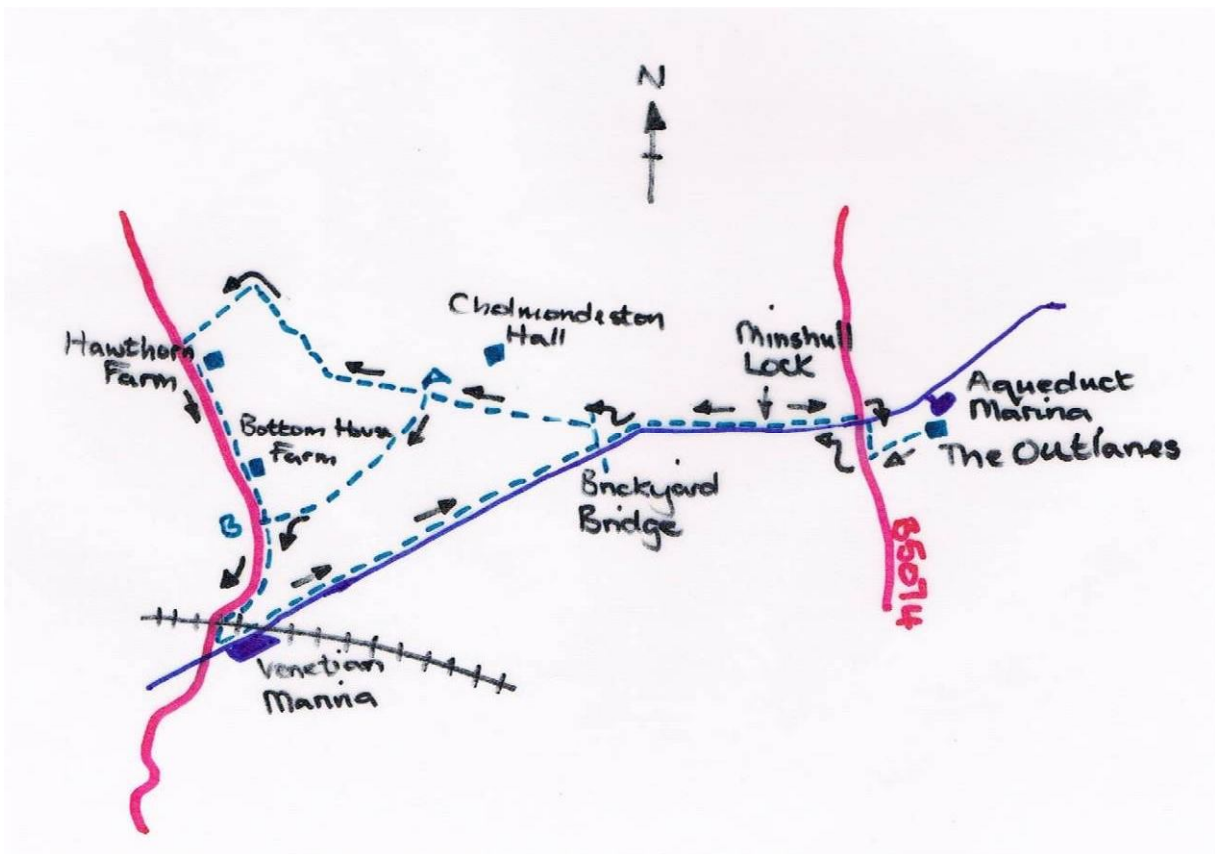


Circular Cholmondeston Walk Six miles or four and a half miles



Starting at Aqueduct Marina, walk down the drive and turn right at the road. Walk to the canal bridge and descend the steps to the towpath. Turn right at the bottom of the steps so that the canal is on your left, and walk under the bridge towards Minshull Lock. Continue past the lock and the next bridge, then climb the steps under the high level, black and white bridge, Brickyard Bridge. Cross the stile into the field and walk straight ahead with the hedge on your right. You will pass two large oak trees in



Cross the field to the gateway on the left of the Cholmondeston Hall farm buildings

the hedge and then reach a gateway into the next field on your right. Stop at the gateway, turn to your left and walk straight across the field to the gates and stile on the other side, situated to the left of the farm buildings of Cholmondeston Hall.

Cross the stile into the next field and walk to the near corner, slightly to your right. When you reach the corner continue on across the field in the same direction to reach the track at the end of the hedge in front of you (POINT A).

For a shorter walk, turn left on the track and follow it to the road (POINT B) and turn left. For the longer walk, cross the track and continue on in the same direction to the far left hand corner of the field where there is a stile.

Cross the stile and follow the hedge on your left into the next corner. Cross a stile in the corner and follow the hedge, now on your right. At the end of this hedge is a stile onto a farm track. Cross the stile, cross



the track and a further stile into the field opposite and turn left to follow the footpath to the stile onto the road. This footpath runs parallel to the farm track which will be on your left. Turn left on the road and walk past Hawthorn Farm on your left and then Bottom House Farm. A track joins the road from the left opposite Bridge Farm (POINT B). Continue on along the road, under the railway bridge and up to Cholmondeston Lock. By crossing the canal at the lock you can access Venetian Marina a short way down the road on the left.



To continue the walk, turn right onto the lockside and then left down onto the towpath and walk under the road you have been walking along so that the canal is on your right. Follow the canal back to Brickyard Bridge and then retrace your steps to Aqueduct Marina.

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