## **Queenswood; Burghope Wood; Kipperknowle and The Henhouse**

A woodland walk, country park, several views and an option to visit Bodenham Lake

6 miles (9.5 km.)

Start:- Car park opposite St Michael's School GR 531 511 or the Railway Inn (O), Dinmore, GR 512 511

Pathfinder 994

From the car park walk to the War Memorial (A), turn left and follow the road with views across the lake (K) for 1.25 miles (2 km), and then a small waterfall on your right. Just after crossing the railway bridge you come to the entrance of the Railway Inn (O). Climb the stile and the steps on your right. Bear left at the top of the steps and follow the path through the woods climbing steadily up the path through the wood, bearing right just before the cottage garden which comes into view on your left. Cross the stile on to the A49 and turn right along the grass verge towards the traffic sign.

Cross the A49 with great care and bear slightly left into Queenswood Country Park (V) until you meet a crossing track which you follow to your left until you reach The Lookout. After identifying the landscape features with the aid of the toposcope return to the path behind the toposcope and turn left and left again on the path below the toposcope. At the tee junction turn right and follow the track until you come to the Crows Foot, a meeting of 5 paths. Turn left steeply downhill (may be slippery after rain) to a flight of steps which you descend to join the Old Coach Road to Leominster. Turn left for 100 metres and then sharp right on to a waymarked path.

Follow this path alongside the wood, over a stile and where it enters Burghope Wood follow a track uphill alongside the stream on your left. Turn right and immediately left at the crossing track and continue uphill on the same line to join a track from the right. Turn left for a short distance and where the track swings right, leave the wood by a stile on the left. Cross a short field and turn right down the drive from Kipperknowle Farm to join the lane.

Here you can take the slightly shorter walk by continuing ahead along the lane to the junction where you turn right and then left into Queenswood Country Park and down to the Countryside Centre and Queenswood Café.

Otherwise turn left down the lane following it until you again come to the Old Coach Road which you cross into the Country Park. The tracks opposite will lead you to, or near, the Centre and café.

From the nearby memorial again cross the A49 with care and enter the bridleway opposite. Follow it to a tee junction and turn right and continue until you reach Henhouse Farm (I). Just through the gate leave the bridleway and take the footpath to the right which goes between two enclosures and follow it over a stile and down through the wood until you reach the road by the entrance to Bodenham Manor Restaurant (L). Turn left down the road for 100 metres.

To visit the lake (K) and seat on the far side, adding just over 1 km. to your walk, turn right

Otherwise retrace your steps to the War Memorial (A) and right to the car park.

