

Walks Around Swannington, Alderford and Attlebridge

No.4 Swannington and Alderford Common

Walk distance: 2.3 miles

If you are arriving by car then you can park on the edge of Swannington Common before the old Hastings-Parker water pump.

- With your back to the pump ①, turn **left** up the The Street, under the trees, until you reach St.Margaret's church.
- Opposite St.Margaret's church ② is the drive that leads up to Swannington Manor, the first part of which is a public footpath.
- Walk along this drive and look out for the path leading off to the **left** about $\frac{2}{3}$ way along ③.
- Follow the path between a house and some farm buildings out onto Hengrave common.
- Where the path divides ④ take the **left-hand** turn that runs between the trees.
- Cross a bridge over a stream ⑤ and follow the path out to a cultivated field.
- Continue to follow the path across the field to the corner of another cultivated field ⑥.
- Here the path runs along the boundary of the field and then crosses at the end ⑦ to the Reepham Road.
- Turn **left** at the Reepham Road and walk along the grass verge until it runs out.
- At this point it is safest to cross the road at the junction ⑧ and walk along the opposite side of the road towards a small bridge.
- Cross the bridge and look out for the public footpath sign ⑨ a little further up on the **right** indicating a path that runs into Alderford Common.
- Take the path walking straight ahead following the path as it later veers **left** when it reaches the boundary of Alderford Common.
- Keep following the path through a gate and down two sets of wooden steps to a pond ⑩ that has been created by the marl pit diggings of previous centuries.
- Walk along the side of the pond keeping it on your **right** and head for a wooden bench.
- Turn **left** at the bench keeping it on your **right** and walk along the path between the trees, passing through the wooden gate when you come to it.
- Eventually you will emerge to a small car park ⑪ and the Reepham Road.
- Cross over the Reepham Road (taking great care) and look for the public footpath sign in a gap in the hedgerow.
- Pass through the gap and walk along the footpath that runs diagonally across the cultivated field.
- Once across the field the path runs along the side to a gap in the hedge ⑫ marked by another footpath sign.
- Go through the gap to a drive and follow the drive out onto the road (Broad Lane).
- Turn **left** onto the road and follow it back to the old water pump where you parked your car.

Walk No.4

