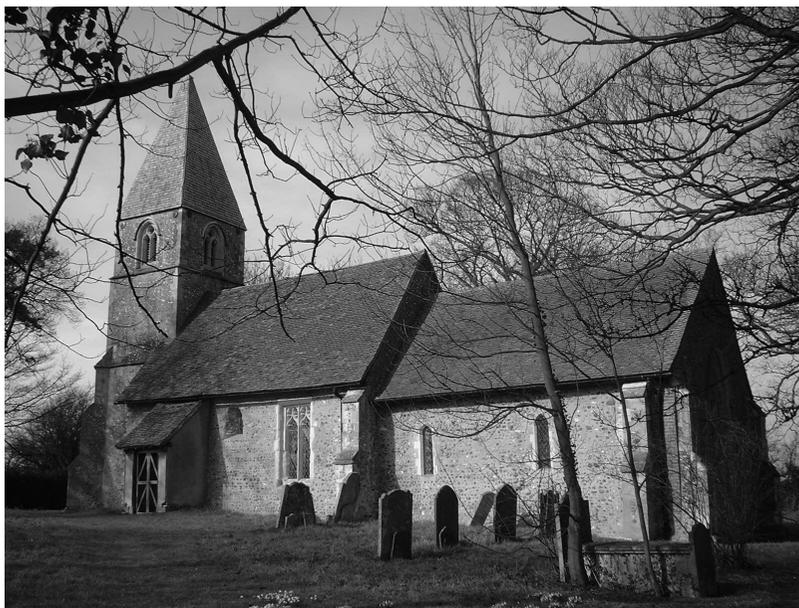


HENHAM WALKS

WALK No: **4**

TITLE: **Chickney Church via
Chickney Lane**



Walk 4. Chickney Church via Chickney Lane

Suitability: All.

Time: 2 hours.

Condition: Mainly firm paths. Old railway track and Hawland Wood can get very muddy. A small section is a permissive route.

From the War Memorial walk east on the Debden Road. Keep the village ponds on your left, passing the Village Shop and Village Hall on your right.

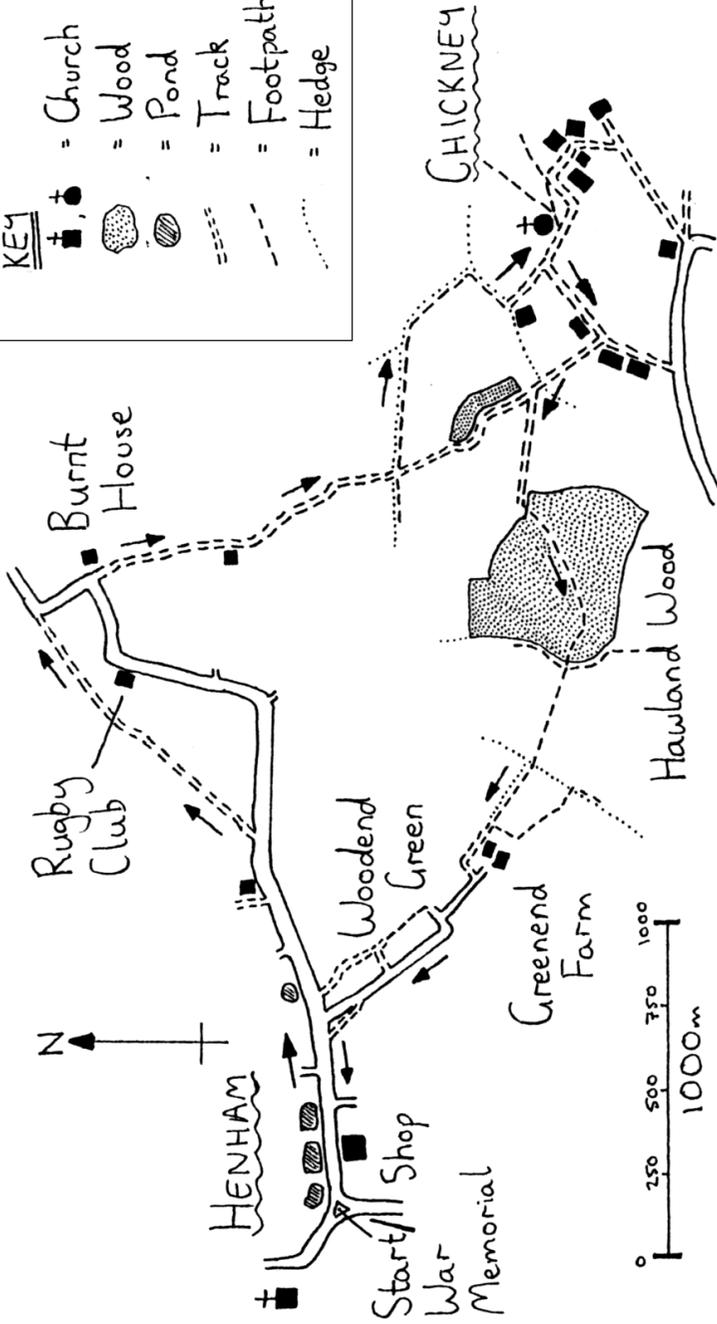
Walk to the end of the houses passing the new cemetery and a footpath to Henham Lodge Farm on your left. 150 yards further on take a footpath running diagonally left. This was the old railway track for the Thaxted Flyer which travelled from Elsenham to Thaxted. You pass Saffron Walden Rugby Club playing fields on your right.

On reaching the road turn right and walk to Burnt House which is on your left on a right hand bend. Turn left into Chickney Lane, a green byway edged with a variety of trees. Continue walking for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, past the first waymarker post, until you reach the second waymarker post. Turn left into the field and walk round the wide grassy verge, keeping the hedge on your left to a T junction and turn right, until you reach the barns at the bottom of the field, a permissive path. As you walk round the verge you may see the Bush Springs shooting ground by the copse on the opposite side of the field.

Turn left and take the track in front of the metal barn towards Chickney Church which you will see straight ahead. The church of St. Mary the Virgin is no longer used for services but remains a consecrated building supported by the Church of England Conservation Trust. It is usually open and is well worth a visit. Just before the church follow the road round to the right, turning up a metalled track.

Walk continues overleaf

- KEY**
-  = Church
 -  = Wood
 -  = Pond
 -  = Track
 -  = Footpath
 -  = Hedge



Walk up this track for a short distance and, just before reaching some farm buildings, turn right onto the byway, Chickney Lane, following the sign to the shooting ground. At the small car park fork left up the grassy track towards Hawland Wood.

Keep the wood on your left and continue on the track for 50 yards until it enters the wood. The bluebells make a wonderful spectacle in spring. Follow the path through the wood and as you emerge you will see the buildings of Greenend Farm straight ahead. Walk along the footpath towards the buildings and, keeping them on your left, walk round a corner and turn right at the junction with the farm drive. Follow the lane back to Woodend Green. At the junction with the road turn left and walk back to the War Memorial.