

# 7. Heronsgate

2¾ miles

A lovely country walk away from roads, across farmland and through woods.

**Easy Access**      \*\* Several stiles and some small hills

**Refreshments**      \*\*\*\*2 pubs: The Stag-01923 282090 The Land of Liberty, Peace and Plenty-01923 282226

**Public Transport**      \*\*\* R4 Chorleywood to Rickmansworth stops on Heronsgate Road. Chorleywood station is a short walk away

[1] From Heronsgate Road, take the public footpath which runs alongside The Stag Pub (signposted to Bullisland Farm), passing allotments on the right. On reaching a stile on your right, use it, then cross the corner of the field to the next stile.

[2] After the stile, cross over the track to the kissing gate and walk downhill towards a farm. After crossing another track and before reaching the stile that lies straight ahead of you, take the left fork in the path and walk diagonally across the field to a stile. Over the stile, cross the corner of another field to a second stile. Then follow the path to a gate and stile.

[3] Turn left into Bullisland Lane and follow the lane downhill until you reach a T-junction. At the junction turn left under the power lines and carry on up a slight incline.

[4] After passing the playing fields turn left over a stile and, keeping to the left-hand side of the field, walk to the kissing gate. Continue across the driveway, under the power lines until you reach Bottom Wood on your left. Enter the wood via the stile and follow the path to the other side of the wood.

*In Spring the floor of Bottom Wood is carpeted with bluebells and other wildflowers. How many different types of flowers can you see?*

[5] On leaving the wood, walk straight up the field and then turn sharp left when you reach the corner of the copse on the far side of the field. (If you reach a stile leading to a path running alongside the motorway, then you have gone too far!) Follow the path for some distance keeping the hedge on your right. After the 3rd stile, cross the next stile on your right and walk beside the allotments back to Heronsgate Road.

### By Road

Point 1 can be reached from Junction 17 of the M25 by heading along Long Lane (signposted Heronsgate).

[Opposite page] Bluebells in Bottom Wood

[Right] Bullisland Farm Fields

[Bottom right] Behind Heronsgate

[Below] Old Shire Lane

