

MID CHESHIRE LINE—STATION-TO-STATION WALKS

The **Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership** would like to share a whole host of different walks with you to experience along the **Mid Cheshire Line!**

These are linear walks from station to station, so you can do as much or as little as you want.... From one of about a mile to all of them at around 60 miles in total....The choice is yours! They go through Cheshire towns, villages and countryside linking together the cities of Manchester and Chester.

These walks were kindly put together, plotted and shared by our volunteers to celebrate **Rail 200**, so a huge thank you to them. In September 2025, a baton was carried along all these routes by around 100 people over 6 days mto commemorate the very first passenger train in the UK.

We have used the **OS Map App** which will guide you along the way. Download it on your phone, and you're away. We have also produced some additional notes and instructions to keep you on track. You'll be pleased to know that they include some places to stop, rest and refresh yourselves before starting, as a pitstop along the way or to even celebrate at the end of it. You can then use the Mid Cheshire Line for your return journey—a perfect day out!

You will be walking through different landscapes so....

- Take care when crossing roads
- Use footpaths where available
- Stay to the right on roads with no footpaths
- Be cautious of livestock in fields, close all gates
- Be aware of the country code
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These are recommended walks and we've done our very best to be as accurate as possible. If you find any corrections that are needed, please let us know at ann.pickup@midcheshirerail.org.uk so we can update the instructions and maps accordingly. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Finally, just enjoy! Have fun. Stay safe.... And feel free to share your experiences with others via social media. You can find us on

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Mid Cheshire Line—Station-to Station walks

A Legacy of Rail 200 in 2025

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If we've not got it quite right, feel free to let us know so we can alter the OS Map, the instructions or both before we go to print in the new year.

Many thanks for your patience and help with this.



Woodley to Stockport via Tiviot Dale— 5.1 miles

At WOODLEY STATION go through station onto HYDE ROAD and bear LEFT
Take first RIGHT onto GRAVEL BANK ROAD
Immediate left onto MANOR ROAD
At end bear LEFT onto Manor View
Immediate RIGHT onto WOODLANDS DRIVE
Cross CANAL then take the MIDDLE track, still WOODLANDS DRIVE
90 degree bend to LEFT
Take next RIGHT and go CROSS OVER BRADDON ROAD
At junction with MILL LANE, turn LEFT
Take next RIGHT onto gated pathway (between industrial units)
Follow path to the RIGHT, then LEFT keeping to edge of field
Follow this pathway until you emerge onto BREDBURY PARK WAY and head LEFT
At the end turn RIGHT onto ASHTON ROAD
At the traffic lights, CROSS onto LINGARD ROAD, going under railway and motorway bridges
Take next road on the LEFT, ESSEX ROAD
Bear left onto BRINDALE ROAD
As houses start, bear LEFT onto pathway
Follow this along (Tiviot Dale disused railway line)
Go through tunnel into REDDISH VALE PARK
When you reach TIVIOT DALE small car park, turn RIGHT and cross river
CROSS TIVIOT WAY at pedestrian crossing and take footpath in front
Follow path with RIVER on your LEFT

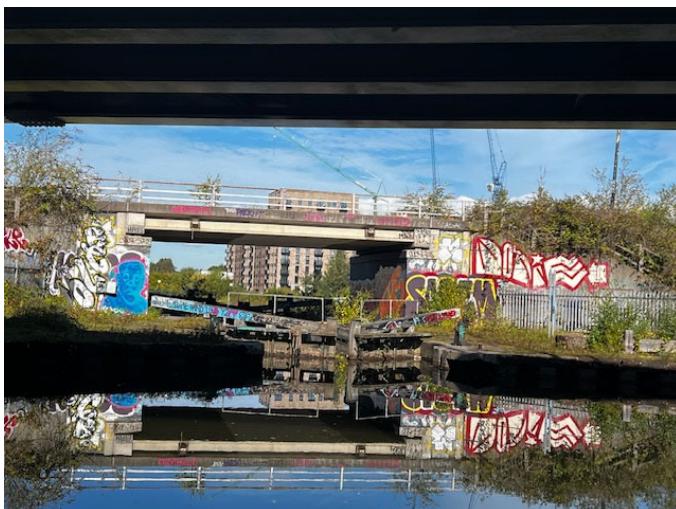
You can take a slight detour to see the only remnants of STOCKPORT TIVIOT DALE STATION as well as the confluence of the RIVERS GOYT AND TAME... the start of the RIVER MERSEY. To do this
Go AHEAD at T junction to cross river,
Look RIGHT and UPWARDS to see brick abutments of old station
CONTINUE under motorway to see the start of the River Mersey
Retrace your steps to the T-junction.

At T Junction go LEFT if you've been on the detour or head RIGHT if you haven't
Follow the path until the end when it reaches PENNY LANE
At T-junction lead LEFT onto LANCASHIRE HILL
Just before the motorway bridge, turn RIGHT up steps
Arrive at DODGE HILL
Turn LEFT onto GREENAHLGH STREET
Turn RIGHT into FLORENCE STREET
At WILKINSON ROAD, turn LEFT which leads to a pathway
Follow this onto CHURCH ROAD, Crossing PARSONAGE STREET
At the end, turn LEFT onto WELLINGTON ROAD NORTH (A6)
Cross and head LEFT
MAGNET INN is on right for a real ale.
CONTINUE along A6 and cross the motorway
Turn RIGHT into STATION ROAD to enter Stockport Station.



Manchester Central to Navigation Road - 8.75 miles

With Manchester Conference Centre on your RIGHT head towards tram lines
CROSS tram lines and LOWER MOSLEY STREET
Head diagonally to the RIGHT across BARBAROLLI SQUARE
SOCIETY food hall is on your LEFT down the steps
Beside BRIDGEWATER HALL take path with water and then canal on Your LEFT
Go under GREAT BRIDGEWATER STREET
RAIN BAR is located here, over the canal and on your LEFT
Turn RIGHT onto canal path and cross canal on metal footbridge
Turn RIGHT with the canal now on your right.
Pass Cornbrook and Pamona Met Stations above on the RIGHT
Cross canal on stone footbridge – canal now on your LEFT
Pass Manchester United FC on the LEFT
Follow footpath over the CANAL and turn LEFT
Water in now on your RIGHT
Go under A56 and A5145 at Stretford
Go under M60 Under DANE ROAD (**BRIDGE INN** is here on your RIGHT)
Pass the WATERSIDE theatre on your right (**SLUG AND LETTUCE** in your RIGHT)
There's a **COFFEE BARGE** moored between Brooklands and Timperley
Pass Brooklands Met Station
With TIMPERLEY Met Station over canal on your LEFT, go under PARK ROAD
Go up steps on the RIGHT up to PARK ROAD and turn RIGHT
Cross the canal, take next right – CANAL ROAD (footpaths narrow or non-existent)
Turn left onto DEANSGATE LANE
With level crossing in front of you, turn RIGHT into TANNERY WAY
Turn right into HOULDSWORTH AVENUE
After approximately 30m, take footpath on your LEFT
Cross a brook, continue on path to the LEFT with parkland on your RIGHT
After 225m take path on LEFT which leads to a car park
Keep BOWLING GREEN on your LEFT and cross car park with care
You have now arrived at NAVIGATION ROAD STATION



Navigation Road to Altrincham— 0.6 miles

Leave with rail track on your LEFT
Cross NAVIGATION ROAD
Head down GROSVENOR ROAD (use footpath on RIGHT)
Go straight at the end of GROSVENOR ROAD
Up to STAMFORD NEW ROAD
You have now arrived at ALTRINCHAM INTERCHANGE on your LEFT

Altrincham to Hale— 0.75 miles

From inside the interchange looking at the clock, turn LEFT
Go through door in lower level and go STRAIGHT
Turn LEFT through gate before the slight hill
Turn immediately RIGHT along a path
Continue straight and follow round to the RIGHT
Pass GOOSE GREEN on your RIGHT
Cross LLOYD STREET at crossing
Head STRAIGHT down POWNALL ROAD
Cross HALE ROAD at the crossing



Hale to Ashley— 2.3 miles

Cross road and head LEFT over RAILWAY CROSSING
Turn RIGHT into CECIL ROAD and go to the end
Turn RIGHT onto ASHLEY ROAD
Go over railway bridge
Come to SOUTH DOWNS DRIVE on RIGHT
Head slightly LEFT down ASHLEY MILL LANE NORTH
Downhill over bridge of RIVER BOLLIN
Up a hill and then STRAIGHT to meet ASHLEY ROAD
Turn RIGHT (take care, narrow pathway)
At first bend in road, go STRAIGHT AHEAD on a private road to ASHLEY HALL
Pass Hall on your RIGHT
Go over M56 via bridge
At ASHLEY ROAD, turn LEFT
Ashley station is on your LEFT after 400m

Ashley to Mobberley – 2.5 miles

For refreshments, continue along Ashley Road to crossroads to reach **GREYHOUND INN** on your LEFT

With Ashley station behind you, turn RIGHT

Follow Ashley Road until just after left-hand bend

Turn LEFT down drive to Ashley Cricket Club

Pass club house and go through kissing gate STRAIGHT ON

Go STRAIGHT AHEAD with hedge on your LEFT

Turn RIGHT at field corner then go through gap on LEFT

Continue RIGHT with hedge now on your RIGHT

Reach drive at end of field and turn LEFT down it

On reaching sign 'PRIVATE, NO ACCESS' enter field ahead

Turn immediate RIGHT. Hedge is on your RIGHT

Descend a small hill, go over stile back onto tarmacked driveway.

Turn LEFT

After 30 m, turn RIGHT and cross stile

Go over a small hill

Continue STRAIGHT ahead following worn path through a field

At the fence, branch LEFT to reach a stile on your RIGHT

Cross FOOTBRIDGE ahead

Go uphill towards BIRTLES FARM

Use gate to go through farmyard branching LEFT and then RIGHT

At Kissing gate enter field (usually with horses in)

Head towards FAR-RIGHT corner

Go through gate, continue STRAIGHT with hedge on right

At field corner, go through 2 kissing gates

Go STRAIGHT, hedge on now on your left

Pass through KELL HOUSE FARM and onto tarmacked drive

Continue along here to a junction

Go STRAIGHT onto Smith Lane

Railway Station signposted to LEFT after 600 m

RAILWAY PUB is just before the railway station on the RIGHT



Mobberley to Knutsford – 3.3 miles



From Manchester bound side, proceed down Station Road
Pass **RAILWAY PUB** which serves refreshments on LEFT
At end of Station Road turn LEFT onto Smith Lane
Walk along road with care passing under railway bridge
Pass junction with Slade Lane
At next junction with a farm track on your left, go RIGHT into fields
Cross railway track with care
Cross over Broadoak Lane
Continue to follow public footpath signs
Pass Witchcote Woods on your RIGHT
Continue skirting new housing estate on your LEFT
At junction with Parkgate Road, turn LEFT
On reaching Mobberley Road, turn RIGHT (Fire Station on left)
After about 500m, turn RIGHT down Middle Walk
Go under railway bridge and follow footpath bearing LEFT onto The Moor
Follow footpath with The Moor on your RIGHT and railway track on your LEFT
At Church Walk bear LEFT
Cross King Street and go STRAIGHT ahead
This is the approach road to Knutsford Station
Many **PUBS, CAFES and RESTAURANTS** in Knutsford town centre



Knutsford to Plumley – 3.7 miles

From top of the steps at Knutsford Station, Turn RIGHT onto TOFT ROAD

LOST AND FOUND is on your RIGHT for refreshments

Many other CAFES, PUBS and EATERIES in the town centre

Cross LEFT across pedestrian crossing going straight ahead onto BEXTON ROAD

Turn RIGHT onto STANLEY ROAD

Turn LEFT onto CRANFORD AVENUE

Turn immediate RIGHT onto RACEFIELD ROAD

This becomes WESTFIELD DRIVE

At end of WESTFIELD DRIVE, head across to the school entrance

Just before the gates, take footpath to the LEFT

Turn RIGHT following the perimeter of the school fence

Follow the footpath around bends until you read SUDLOW LANE

Turn LEFT follow lane over motorway and continue along for about 2 km

Look out for PARKSIDE COTTAGE

At the next bend, look out for **T & S Riley Plants** on the LEFT

Take the next footpath on your RIGHT into a field—head towards railway line

Head across fields and at a junction in the path, take RIGHT turn

Follow this path with RAILWAY LINE to your LEFT

At next footpath junction, bear RIGHT (not over the railway line)

Follow this path to the end onto PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD

Turn LEFT on this road

Arrive at PLUMLEY STATION on your LEFT

GOLDEN PHEASANT PUB is just over the railway bridge on the RIGHT

(Take care on road as narrow/no footpath in places)

Plumley to Lostock Gralam – 2.3 miles

GOLDEN PHEASANT is just across the road from the station
With station bridge to your back turn RIGHT (narrow footpaths)
Cross station approach road. Cross PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD
Head STRAIGHT down SOUTH DRIVE
Take pathway to RIGHT of Mevagh
At end, TURN RIGHT onto HAWTHORN CLOSE
At end, turn RIGHT onto HOLLY TREE CLOSE
At end, turn LEFT onto TROUTHALL LANE
At left bend on road, go STRAIGHT ON down tarmacked road
Cross Peover Eye, and take footpath signed to your RIGHT
As it opens out, turn LEFT with hedgerow on your LEFT
At next gap in hedge, take footpath LEFT over field
Follow footpath bearing RIGHT through an outcrop of trees
Go over RAILWAY BRIDGE
Take footpath down steps immediately on your RIGHT
Walk down side of field with railway line on your RIGHT
Carry on STRAIGHT onto a tarmac service road for about 1 km
Passing a signal box and going under the A556
Follow this tarmac service road to the junction with LOSTOCK HOLLOW
Turn RIGHT
Turn left into LOSTOCK STATION
The **SLOW AND EASY** pub is at the end of STATION ROAD



Lostock Gralam to Northwich—1.8 miles

Come out of Lostock Gralam station to STATION ROAD
Turn LEFT
The **SLOW AND EASY** pub is across the road
At the traffic lights, turn LEFT
Walk for about 2 km along MANCHESTER ROAD – this is a busy road
There is a **COSTA COFFEE** in NORTHWICH RETAIL PARK
At **McDONALDS**, cross the road with care
Here TURN LEFT to continue on MANCHESTER ROAD
Pass Tesco on your LEFT
Turn LEFT at the entrance to the petrol station – take care of cars
COSTA COFFEE in Tesco store
Go STRAIGHT and this is the car park of NORTHWICH STATION

Northwich to Greenbank—3 miles

COSTA COFFEE in Tesco store

Leave NORTHWICH STATION and head to the LEFT

Aim for the traffic lights on a crossroads

Cross at these lights on MIDDLEWICH ROAD

Go AHEAD onto VICTORIA ROAD

At end of Victoria Road go straight ahead cross GREENALL ROAD

Turn LEFT onto VICARAGE ROAD

Turn RIGHT onto MANORA ROAD

At junction with Carlton Road on LEFT , go STRAIGHT onto VICKERS WAY

This becomes a footpath

Follow this footpath RIGHT under railway line

Then LEFT over RIVER DANE

Go under LONDON ROAD then turn RIGHT onto footpath

Turn LEFT onto WEIR STREET and follow this round

As the road hooks round to the left, go STRAIGHT on onto a footpath

With the RIVER WEAVER on your RIGHT follow the footpath round

At footpath junction take the RIGHT path over the river

Go ahead and cross over LOCK BRIDGE

Once over, turn LEFT with the river now on your LEFT



Follow this footpath until you reach SAXONS LANE, now turn RIGHT

At corner with ALFRED STREET take footpath to the LEFT

Turn LEFT then immediate RIGHT and follow footpath to reach the end of GREENBANK LANE

Passing 2 junctions with CLOUGH LANE on your LEFT

Go round RH bend and turn at next LEFT

Follow this until it reaches junction with CHESTER ROAD

Turn RIGHT onto CHESTER ROAD

GREENBANK STATION is on your RIGHT



Greenbank to Cuddington – 4 miles

On leaving Greenbank Station, turn LEFT onto CHESTER ROAD

You pass several **PUBS and CAFES** for refreshments as you go

Continue past SCHOOL LANE on your LEFT

Take next RIGHT into THE GRANGE

Take first LEFT which is a continuation of THE GRANGE

Bear LEFT at the end and head back onto CHESTER ROAD

Turn RIGHT and pass FULLERTON ROAD on your RIGHT

Pass HARTFORD STATION on your LEFT

Pass MOURNANT AVENUE on the LEFT too

Take next RIGHT into EATON PLACE

Bear RIGHT and head into a field

Following the footpath bear RIGHT, LEFT and then LEFT

Continue to follow this footpath, passing a pond on your RIGHT

Take footpath to RIGHT after pond and cross railway line

Come to HODGE LANE and turn LEFT

Take next LEFT onto LITTLEDALES LANE. Cross railway line again.

Take next road/track on RIGHT passing Moss Farm on the LEFT

At the end take footpath STRAIGHT ON and follow it bearing LEFT

It bends RIGHT and joins a track

Follow this LEFT and then RIGHT

The becomes HUNTS LANE

Follow to junction with WEAVERHAM ROAD

Turn LEFT

At junction with NORLEY ROAD, turn RIGHT

CUDDINGTON STATION is on the RIGHT just after the village hall

WHITE BARN pub is next to the station for a rest and refreshments

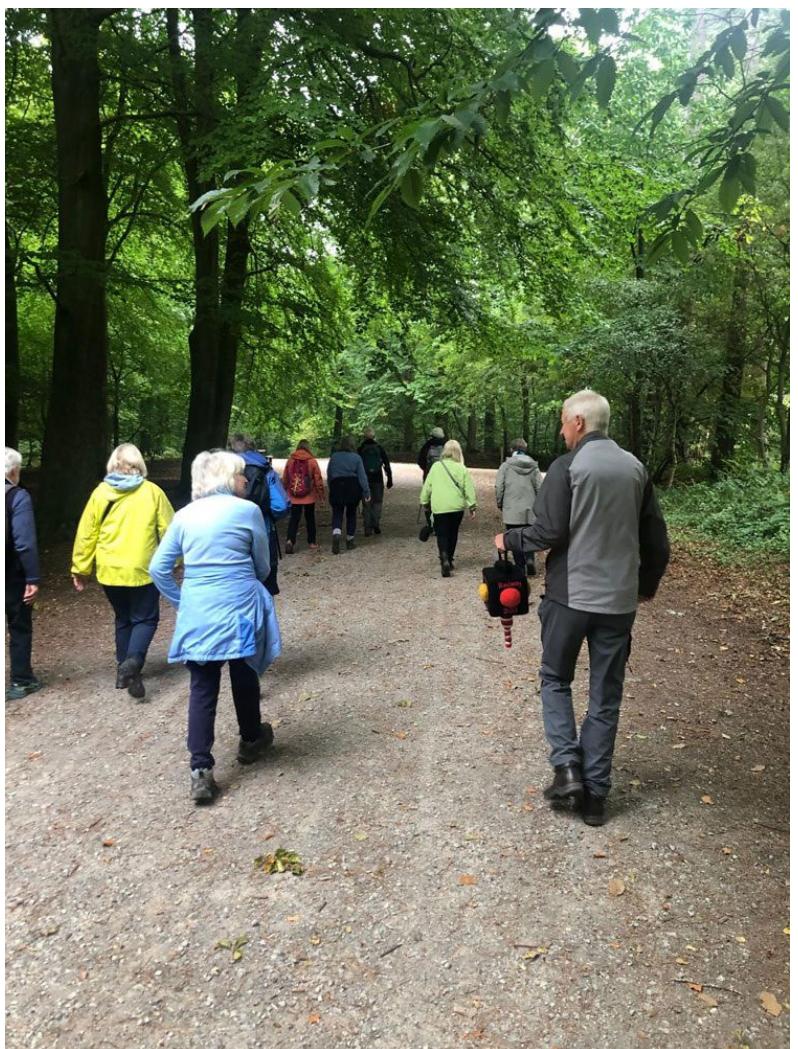


Cuddington to Delamere – 4.6 miles

Leave Cuddington Station and walk to Norley Road
Turn LEFT onto Norley Road
Turn RIGHT onto Weaverham Road
Turn RIGHT onto MERE LANE
Then LEFT onto BLAKE LANE and follow round to junction with ASH ROAD
Turn LEFT onto Ash Road
Follow this to the T junction with FOREST ROAD
Head RIGHT then LEFT across the road onto a footpath
Follow this until you reach the railway line in front of you
Path goes LEFT onto the Whitegate Way, trainline is on your RIGHT
Take next Path RIGHT to keep trainline on your RIGHT
Keep along this path and direction until you almost join Stoneyford Lane
Before you do, take footpath to the LEFT and walk parallel to this lane
Path takes you onto Stoneyford Lane
Here turn LEFT then RIGHT onto a track
Take path off to your RIGHT which is Oakmere Way
Follow this with Delamere Forest on your RIGHT and the quarry on your LEFT
You will eventually join Golf Course Road
Bear LEFT onto this road and follow to the end
Turn RIGHT onto Station Road
Delamere Station is on your LEFT after 50 m
There is a **CAFÉ** on the station and the in the **VISITOR CENTRE CAFÉ** 10 minutes' walk

Delamere to Mouldsworth – 3.9 miles

With **STATION CAFÉ** to your back, turn **RIGHT**
Follow track as it bends **LEFT**
Turn **RIGHT** onto tarmac access road
Follow this past the car park and Visitors Centre on your **LEFT**
CONTINUE along this tarmac access road
Forest is on your **RIGHT** and open space to your **LEFT**
Pass **YELD LANE** on your **LEFT**
Stay **SRIAGHT** as this now becomes **FOREST FARM ROAD**
At next junction turn **RIGHT** onto **LONGLEY LANE**
As this bears **LEFT**, it becomes **BRINES BROW LANE**
After bend to the **RIGHT**, go **STRAIGHT** onto **OLD LANE**
After a short distance, bear off **LEFT** onto path which is **GRANGE ROAD**
Just before you reach an entrance to Grange Hall, turn **RIGHT** onto a pathway
On reaching **CHURCH ROAD** turn **RIGHT**
Pass junction with **DELAMERE ROAD** on your **RIGHT**
Then **THE SIDINGS**, also on your **RIGHT**
Mouldsworth Station is on your **RIGHT** opposite the **GOSHAWK** pub



Mouldsworth to Chester – 10 miles

Leave the railway station and turn LEFT onto Station Road
Opposite is the **GOSHAWK PUB** for refreshments
Pass Delamere Road on the LEFT where Station Road becomes Church Road
Just past junction with Grange Road, the footpath runs out.
Continue along a short cut-through
Emerge onto Church Road again and CROSS it – take care
Pick up BAKERSWAY and enter field opposite
Keep going ahead and over stiles until you get to GONGAR LANE
Here you will see Brook Cottage
Go across onto tarmac track towards Peel Hall Stud Farm
Follow the footpath signs and take 2nd LEFT towards yard
Take next LEFT in pathway, then branch LEFT AGAIN following the footpath
With the house on your LEFT, turn 1st RIGHT
The footpath goes LEFT then RIGHT again as you skirt fields with horses
Follow this driveway which is Peel Hall Lane
At a footpath sign on your RIGHT (BAKER WAY), turn RIGHT
There is a brook on your LEFT
At a T junction in the footpaths, turn LEFT crossing the brook
Take the next path on the RIGHT (still BAKER WAY)
Continue until you come to dual access road to Horton Hall Barns.
CROSS this and Continue AHEAD crossing Salters Brook
Path emerges onto a lane
Continue AHEAD crossing Barrow Lane
At Pool Lane, turn left onto KELSALL ROAD
Cross with care and turn RIGHT
Take next LEFT onto High Street and into TARVIN
Here there are **SHOPS, PUBS and CAFES** for rest and refreshments
Continue along High Street passing the Post Office on your LEFT
After Forge Way on your RIGHT, take next LEFT onto Hockenhull Lane
After Heath Close on your LEFT, bear LEFT continuing along Hockenhull
Lane
At the end you will reach the A51
CROSS this, and continue STRAIGHT still on Hockenhull Lane
Keep going STRAIGHT on at a junction where there are two RIGHT turns
At next T junction with Platt Lane, turn RIGHT onto a pathway
Follow this to cross the River Gowy
Platts Lane then widens out to become a tarmac road
Continue STRAIGHT along this road
Pass the junction with Cotton Lane on your RIGHT where Platt Lane has become Plough Lane
Take next LEFT across a field to cross a service road
Head STRAIGHT on over fields
Follow the path and keep going until you pass a pond and buildings on your RIGHT
Here you pick up a established track which bears RIGHT
CROSS Brown Heath Road and head STRAIGHT on continuing on the BAKER WAY
Track becomes footpath bearing right with pond on your RIGHT
Follow this established path until you reach the Shropshire Union Canal



Not far now!.....More instructions overleaf.....

Turn RIGHT with the canal on your LEFT
The footpath leads you away from the canal and joins Skip's Lane
At the end turn LEFT onto Rowton Bridge Road
CROSS the canal and take canal path on your RIGHT to join the towpath
The canal should be on your RIGHT
Continue for several km along this towpath. Go under A55
Go under the Ring Road
Go under Vicars Cross Road
Look out for the **DUCK and DAGGER** closely followed by the **HARKERS ARMS** for refreshments
Go up steps here to leave the canal and turn RIGHT onto City Road
Chester Station is along here directly in front of you.
The **TOWN CRIER** is across the road, and the **CHESTER TAP** is on the station

