

## **Directions from the Trent & Mersey Canal in Alrewas to the National Memorial Arboretum**

### **Introduction**

These directions assume that you are moored against the tow-path on the north side of the Trent & Mersey Canal. These directions begin at one of three bridges along the canal in the village of Alrewas. The first section of the notes gives you the directions from each of these bridges to the village war memorial. The second section provides directions from the War Memorial to the National Memorial Arboretum. These suggested routes from the village take approximately 30 – 40 minutes depending on your walking pace.

### **Part A Directions – From the canal Bridges to the Alrewas Village war memorial.**

- **From Bridge No. 46** (Nearest Trent Lock). Leave the tow-path into Church Road and cross the hump-backed bridge into Park Road. After about 30 metres turn right into Post Office Road; stay on the right hand side of the road. As you walk along the road you will notice the Crown Inn on your left and the Methodist Church on the right. After 225 metres (245 yards) you will arrive at the War Memorial on the junction with Main Street. Fork right at the memorial and cross Main Street to the road opposite (Fox Lane). Now proceed to the instructions in Part B.
- **From Bridge No. 47** (By the Churchyard). Cross the bridge and descend into May's Walk which is approximately 100 metres long. On emerging onto Main Street turn left. After 125 metres (113 yards) you will arrive at the village war memorial. Cross Main Street and turn right into Fox Lane (Just before the village war memorial). Now proceed to the instructions in Part B.
- **From Bridge No. 48** (Kent's Bridge) As you emerge from the tow-path into Main Street turn right and cross the bridge. Keep on the pavement on the right side of the road and after 300 metres (330 yards) you will notice the village war memorial on the opposite side of the road to your left. Just before you are opposite the village war memorial turn right into Fox Lane. Now proceed to the instructions in Part B.

### **Part B Directions – From the Alrewas Village War Memorial to the Arboretum.**

The total distance from the war memorial to the Arboretum is just over 2 kilometres or 1 ¼ miles.

- From the village war memorial walk along Fox Lane to the A513, approximately 525 metres (570 yards). You will pass several junctions on both sides of the road. At a convenient point, cross to the left hand side of the road.
- When you arrive at the A513 (the village bypass) turn left along the footpath beside the A513.
- After 150 metres (165 yards) you will cross the slip road by the roundabout (please note that there is two way traffic) and head along the footpath towards the fly-over crossing the A38.
- After a further 150 metres (165 yards), having crossed the A38 via the flyover, you will come to a second roundabout. Cross the slip road.

- Having crossed the slip road, turn left and walk downhill following the footpath beside the south bound carriageway of the A38 for 625 metres (680 yards) until you are opposite a petrol filling station.
- Opposite the filling station turn right into Croxall Road. You will pass several cottages, some small businesses including an electrical company and a vehicle repair shop. After 75 metres (80 yards) you will arrive at a level crossing and signal box. Please note that this is a working line and appropriate safety measures should be observed.
- After the level crossing keep to the footpath on the left hand side of the Croxall Road, after 500 metres (545 yards) you will arrive at the main entrance of the Arboretum which is on your left. On this section of the road you will notice our car park on the right and the entrance to Lafarge Tarmac gravel processing works on the left.