

# HENHAM WALKS

WALK No: **7**

TITLE: **Widdington via Prior's Wood**

## Walk 7. Widdington via Prior's Wood

Suitability: All. May have to climb over a metal gate.

Time: 2 hours

Condition: Paths through woods are wide but can be slippery and very muddy.

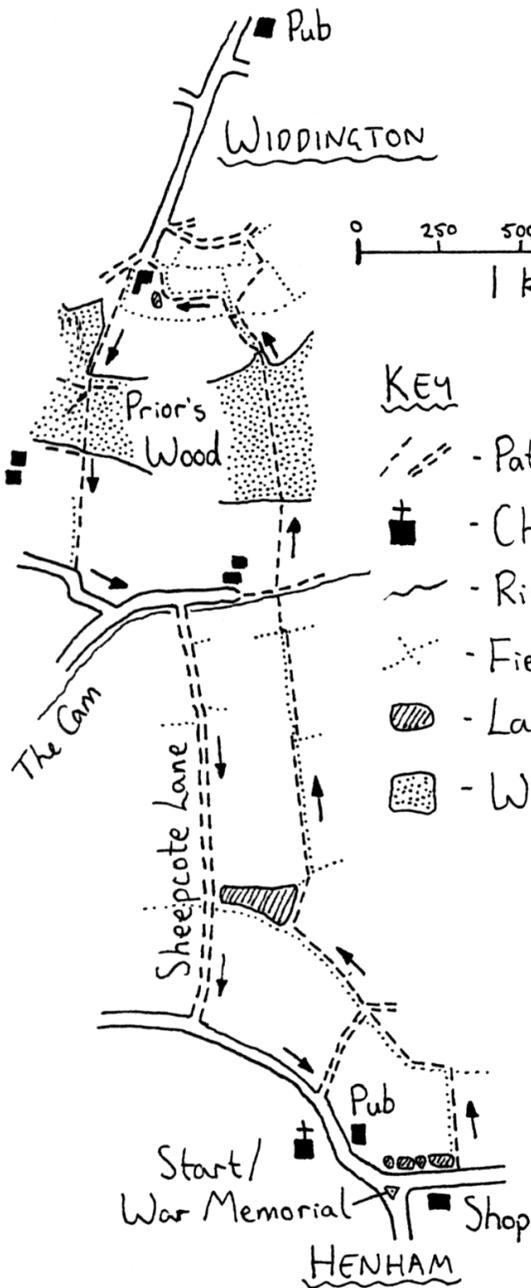
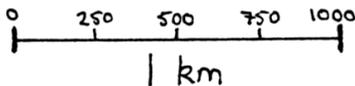
From the War Memorial walk east on the Debden Road. Take the first footpath on the left just past the village shop. Walk down the left-hand edge of the field and cross the two-plank footbridge with handrail. Turn left and walk on to a junction of paths. Note a metal bridge on your left. Walk straight ahead.

The walk takes you right of the fishing lake. Immediately past the stone-built 'loo' the path veers left beside a 'Private' notice. Follow the path through the field keeping the hedge on your right. Pass through a gap in the hedge and under the pylons until you reach a metal gate. You may have to climb over the gate. Cross the field to a stile with a two-plank footbridge over a stream (the Cam). Turn right, then after 30 yards turn left by the waymarker. Cross the field to the primeval Prior's Wood where wild orchids may be seen in season.

The path through the wood is wide but it may be dark when the trees are in full foliage. At the far side of the wood bear left. Climb over a stile on the right. Enter a field, keeping left. At the top of the field pass through a wire kissing gate on your left. Turn right and follow the footpath up to a tarmac road. Follow the path round until reaching Widdington House on your left.

Turn left on a public bridleway and after ten yards turn left again (waymarked). The path takes you past the Old Stables House on your left and across to the edge of High Wood. Walk along through the wood and then take the left of two waymarked paths. This can be very muddy!

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-  - Path/Track
-  - Church
-  - River/Stream
-  - Field b'dry
-  - Lake/Pond
-  - Wood

Exit the wood with a pond on your left and Little Henham Hall on your right. Walk straight across open land until you reach the road. Turn left, then left again at the road junction.

Immediately before the white bungalow turn right onto the bridleway (Sheepcote Lane). This passes between two lines of trees before entering open countryside. The path takes you to the right of the fishing lake. When you reach the road turn left and follow it back past the pub and the Church to the War Memorial.