

## 5. Leavesden Walk

4.2Km (2.5 miles).

The walk starts from The Compasses in Tibbs Hill Road. Parking is available at the pub for customers.

Take the path opposite, to the right of the bus stop, which leads through the Jacketts Field Estate. Pass through a kissing gate and then along the edge of the field until you see another kissing gate on the right, pass through the gate into a nature reserve (formerly the grounds of the Leavesden Hospital). Continue in the same direction with the hedge on your left for about 300m until you reach a tarmac path, turn right, then where the path crosses turn left for 100m, then turn right along the edge of the playing field to Woodside Road.

Take the path opposite through a gate, follow it around the right hand side of the field to a **stile** on High Elms Lane. Turn right along the lane for 50m and turn left along a footpath, which follows the edge of a field, past Fortunes Farm and a World War 2 look-out building, to Chequers Lane.



Take extra care when walking along Chequers Lane, the road is fast and narrow with no pavement.

Turn left along the lane for 100m. When this bears left, continue straight on again along a track, when the track bears right, continue straight on alongside a hedge to a waymark post. Turn left uphill across the field to *3. East lane*. Cross the lane through the kissing gate. The path continues across the field, which leads to Love Lane and Tibbs Hill Road. Turn left along the road back to The Compasses.

2. A typical ancient sunken lane, formerly the eastern boundary of the Parish. Before roads were surfaced they often became very muddy and roads menders would throw the mud up onto the sides of the lane. After a number of years the level of the lane sunk and the banks appeared to be higher. The lane was threatened with closure, but is now preserved as a bridleway, crossing under the M25 through a tunnel.

