

## **WALK 5.**

**Christleton Village Green. The Pit & Village Meadow, Birch Heath Common, Rake Lane, Birch Heath Lane to Village Green. 3.0km**



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Start at St James Church or the Village Green and go left (n) along Littleheath Road towards the Methodist Chapel and Littleheath Pit. Keep to the right alongside the black & white Dixon's Alms Houses and take the footpath at the gate to Little Mere houses towards the Legion Meadow. Go through the wooden kissing gate and then take the mown path through the meadow to your left. When you reach another kissing gate turn right, and then after 20m or so, turn left and follow the hedge boundary footpaths to meet another footpath coming diagonally from Birch Heath Lane. Turn left onto the main footpath to Birch Heath Common going through two old red sandstone stiles, where the wooden slats are missing.

You arrive at Birch Heath Common with a well filled woodland marl pit on your right, and you walk around the memorial seat to John Salter and onto Birch Heath common itself. Carry on across the common on a "walkers" path keeping Stamford Lane on your left until you reach the fence and the road junction between Stamford Lane, Birch Heath Lane and Rake Lane.

Cross over Birch Heath Lane walking towards Waverton at this point, and continue safely along the side of the road towards Rake Lane, but in 400m take the field footpath on your right. Follow the hedgerow on your right for another 400m until you reach a wooden stile. Turn right here onto a narrow path between the trees with Christleton High School/Sports Centre Grounds on your left. You will notice some intensive badger activity along this path and then when you almost reach Birch Heath Lane turn left along the continuing path for another 150m. At this point you cross over the road, turn to the left and follow the lane safely back towards the village with the houses of The Park on your left. Continue on the pavement back to the Village Green.



Birch Heath Common