

## Points of Interest



### 1. St. Stephen's Church

Consecrated by the Bishop of Lichfield in 1861 as a chapel of ease to All Saints Church in Alrewas. It has an impressive vaulted wooden roof and beautiful stained glass.



### 2. The Croft

A 17th century house largely rebuilt in the 18th century. Painted brick replacing earlier timber framing. One storey and attic.



### 3. Lodge Croft

A mid to late 18th century red brick farmhouse of three storeys.



### 4. Old Hall Farm

This red brick farmhouse is probably 17th century, on an earlier, possibly medieval site. Remodelled and extended in the 1700s with mid-19th century additions.



### 5. Alrewas Show Field

This popular village agricultural show has been running for 140 years and now has a permanent site in this field. The rest of the year sees it grazed.



### 6. Alrewas

Alrewas is an ancient village dating back over 2,000 years. Its name is derived from the Old English Alor-wæsse, meaning "alluvial land growing with alder trees".



### 7. The Old Chapel

Once a Methodist Chapel, this building became a private school in the 1940s. It is now part of a private dwelling but is still used for village activities associated with the Alrewas Arts Festival.



### 8. Trent and Mersey Canal

Completed in 1777 this 94 mile long stretch of canal was built by James Brindley and helped to connect major industrial areas of central England.



### 9. All Saints Church

Built on Saxon remains, the church stands on the crossroads of two important trade routes. The church itself has undergone many changes and there is a host of information for visitors to learn more.

#### The Coffin Trail

Prior to St Stephen's Church being built in 1861, all burials for Fradley residents took place in nearby Alrewas, at All Saints Church. Coffins, along with mourners would walk the well-worn path to lay their loved ones to rest. Hence the name, the coffin trail. The same path was probably used by children who, when they reached secondary school age, would take the daily walk to All Saints School where they studied until the age of 14.

#### The Countryside Code

##### Respect other people:

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors

Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

##### Protect the natural environment:

Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home  
Keep dogs under effective control

##### Enjoy the outdoors:

Plan ahead and be prepared  
Follow advice and local signs



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This and the other walks in the series can be downloaded from the Fradley Heritage Group website at:

[www.fradleyheritagegroup.co.uk](http://www.fradleyheritagegroup.co.uk)

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Fradley Parish

# WALKS



## THE COFFIN TRAIL FRADLEY TO ALREWAS

Short Walk 2 miles (3.2Km)  
Long Walk 2.5 miles (4Km)

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## Short Walk ●●●●●●●●

Your starting point is **St. Stephen's Church (1)** for both walks. Points of interest are explained on the rear of this leaflet.

Turn north and walk along **Old Hall Lane** noting **The Croft (2)**, **Lodge Croft (3)** and **Old Hall Farm (4)**. Turn sharp right at the bend.

Continue walking until you come to the crossroads.

Turn left and walk past the cottage on your right until you come to **Cowhill Lane**.

Turn right down **Cowhill Lane** then left at the end of the field.

Continue walking across the clearly defined footpath. There is a kissing gate at **(A)** which takes you into the **Alrewas Show field (5)**. There may be grazing sheep so keep dogs on leads.

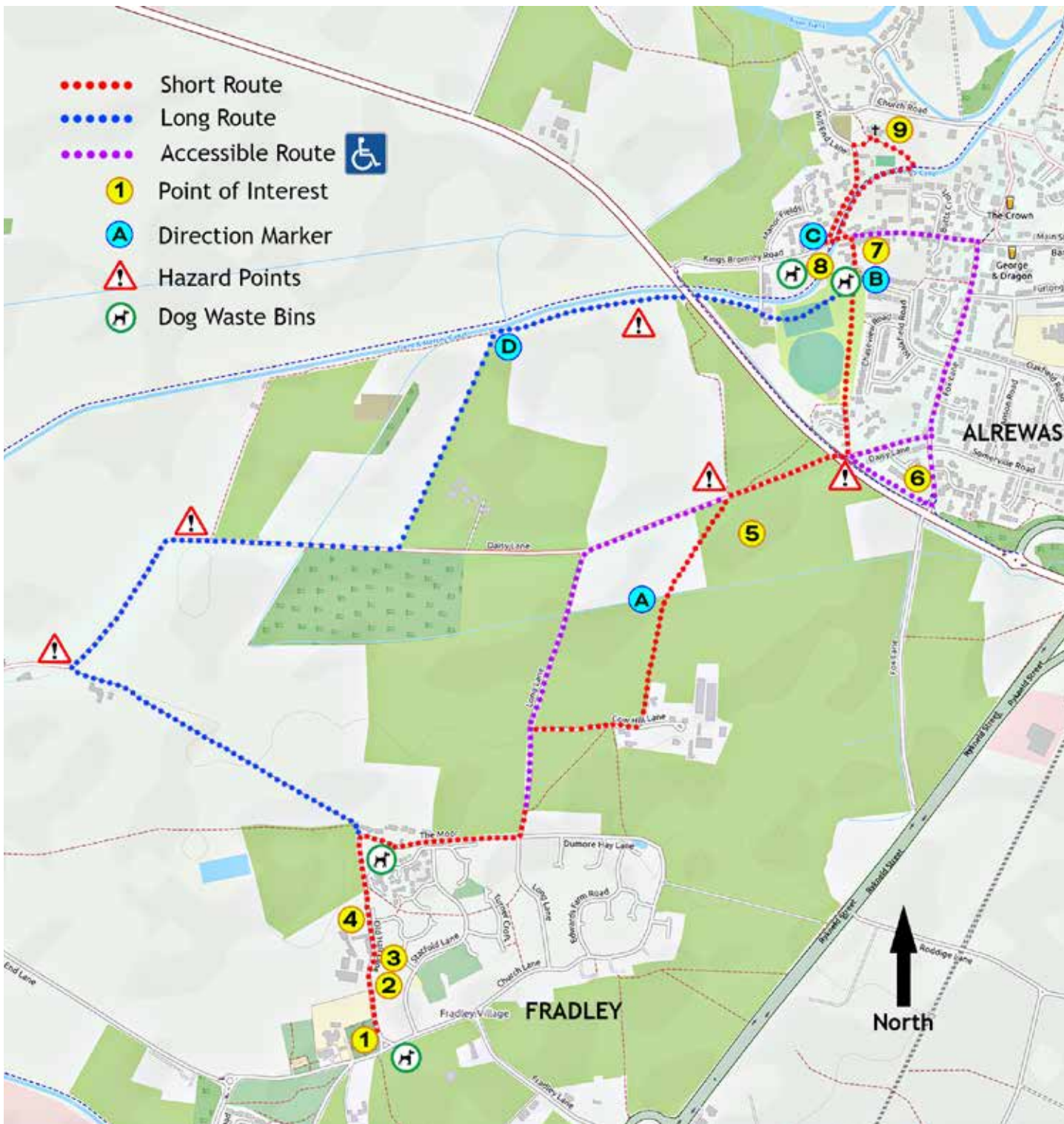
When you come to the road, turn right and walk towards the main road.

Cross the road (it's very busy so take extra care!) and pass through the gate. You are now in **Alrewas (6)** Turn left.

Walk along the road, into the cricket club car park and straight over the playing fields to the exit at the far side. It is marked by a rather fine tree carving of a fox **(B)**.

Walk down **Dickinson's Alley**, past the **Old Chapel (7)** until you get to **Main Street** in **Alrewas**.

Turn left, up the canal bridge, over the **Trent & Mersey Canal (8)** and turn right into **Mill End Lane**. Head for **All Saints Church (9)** which is clearly visible from this point. As an alternative you can walk along the towpath at **(C)** by going down the canal bridge and doubling back. The entrance to the church is just after **Gallows Bridge**.



You may wish to spend a little time in the church. You can access a series of short films on your smartphone which tell you all about the church and the stained glass windows. There is also a comprehensive guidebook and quiz trails to follow.

*Simply retrace your steps if you want to go back the same way.*

## Long Walk ●●●●●●●●

Make your way back to the fox tree carving at **(B)** then turn right, following the field until you reach a gap in the hedge with part of a kissing gate.

Follow the narrow path, which turns right then left down a wide track before you reach the canal bridge.

Walk under the flyover, through a gap in the fence and walk along the edge of the field with the canal on your right.

Follow this field round to the left and head for **Daisy Lane**.

When you get to the road, turn right and follow it round the left-hand bend.

When you get to a sharp right-hand bend you will see a smaller road to your left. Turn left.

Follow the footpath and head for **Fradley** in the distance.

You will eventually reach the corner junction of **The Moor** and **Old Hall Lane**.

Turn right and make your way back to **St. Stephen's Church**.

## Accessible Route ●●●●●●●●

The accessible route follows metalled roads and paths and shares some of the short walk route as shown on the map.