THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE COLNE VALLEY





Points of interest/history

- 1) The Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal was dug in 1882 to connect the brickfields of Slough and Langley with the mainline canal at Cowley.
- 2) In WWI Langley Mansion house was used as military hospital for officers and in WWII Langley Mansion was SE Regional Headquarters of the Home Guard until 1944 when it became Headquarters of Polish units preparing for D-Day.

Before 18th century the lake was originally rectangular but in mid-18th century the 4th Duke of Marlborough commissioned Lancelot (Capability) Brown to landscape the grounds and the lake was re-designed into a serpentine shape.

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CIRCULAR WALK 15: LANGLEY

4 MILES (SHORT ROUTE 21/2 MILES)

Along the canal to quiet country lanes with views across ancient parkland to Langley Mansion.

Access: Mostly level walking on good paths. Steps to canal.

Refreshments: Pubs and shops in Langley town centre south of the railway station. Or en-route, passing Arboretum and just before large iron gate, follow signs on left to deviate ½ mile to Langley Park Tea Room.

Public transport: Frequent trains from London and Slough. Local buses stop in Langley town centre.

By road: Exit the M4 at Junction 5 and head towards Langley.

Parking: Pay and Display in Langley Station car park.

Postcode: SL3 6DB

OS Grid Ref: TQ 013 798

Latitude: +51.508129, **Longitude**: -0.541915





- 1) From Langley Station turn right onto Langley Park Road. Continue walking on this side of road facing oncoming traffic then, before canal bridge, go down a public footpath on the right to the canal and turn left onto towpath. Continue along this towpath and after ½ mile cross over the canal on bridge No.8. (1)
- 2) Continue straight ahead for ¾ mile along a track, across a wooden bridge, through residential roads to a public footpath. Go through 2 kissing gates and fields then, at a footpath 'T' junction opposite a view of Langley Mansion, turn left. After 80 yards go over a wooden bridge and follow a line of ancient trees to a path on the left to exit the corner of George Green Field to a road.

Shortcut: Turn right at the footpath 'T' junction, then turn right again after the second kissing gate and follow the route from point 5.

- **3)** Turn right onto the road then immediately right again through the gates into George Green Field (named after King George I), following the path across the field. After passing through a kissing gate at the end of Langley Lake turn right and follow the path past Langley Mansion then past the Arboretum. (2)
- **4)** Where the path forks bear right and continue past the Arboretum, a field and a small wood on your right. Turn right just before a large gate and follow this path along the edge of Langley Park for ½ mile till you reach a road.

