

Wherever you go follow

The Country Code

- Respect the life of the countryside
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Leave gates as you find them
- Keep your dogs under close control
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Use gates & stiles to cross fences, hedges & walls
- Leave livestock, crops & machinery alone
- Take your litter home
- Help to keep all water clean
- Protect wildlife, plants & trees
- Take special care on country roads
- Make no unnecessary noise

Civic society publications

Local walks leaflets

1. Oversley Hill – 4.5miles
2. Alcock's Arbour – 5 miles
3. Coughton – 4.5 miles
4. Alcester Heath – 6 miles
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6. Broom – 6 miles

The Legend of Alcocks Arbour

There is an old story told about Alcocks Arbour. Alcock was a highwayman who kept his booty in an iron-bound chest, secured with three locks, in a cave at the foot of the hill.

Alcock presumably went to the gallows, but the cave was opened up some time later by an Oxford scholar who found the chest guarded by an aggressive cockerel.

The scholar managed to undo two of the locks but as he attempted the third he was set upon by the cockerel who pecked out his eye causing the scholar to flee

For more information see:

OS EXPLORER MAP 205
Stratford & Evesham

ALCESTER CIVIC SOCIETY

Local Walks

No.2

Alcock's Arbour



Alcocks Arbour

Length 5 Miles

Time 2.5 hours

From Alcester Town Hall, cross Henley Street to Angel House & turn right. Go left down Malt Mill Lane, following the lane round to the right to turn left across the small park to the Stratford Road. *Look out for the Beacon & two Memorial Seats dedicated to the fallen in both World Wars*

Take the road into Oversley Green, crossing the old river bridge. Turn right down Mill Lane (waymarked *Heart of England Way & Arden Way*) & after about 100metres turn left up Primrose Lane to a bridle bridge over the A46. Proceed uphill & turn left just before a metal gate. Go downhill then cross the farm track to ascend Primrose Hill along a waymarked path. At the top of the hill go through a wooden gate & follow the bridle path alongside Oversley Wood.

This path can get very muddy.

At the end of the wood at a crossing of paths continue ahead along a path marked *Arden Way* with the hedge on your left

At the end of the field cross the stile into a corner & follow the path downhill, crossing a stile on your left onto a grassy hillside. Go down & through a gate onto Wixford & Exhall Cricket field. Follow the field edge passing the cricket nets to exit along a short drive to the road through Exhall village. Turn right then left after 30 metres down a short lane passing the church.

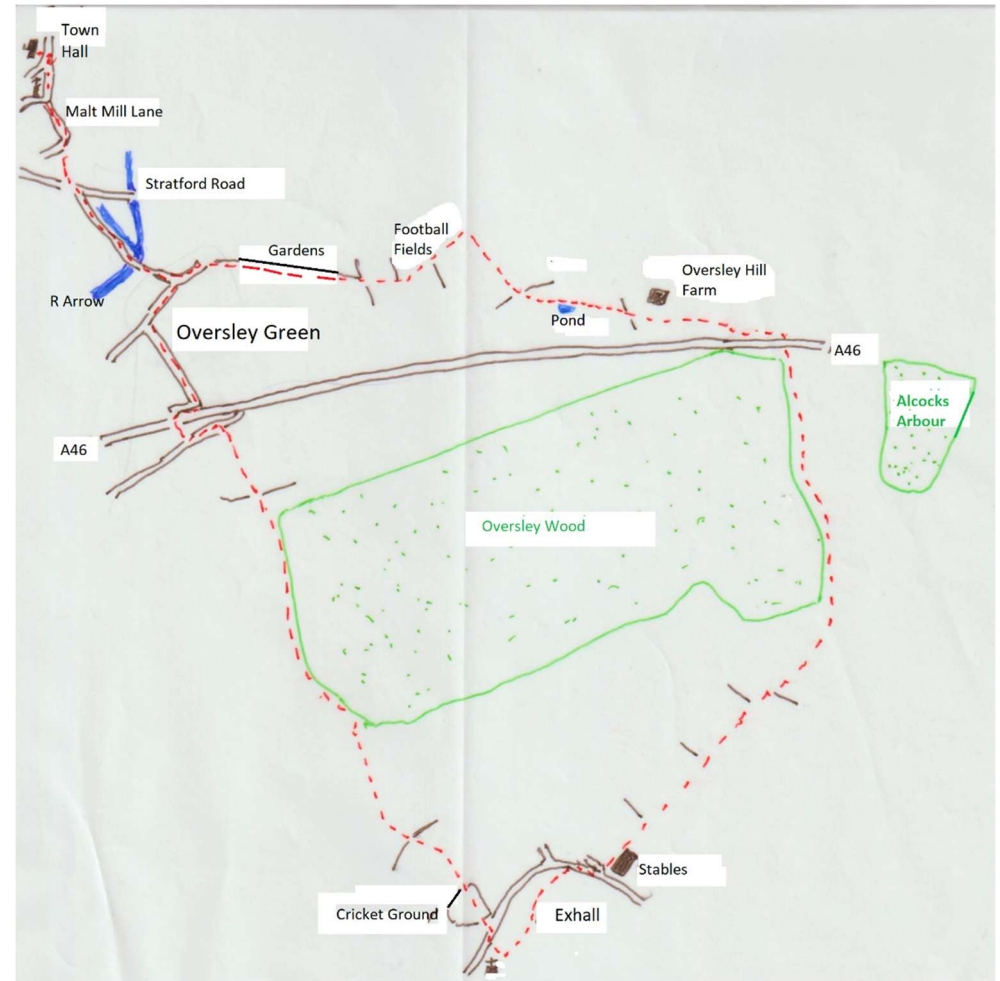
Turn left through metal gates & proceed with gardens on you left & A meadow on your right.

This meadow is being developed into a wildlife area.

You will emerge back onto the road beside a house, *Orchard Rise*. Go right along the road which bends right. A narrow lane joins on the left. Just after this junction turn left on a path waymarked *Arden Way* through stables.

This track runs for half a mile with a hedge on the left & paddocks on the right before passing through a field gate to continue in the same direction with the hedge now on your right. At the corner of the field go through the metal bridle gate to walk with Oversley Wood on your left to emerge on a farm track just below the A46.

Alcocks Arbour is the wooded hill over to your right.



Go through the tunnel under the A46, turn left along a farm track through two field gates. Pass Oversley Hill Farm then carry on downhill passing a large pool & a barn on your left to a field gate. Through the gate bear right to the corner of Alcester Town Football grounds. Turn left on the field path with the football pitches on your right. The path continues through a field then between gardens on your right & a watercourse on your left until you reach a road. Go left along the road through Oversley Green, over the old river bridge (*that straddles the confluence of the River Alne & the River Arrow*) & retrace your steps back into Alcester