

## Astwood Bank/Sambourne

Re-walked 5th February 2019

Map: OS Explorer 220

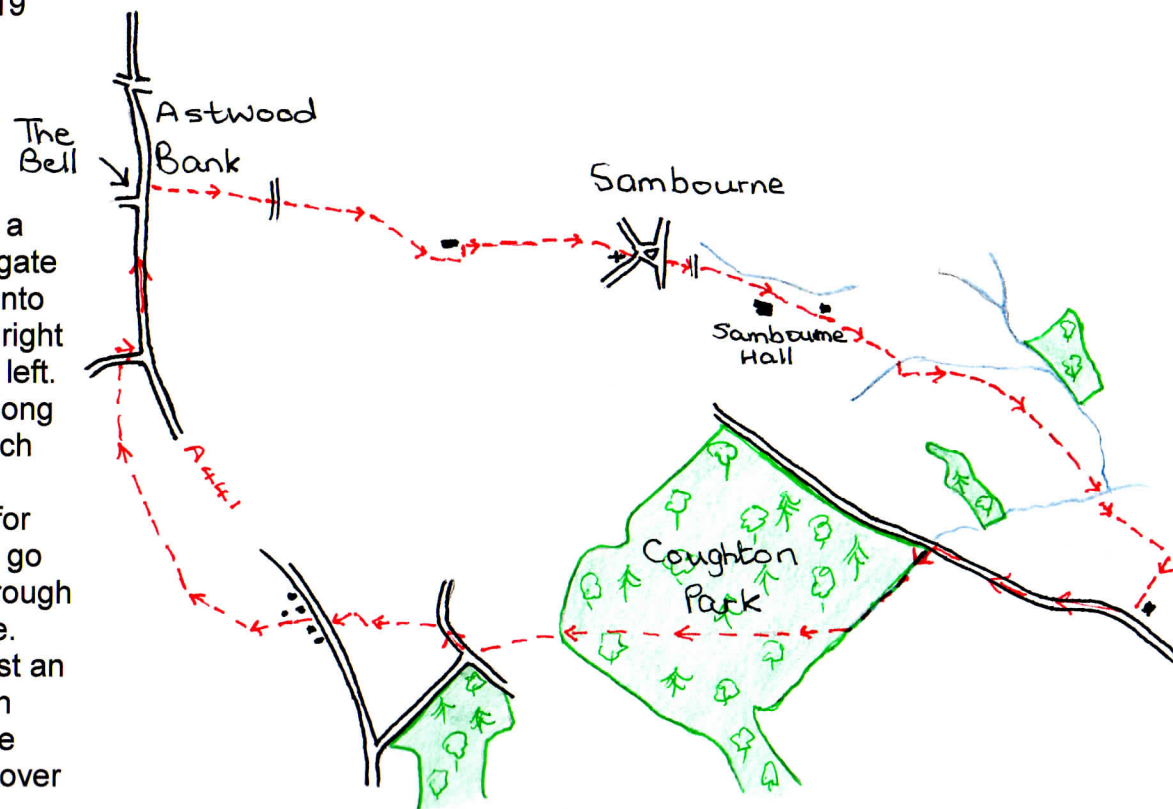
Distance: 5½ miles with 2 stiles

Start: The Bell Inn, Astwood Bank. B96 6AX

Cross main road and walk to the left and immediately look for a public footpath between houses. Follow path through kissing gate (KG) to field. Continue ahead to next KG, cross tarmac drive into next field. Walk through this field to the bottom and then bear right through next field and through a KG. Proceed with houses on left. Turn sharp left at garden corner through next KG. Continue along this field and through KG into the next. Walk towards the church and through gate at side of church.

Cross road to village green (Green Dragon on left) and head for pathway on left of wooden bus shelter. Keep buildings on left, go through gate, take path over old railway line to KG, and go through hedge gap. Then bear right to cross driveway to path opposite. Take path with house (Sambourne Hall) on right. Continue past an old barn on left and go through gap in fence ahead to go down incline. Bear left with hedge on right. Follow path around to the disused stile then turn sharp right. Follow path to gate. Cross over footbridge then across a field to another footbridge and KG.

Keep hedge on right to reach a KG by stream. Then bear diagonally right up hill towards house. Go through small metal gate and follow path with fence on left to road. Turn right on road for approximately ½ mile passing footpath to Coughton Lodge on left. At bottom of hill cross road to go through metal gate with sign saying "No Parking Farm Machinery Access". Go through gate keeping stream and wood (Coughton Park) on right. Continue through a gap in hedge line and after 500m turn right to enter wood. Continue ahead through woods, climbing and then descending into a field. Keep hedge on right, continue over brow of next field and down to gate. Turn right onto road for about 100m,



cross road at bend and continue up footpath through field with hedge on right. At top corner turn right onto narrow path through copse. Follow path to road and turn right.

Cross road and turn left down private driveway. Keep pond on left and bear right to right hand metal gate. Follow wide track down the hill to field. Walk diagonally right across the field towards pylon. Go through KG and continue under pylon to next KG with pond on right. Keep ahead to next KG with hedge on right. Proceed up hill to a stile, continue ahead to a second stile and then KG with greenhouses on left. Keep on path through wooded area, then follow path between fences to the road. Turn right and at end of road turn left onto main road. Continue ahead past a school and return to the Bell Inn.