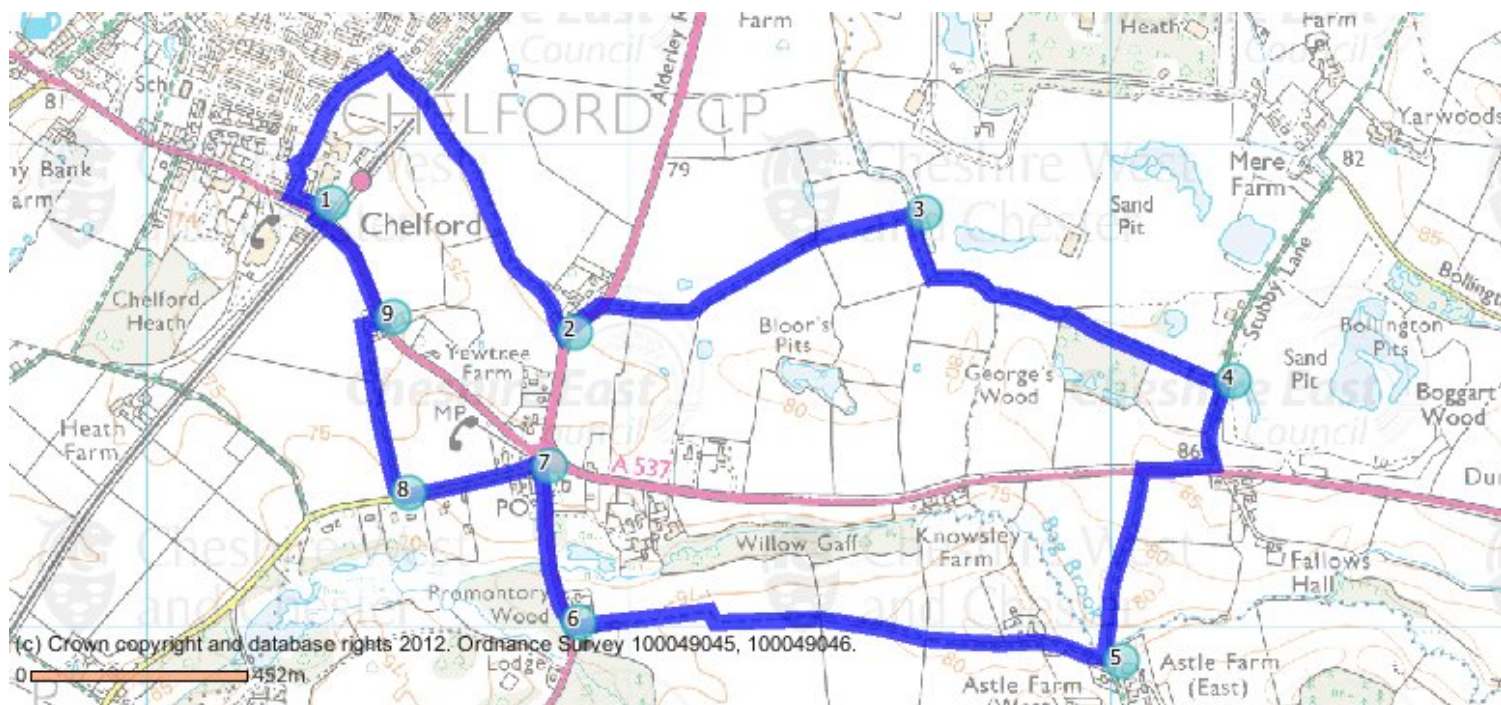


Chelford Village Walk

A pleasant circuit from the railway station, with some great suggestions for refreshments en route.

Grade	Easy
Distance	6.3km / 3.9miles
Time	2.5 - 3 hours
Start	Chelford Railway Station OS Grid Ref. SJ 814 749
Map	OS Explorer 268
Terrain	Rough tracks, cross field footpaths and pavements
Barriers	0 stiles, 10 kissing gates 2 wicket gates
Toilets	Not available
Contact	www.chelfordvillage.com



Route Details

This walk, published by the Chelford Village website, offers a pleasant circuit around the area, with some great suggestions for refreshments en route.

Visitor Information

Location: Chelford Village is in the heart of Cheshire East, roughly half way between Knutsford - Macclesfield and Alderley Edge –Holmes Chapel.

Public Transport: This walk starts directly from Chelford railway station on the Crewe-Manchester line. Public buses also run along the A537 between Knutsford and Macclesfield.

Parking: Parking is limited, so you're best to arrive by train or bus.

Toilets: No facilities are available on the route.

Refreshments: The route suggests the Egerton Arms on the A537 in Chelford, or Chelford Corner Shoppe and Post Office at the A537/A535 roundabout..

Further information:

For further information on Chelford Village and the walk, go to the village website at www.chelfordvillage.com.

For further information on the public rights of way, contact the Public Rights of Way team on: Tel: 01606 271830.

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Directions

1. Start from Chelford Station, facing away from the station. Walk down Station Road (a short detour to The Paper Shop will get you some sweets for the walk), turning right on to Dixon Drive. Go past the Marshall's Market (on your right) and past the end of Elmstead Road (on your left) with the Medical Centre and Chelford School. After about 50 metres turn right on to a footpath which goes beneath the railway line through the cattle arch and follow the footpath in an easterly direction through the next two fields to join Alderley Road by the old Chelford School. Turn left along Alderley Road (A535) and cross safely to go through the kissing gate into the field.
2. Follow the wheel marks diagonally to the north east over a small rise to the next kissing gate. On your right are the sand excavations.
3. Follow the footpath around the sand workings with the lake on your left to cross the sand pit road through two gates. Keep on the path, with George's Wood (it has beautiful bluebells in Spring) on your right, to pass through a kissing gate and turn right on to Stubby Lane, following this up the slight rise to Macclesfield Road.
4. At the junction of Stubby Lane and Macclesfield Road (A537) turn right and continue for about 50 metres before crossing the road with care to the Astle Farm track.
5. Carry on down the track, crossing Bag Brook then turn right into a small lane and after about 50 metres, go through the kissing gate on your left and take the field path, running westerly toward St. John's church. Look out for the magnificent oak tree, close to the path. Don't forget to look back to the east for a lovely view of the hills.
6. Eventually, you will go through a kissing gate into the church car park and follow the path by St John's built in 1776 and the picturesque Church Cottages to turn right on to the A535. Follow the footway and after about 100 metres, cross the road with care on the bridge over Bag Brook and follow the footway to Chelford Corner Shoppe & Post Office. The Shoppe opened in 1705 and became a Post Office around 1854. Here you'll be able to get all manner of lovely things including ice cream and on weekday mornings, fantastic, freshly made bacon butties. Plonk yourself down on the bench opposite and have a rest.
7. Once refreshed, turn left down Peover Lane and after about 200 metres, turn right on to the footpath (Gypsy Lane) which runs roughly north westerly towards Chelford Village Hall.
8. At the junction with the A535 Knutsford Road, cross carefully by the Village Hall and walk up the slight rise to cross the railway bridge to return to Chelford Station.
9. If you still have any energy, walk west toward Knutsford, on the footway by the A537 for another half mile for a well earned pint or cup of tea at the Egerton Arms.