

All Souls Church & Vaughan Millennium Orchard 2.5 miles

1. Leave the public car park and when on the High Street cross the road, turn left and then almost immediately right down Hardings Lane, which does not have a street sign but runs between Deva Antiques and Kenwood House. On your left is the Architects, Lyons, Sleeman and Hoare. The main building was part of one of the village breweries which closed in about 1910.
2. At the bottom of Hardings Lane and to the right is Hartley Wintney Cricket Club. While its clubhouse is modern the club was formed in 1770 and is one of the oldest in the country.
3. Turn left and facing you is a stand of oaks, one of 3 in the village known as the Mildmay Oaks locally, but also as the Trafalgar Oaks. These were planted in 1807 by Lady Mildmay, at the request of Admiral Collingwood, who wanted to ensure that there would be an ongoing supply of good British oak for our warships.
4. At the end of the road Hartley Wintney Golf Club is to your left. To your right is Causeway Farm and in front of it an idyllic duck pond. Photographs of the farm with most of its barn dating back to the 18th century are used regularly in both local and national publications.
5. Turn right towards Causeway Farm and 50 yards on your left pass through the squeeze posts and follow the footpath signs, which take you along the right hand side of the golf course. After 500 yards you will enter a footpath signposted Elvetham. Turn right along the track and after 100 yards bear to the left following the footpath marker past a small pond. Keep to the right past the footpath notice on a large oak tree.
6. Cross the stiles to the right hand side of the following fields and the river Hart is now on your right. Follow it to the footbridge and once over that turn left and skirt the field crossing the stile by the metal gate.
7. Turn left down the track and having gone over the stile by the metal gate aim for the gate between the 2 large oak trees on the far side of the field.
8. Once over the stile by the metal gate turn left into what is Elvetham Lane, past some cottages and then to your right is the wooden All Souls Church, Hartfordbridge and its churchyard. These were opened in 1876. Services ended in the early 1980s. Opposite are the Calthorpe Houses built in the mid 1960s for deserving people of the Ancient Parish of Elvetham or in the Parish of Hartley Wintney. Follow the road until you reach the A30.
9. Having crossed the A30 walk down Hulford's Lane until the road bears round to the right. Turn left down the track and over the footbridge over the river Hart.
10. When you meet the road turn left and then first right after 200 yards. Follow the road past Hares Farm. Pass through the road closed barrier carry on and the Vaughan Millennium Orchard on your left. This is named after Pat Vaughan the long serving Parish Councillor and latterly Parish Clerk, who died prematurely at the age of 57 in 2008, having dedicated much of his life to serving the interests of the people of Hartley Wintney. There are over 100 different types of apple tree and this is a good spot to have a picnic with its wooden seats ready to rest weary legs. Carry on along Hares Lane and you arrive back in the High Street with access to the car park being on your right.