing a small reservoir on your left and keep on to the gate/stile at the end of this field. Keeping the hedge on your right, head for a small gate – not yet visible - in the far

right corner of this field. [8] Once there stop and look back for a fabulous view over Kilcott and the far distance.



Go through the gate into Lizens Wood and follow the footpath straight ahead which leads, after a short while, very steeply down through the woods to end at a stile on your left. Go over the stile into a conifer wood and after about 25 yds (20 m) bear left at a pine tree with wire fencing embedded into it. Follow this path, which contains steep steps (both up and down!) in some places, until you reach another stile at the edge of the woods.

Once you come out of the woods and over the stile you will be on private land. Follow the hedge / fence which turns right after a short while. The path is steep here so please take care. At the bottom of the hill go through a gate, across a small bridge, pass a greenhouse and go up to a set of double wicket gates which lead to the road. [9]

Turn left into the road and walk back to [6] then [5] and back through Small Coombe to point. [4] Turn right here and follow the path through

the woods until you come to the pheasant enclosure. Bear left through the third set of gates in the enclosure fence and go up



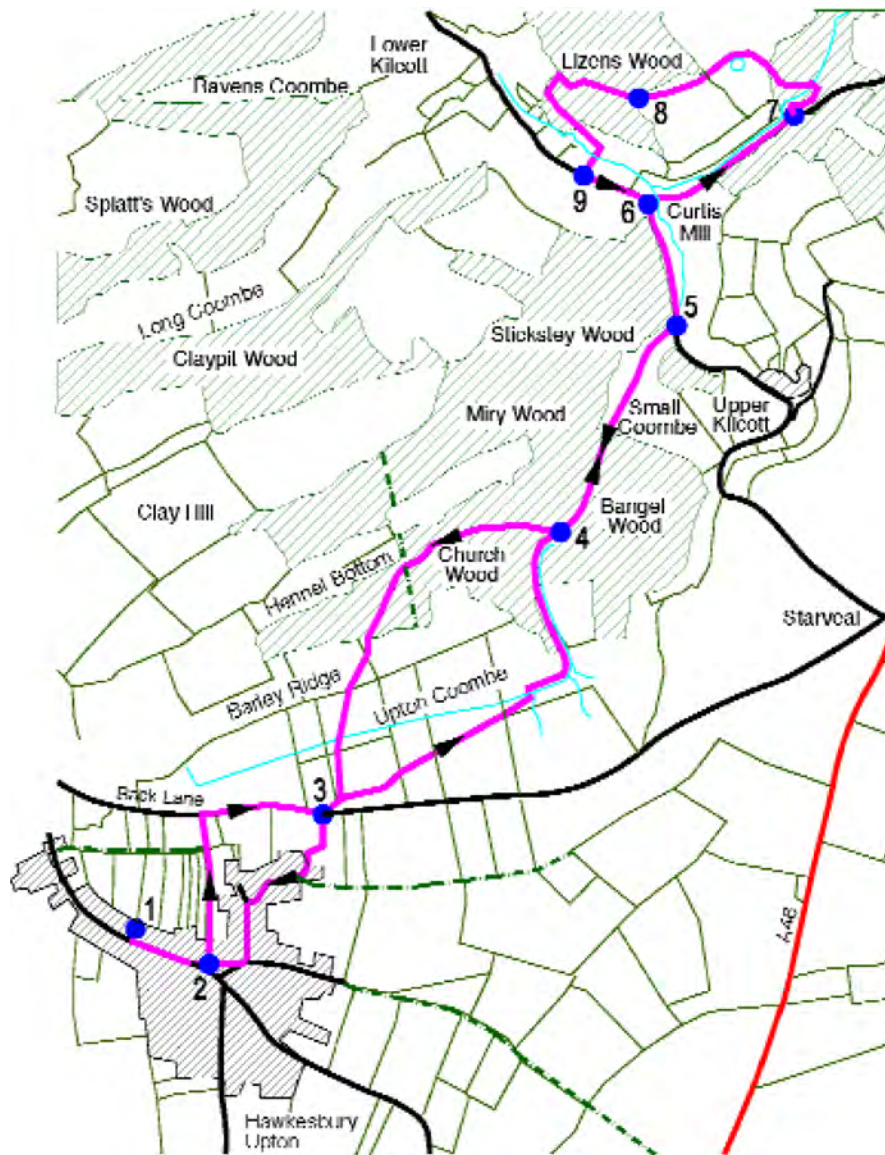
through Church Woods. In the Spring this wood is full of bluebells and garlic. Note! Look out for the low level wires running across the gateways!

At the top of the hill go through an enclosure gate and then another gate onto Barley Ridge. Go through a gate on your right and bear left over the ridge towards a stile in the far hedge. Go over the stile and down the steep north side of Upton Coombe, cross the stream, through the hedge and up the hill until you reach the metal kissing gate.

Go through the kissing gate and up “stony alley” to Back Lane. Go straight across the road and follow Back Street until you reach The Plain and High Street



The common or English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)



NB: The Village Hall car park has an honesty box for donations for car park use

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WALKS AROUND HAWKESBURY

No: 07

OS Explorer Map167
Thornbury, Dursley & Yate

Grid ref: ST 777 870

Distance: 3.75 miles (6 km)

Time: 1.5 - 2 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Start: Hawkesbury Upton
Village Hall car park



Church Wood & Lizens Wood