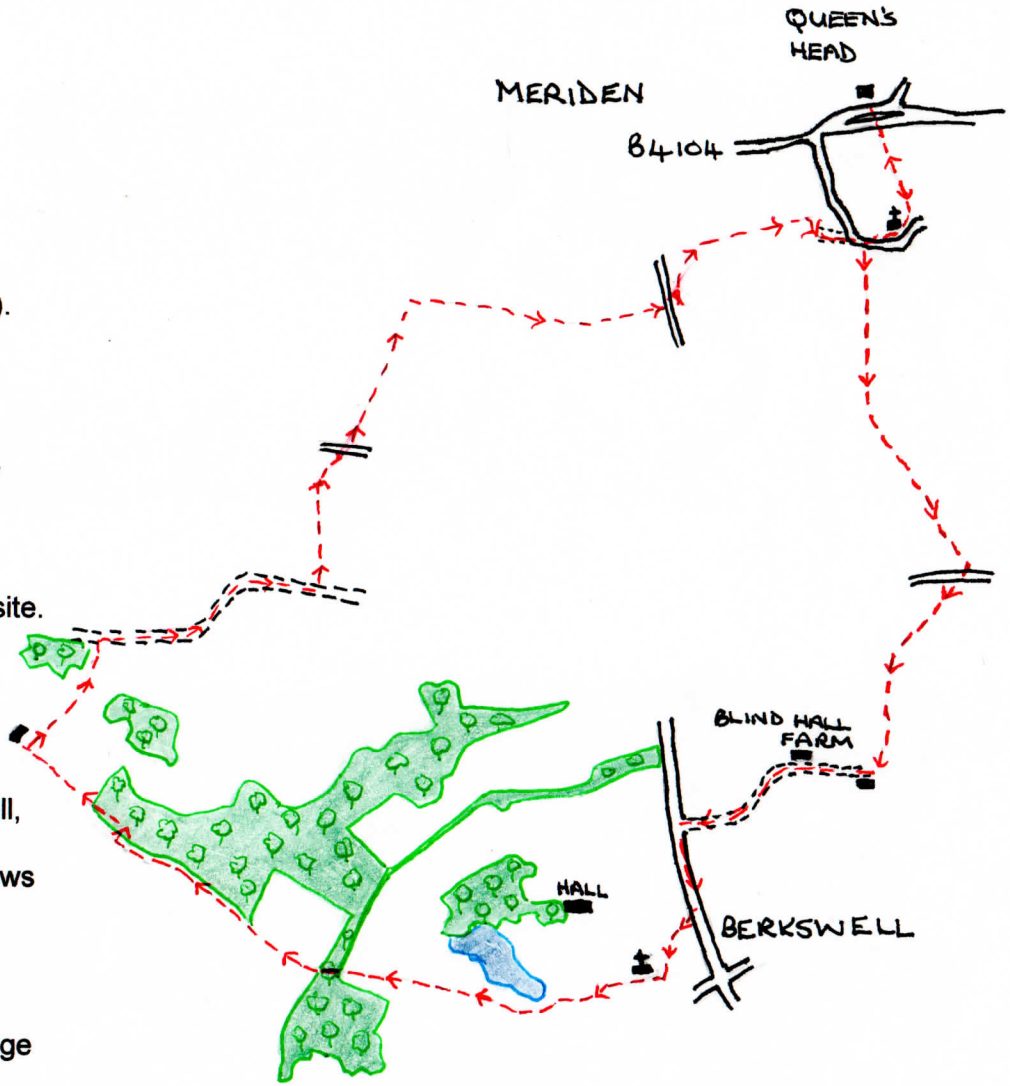
Meriden and Berkswell **Re-walked 05/05/2017**

Distance: 7 miles
Map: OS Explorer 221
Starting Point: GR 251820 (Queen's Head, Meriden)

From car park climb steps opposite and cross main road to kissing gate (KG).
Follow path towards church across 2 fields to a KG.
Walk through churchyard, keeping church on your right, to main gate.
Turn right, walk downhill to a right hand bend in road. Follow footpath sign (Coventry Way) on left through gap into field. Follow arrowed path through 6 fields to a drive, leading to a lane. Cross lane and continue on path directly opposite. Walk through 4 fields to a field corner with several gates and arrowed signs. Go through wooden KG on right with cottage on LHS.
Follow drive downhill past Blind Hall Farm on right to main road.
Turn left and stay on pavement for 300m, looking for footpath in copse opposite.
Take path through 4 KGs to Berkswell. Turn right past the church, walk to far corner and go through a KG into a small wood.
The path continues through a field with a section on wooden planks, (Berkswell Hall is on the right). Cross over a stream and continue to a KG. Turn right, off the Heart of England Way and on to
The Millenium Way and enter a small copse. Follow a well defined path up hill, passing through KG at the field corner and go through a small wood.
Keep to the path over 2 fields with hedgerow on the right. The path then follows the edge of a wood and area of new planting. Continue ahead through a KG and then enter the wood at a 2nd KG with a pond on the left. Keep ahead on the Millenium Way. As you leave the wood go over a stile keeping the hedge on your left.
At the end of the first field turn right at sign post following the incomplete hedge line to a KG and keep ahead to a footbridge at the lower corner of the field.
Cross the field to a stile and bridge, take path to the left,
following quarry fence. Then turn right on to track. Follow wide track for approximately 600m between quarries to a footpath on left. Go through metal gate and follow the same path to reach a lane. Cross lane, turn right and after 10m take path on the left. Go through KG and follow path along quarry fence on the left. Follow path down to wooded area, passing through wood and up an incline to a path junction. Turn right through KG, continue ahead,



keeping fence on your right. Pass through metal gate into next field and continue ahead to main road. Turn left. In 50m take marked footpath on right, go through 4 fields towards church. Turn left at way marker down wide track. Go through gate on to lane, retracing steps through churchyard, down hill through fields and cross to the Queen's Head.