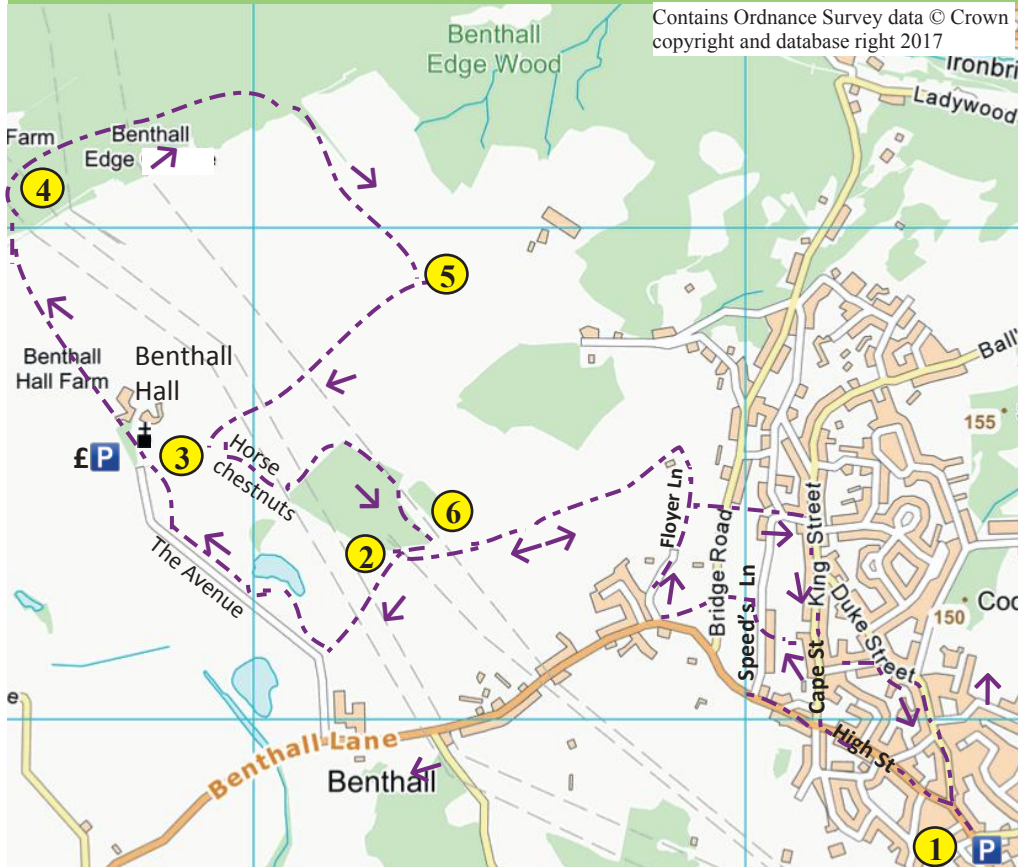


## MAP Around Benthall Hall 4.6 and 2.3\* mile circular walks



\*To make a 2.3 mile walk start at Benthall Hall car park at point 3 and when you get to point 6 go straight on and follow the orange waymarked directions from Point 2.

### ⑥ Return to Broseley via Floyer Lane & Plants Jitty 1.7km

To see part of 'old Broseley' 100m after the track curves right past the disused farm, look for a gap in the hedge to take a narrow steep path down through a small rough field to Bridge Road. Cross the road walk into Plants Jitty (almost opposite slight left). then straight on up Legges Hill, and turn right into Kings St. Go straight on, you'll pass the Pipe Museum on your left, (peer through the window). Turn left down Queen St, then right into Duke St to come back to Broseley High St where you turn left to return to the car parks.



This Cottage in Queen St shows C16th or possibly earlier origins



## Benthall Hall NT Parklands, Fields and Woodlands

**4.6 Miles\* / 7.4km: lanes, tracks, some field and woodland paths, one stile, some uphill sections, may be livestock, outstanding views, vertical gain 95m**

This walk follows the National Trust 'orange' and 'purple' waymarked walks in the landscaped 'parklands, fields, pools and woods around Benthall Hall. The range of habitats makes for an enjoyable walk for bird watchers and admirers of wildflowers. May to July is great, though anytime of the year is good. Not all paths are recorded public rights of way; please respect National Trust notices, especially about dogs and livestock. \*For a short 2.3 miles 3.7 km circular you could start and end at Benthall Hall car park at point 3 instead of starting from the Dark Lane or Library car parks.

### ① High St to Benthall Hall Parkland via Floyer Lane 1.25 miles 2km

Walk up High Street, past Barber St, Fox Lane and Jackson Ave and turn right into Cape St. After 200m, just past Court Cottage, turn left into a small car park area with a green signpost at the far wall to Botswell Lane. Walk down the steep Botswell Lane jitty to Speed's Lane and turn right. In about 50m go left through a small wooden gate into 'Penn's Meadow and walk straight across the field. Cross Bridge Road, look to your right to spot the footpath almost opposite, just before Hilltop House. A sign post points your way uphill to the top corner of a field where you go through a kissing gate and turn right into Floyer Lane. Go straight on, after 250m the track curves left past a ruined farm. At the second gate bear slight right, just past a pond you come to a gate, go through and turn left. Follow the fence and then the posts with the orange waymarks.

Opened 1872 Floyer Hall community venue, Benthall's old Sunday School, now a private house





*Moon Pool has rare aquatic plants including water violets, crowfoot, great reed mace*

**2 Through Park to Hall 0.5miles 750metres**

Follow the orange waymarks through fields with yellow and purple meadow flowers in late spring and early summer. You pass Moon Pool, then go through small wooden gates. You will get glimpses of the Hall and Church through Horse Chestnut trees. Soon you arrive at the gate in front of the church opposite the car park. Go through the gate and turn right. There's a bench in front of the churchyard wall.



**3 Benthall Hall to Woods 0.3miles 550m**

This section follows purple waymark arrows. Walk up the lane past the burial ground and Benthall Hall Farm straight on along a bridleway track for about 500m. If you look to your left you'll get wonderful views of the Shropshire Hills on a clear day, including the highest point in the county Brown Clee (pick your weather carefully.) At the end of the bridleway where the track curves right go straight on through a metal gate and immediately right through a small gate and into Benthall Edge Woods between two deep dips made by old limestone quarries. In the woods you'll enjoy glimpses through trees of The Wrekin and Ironbridge Gorge and old yew trees among newer growth.



*You get glimpses of Shropshire Hills, The Wrekin and a soon to be dismantled power station.*



**4 Through Benthall Edge Woods to fields 1.25km**

After 150m take the right fork at a post with a purple waymark onto a wide woodland path. After about 500m at a path crossroads just before a wooden gate and stile, go straight on (signed Spout Lane, a bridleway). Benthall Edge Woods has a number of old C19th limestone quarries, lime kilns and adits. You have been, and still are, following the line of an old tramway which carried stone to the lime kilns and blast furnaces in the Ironbridge Gorge. As you exit the woods you pass the remains of a C19th tramway bridge. The bridleway exits the wood between two hedges. After 500m it curves to the left where you leave it at a gate to turn right along the field edge hedgerow.



**5 Chestnut Tree 'avenue' and Coppice 1.1km**

Go straight on for 500m and through another gate, almost immediately turn left down an avenue of horse chestnut trees. At the end of the trees you go through a gate and turn left to follow a path that runs roughly parallel to a fence under a set of power lines. There is sometimes a wild orchid path here in June and July. Otherwise follow the path round through the trees until you come to a stile. Do not cross the

stile, go right, continue through the copse until you come to the meadow area. Turn left to retrace your steps back to Floyer Lane and Broseley. If you started from Benthall Hall go straight on to return to the car park (follow field edge to your left and the directions from Point 2).



*Horse chestnut tree path*