Ridgeway and Vale Diabetes Walks

Title	Woodstock & Blenheim Palace Circular Walk Sunday 8th January 2023
Walk	Woodstock – Hensington – Samsom's Cottage – Stonesfield Steps – Park Farm – Combe Lodge – Bladon Bridge – Lower Park - Woodstock
Map Sheets	Map Sheets 1:25,000 OS Explorer Series – Sheet 180 – Oxford, Witney & Woodstock North
Notes	Parking is free. Wonderful walk around the outskirts of Woodstock and through the grounds of Blenheim Palace. Much of the walk on tarmac paths through Blenheim Estate. Several pubs and cafés in Woodstock. **Shorter walk of approx. 5 miles also available - contact walk leader for details.**
Start time	Meet at 09.45 am for a 10.00 am start
Start and Finish	Woodstock Public Car Park Hensington Road OX20 1JH – located at the back of both the Fire & Police Stations. Toilets available (20p coin required).
Difficulty	Leisurely approx. 9 miles
Leader	Seamus Ryan – Mobile No 07785 508804, Email seamus.ryan2@btinternet.com
Waypoints	**Start** Hensington then Banbury Road to The Retreat GR 455172 - follow field path to Jn GR 457172 – Rd Xing GR 455176 - Sansoms Farm GR 450190 - Rd Xing GR 435185 Path Jn GR 417178 – Path Jn GR 423175 Path Jn GR 424175 – Path Jn GR 426174 – Park Farm GR 425170 Track Jn GR 428167 –Track Jn by Coombe Lodge GR 426158 – Bladon Bridge GR 445153 – TracK Jn GR 450157 – Track Jn GR 444164 Park Gate GR 447166 - through town to **Finish.**
Getting there from Aylesbury	**30 Miles:** A41 to Bicester, A34 towards Oxford just past Kidlington see signs for Blenheim Palace & Woodstock, follow A44 under Oxford bypass to Woodstock. 1 Mile after roundabout with A4095 in the town centre turn right into narrow Hensington Road, where the car park is indicated after the Fire Station by the Library, turn left.
Getting there from Oxford	**10 Miles:** follow the Woodstock Road A44 under Oxford bypass to Woodstock. 1 Mile after roundabout with A4095 in the town centre turn right into narrow Hensington Road, where the car park is indicated after the Fire Station by the Library, turn left.