

Route Description

From the Civic Centre **1** go up the High Street and past the church of St. Alkmund's.

Pass some Almshouses and flats occupying the Old Grammar School on your right. Cross the roundabouts and go along the left side of Tarporley Road to 'Westmore House' **2**, after the next house a wooden fingerpost will direct you down a stony track.

Turn right and cross the first field **3**, along a permissive path, joining the old Chester Railway branch line; turn left and walk along the old track-bed. Turn off at the next stile to a small footbridge; follow the hedge a short way then cross a corner of a field to a stile leading on to the A49 bypass road **4**.

Cross the road with care – the traffic can be fast – and go over the stile opposite into a field, bearing left towards a wooden telegraph pole, and then keep on the line of an ancient hedge to your right. This field can be wet and muddy in places, especially where you cross a stile and footbridge, which are partly hidden by a holly hedge. Here bear right of a telegraph pole to cross a stile in a wire fence. Bear left and cross another footbridge, which is hidden in the hedge. Now head towards a prominent mound in this large field and go right at the hedge to a stile **5**.

Turn right here and carry on 30 metres to a field gate. You are now on a delightful tree-lined sunken green lane and have joined the South Cheshire Way.

With a white house in sight there are two gates and a stile to your left. The gate by the stile offers the easiest access to the driveway leading to Hinton Manor **6**. Continue on to cross the A49 **7** and on to the driveway opposite signed The Bishop Bennet Way. After about 180 metres turn right over a stile **8**, and up a grassy bank through shrubs and you will find yourself on the golf course.

Turn left along a tarmac path leading past a pool on your left. Bear right at a waymarker post, following the line of a ditch, across two fairways and a tarmac path to reach another waymarker post by a reed-filled pool **9**.

Look out for golfers and show consideration to them as this is a walker-friendly course. Turn right down the tarmac path, which goes through part of the hotel **10**. You will pass under a glass-covered walkway with the restaurant and swimming pool to your left and then past a small wooden pavilion to your right.

At the next waymarker post **11** turn right and re-join the tarmac path. At a further waymarker post turn left and cross the old Chester



Railway **12** again. Look for the small railway relic by the stile.

Cross into a field, over a footbridge – and then over another footbridge into the next field and pass a pool, which may have Canada Geese on it.

The path leads to Tarporley Road **13**. Turn left, cross by the roundabout – there is a pedestrian crossing nearby – and back towards the church and the High Street.