



**Church
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Town Council



Church Stretton Short Circular Walks

Walk 5: Townbrook Hollow

Route: Rectory Field - 100 steps - Ashlet - Townbrook Hollow - Rectory Wood

- **Start:** Market Square, High Street Church Stretton
- **Length:** 3 miles
- **Time:** 2 hours
- **Difficulty:** Moderate with lengthy climb up and a few small rocky areas on descent
- **Public Toilets:** Easthope Road & Lutwyche Road in Church Stretton
- **Eating Places:** Cafés and pubs in Church Stretton
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Walk description: This walk climbs steeply in places along the edge of Ashlet Hill to a high point on the Long Mynd which provides excellent views over the Stretton Valley. The route then takes a more gentle descent down the valley by Townbrook Hollow and through Rectory Wood back to Church Stretton

The full series of eight short circular walks starting from Church Stretton are available in the Visitor Information Centre and can be downloaded from the **Visit Church Stretton website** at <https://churchstretton.co.uk/>

Walk Directions

Step 1) Starting from the Square, walk up Church Way by the side of the church and go through the gates at the road end ahead into Rectory Field. After going through the kissing gate climb up the field, ignoring the steps on your right. At the top of the field pass through a kissing gate on the left into a small car park.

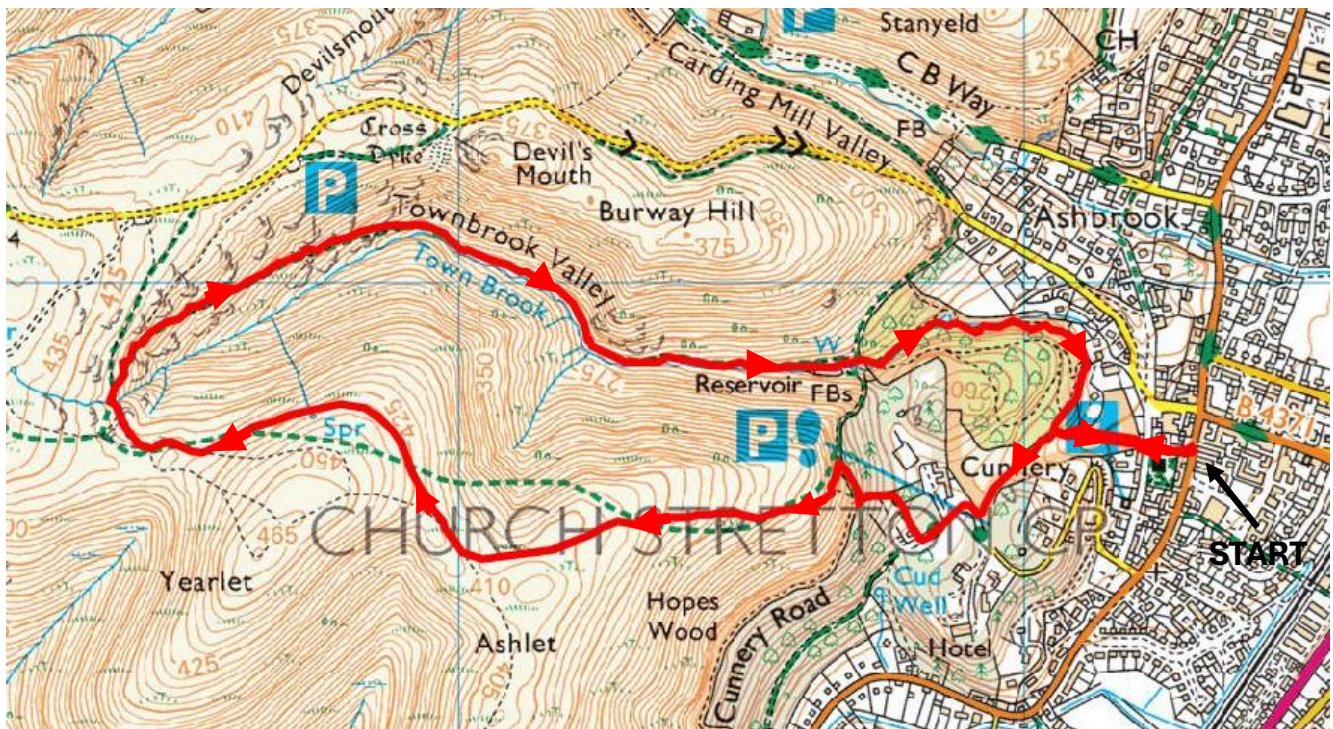
Step 2) Turn right onto the road and after 200 metres look for a footpath on the right by the side of a bungalow. Turn right and take this path, which is called the Hundred Steps for a reason! At the top turn right after going through the kissing gate.

Step 3) Follow the path and after 75 metres bear left up a steep rough path. This soon bends to the left and becomes a very clear path. Keep climbing. The path eventually evens out. At first junction of paths keep right and also at second junction keep right. Travel along the edge of Ashlet Hill with views of Townbrook Valley on your right.



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Step 4) As you approach the head of Townbrook Valley, bear to the right to go around the head of the valley to the path on the far side, going over a rocky area and a small stream. Follow the footpath which takes you down Townbrook Hollow (Valley).

Step 5) Just after going past an old reservoir at the bottom of the valley, continue straight ahead into Rectory Wood via a kissing gate. Keep to the low path, ignoring path across slab bridge. Continue on this lower path, passing a pond and eventually bearing right to meet a kissing gate opposite a bench.

Step 6) Go through the gate and turn left down the steps into Rectory Field and back to start point in The Square.

Thank you to Friends of Church Stretton Library for their help in developing these short walks

