

Ridgeway and Vale Diabetes Expeditions



Title	Oxfordshire Way Stage 1 Linear Walk Sunday 8 th April 2018
Walk	Henley-on-Thames - Middle Assendon – Pishill – Christmas Common
Map Sheets	Map Sheets 1:25,000 OS Explorer Series - Sheet 171 Chiltern Hills West
Notes	<p>The walk is linear from from Henley-on-Thames to Christmas Common near Watlington. On completion of the walk we will be met with a driver and a 15-seat minibus that will transfer all walkers to Henley-on-Thames to collect vehicles. This is a lovely walk passing through the centre of Henley and through Henley Park and Warburg Nature Reserve - full of splendid mature trees and many nature trails.</p> <p>A shorter walk can be completed in the hamlet of Pishill. A suitable meeting point could be The Crown Inn, Pishill. Postcode RG9 6HH. Distance 6.5 to 7.0 miles</p>
Start time	Walkers meet in Henley-on-Thames at 09.45 am for a 10.00 am start. Meeting point for walkers is The Red Lion Hotel, 4 Hart Street. Postcode RG9 2AR
Start and Finish	<p>Public Car Park Henley-on-Thames, Kings Road Car Park Postcode RG9 2DG – Parking is free on Sunday. Be aware that Henley can be very busy, and you may need to choose one of the alternative car parks on the day.</p> <p>Public Car Park Christmas Common near Watlington GR 702934 Postcode OX49 5HS – Parking is free.</p>
Difficulty	Leisurely 9.5 miles
Leader	Seamus Ryan – Mobile No 07785 508804
Waypoints	Waypoints: Start – Starting from The Red Lion Hotel in Henley-on-Thames follow the well established and marked OW footpath to The Rainbow Inn and on to the hamlet of Middle Assendon, distance 3 miles. Follow footpath via Bix Bottom and continue to Pishill via Maidensgrove, distance 4 miles. From the hamlet of Pishill, walk cross open fields along past Hollandridge Farm and on to Christmas Common. Christmas Common itself is little more than a cluster of houses on the hilltop. Finish.
Getting there from Aylesbury	Getting there from Aylesbury – 27 or 33 Miles: Follow A4010/B4009 for High Wycombe, junction 4, and follow A404 south. Then follow signs for Hurley and on to Henley-on-Thames. Alternatively, from Aylesbury follow A418 for Thame, and on to Watlington, and then Henley-on-Thames. This maybe the easiest route if roadworks are still ongoing at Junction 4 on the M40.
Getting there from Oxford	Getting there from Oxford – 24 Miles: From Oxford follow A4074 for Wallingford from Heyford Hill roundabout and then A4130 to Henley-on-Thames.