

All Saints Parish church dates back to the 13th century. What is believed to be the tomb of the ancient Norman family of DeHeriz can be found in the churchyard. This family were the lords of the Manor of Oakerthorpe. The tomb cover, found beneath the east window, depicts a knight lying cross-legged.

10. Continue along path until you reach stone squeeze stile. Turn right and head uphill to the bridge across the railway. Turn left after crossing bridge and follow the path alongside the quarry, passing through two wicket gates. Go through a squeeze stile between two stone gateposts. Follow wall on left to reach Dale Road.

11. Turn right and follow road, uphill to reach junction. Cross the road **beware of traffic** to footpath opposite. Pass through six fields, heading towards wood and church. Upon reaching small wood, turn right along track, towards gate.

12. Turn left through gate to rejoin the route back to the church.



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| <b>WALK TYPE</b> | Undulating countryside. 90% footpaths, 10% country roads. |
| <b>DISTANCE</b>  | 4 miles (6.5 km)  |
| <b>TIME</b>      | Allow 2.5 – 3 hours                                       |
| <b>BUSES</b>     | Traveline on 0871 200 2233 (7.00am – 9.00pm)              |
| <b>TRAIN</b>     | National Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950 (24 hrs)   |
| <b>WAYMAKING</b> | Routeway 3  |
| <b>OS MAP</b>    | Explorer 269 (1:25,000)<br>Chesterfield and Alfreton      |

#### PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Be safe — plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

#### For further walks and visitor information go to [www.visitambervalley.com](http://www.visitambervalley.com)

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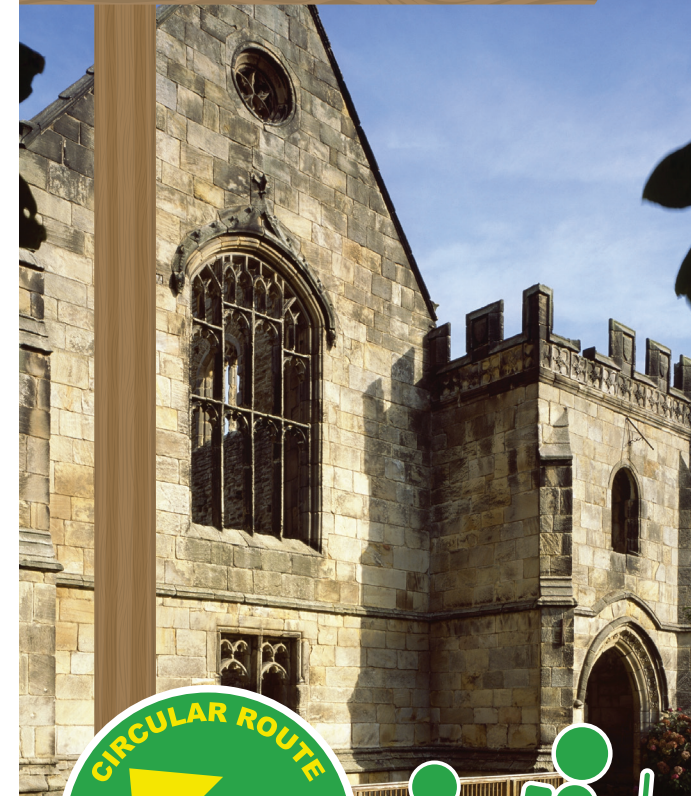
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# AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

## ALFRETON TO SOUTH WINGFIELD



**Start Saint Martin's Church  
(park sensibly within the town)**

1. Enter the churchyard and go straight ahead, passing main entrance to the Church. Follow the flagstone path through the churchyard with the church on your right.

*St Martin's Church is reputed to be the oldest building in Alfreton. The lower arch was built in the 12th Century, and is the oldest part. The rest of the tower was completed 200 years later.*

Leave the churchyard and travel sharply left. Cross stile to right of gate and proceed along track for approximately half a mile.

2. As the track bends to the right, go over stile and cross field. Continue along with the hedge now on the right. Pass over a second stile and turn left to the stile by the road. Cross the road. **Beware of traffic.**
3. Turn right and after approximately 40 metres go through gap in hedge on your left. Follow field boundary with hedge on right. Turn right near bottom of field, into copse. Pass through trees to golf course.
4. Go straight ahead with wood on right. On reaching fairway, cross with bunker on left. (Look for footpath sign, low down, near bottom of Oak tree.) Beware of flying golf balls.

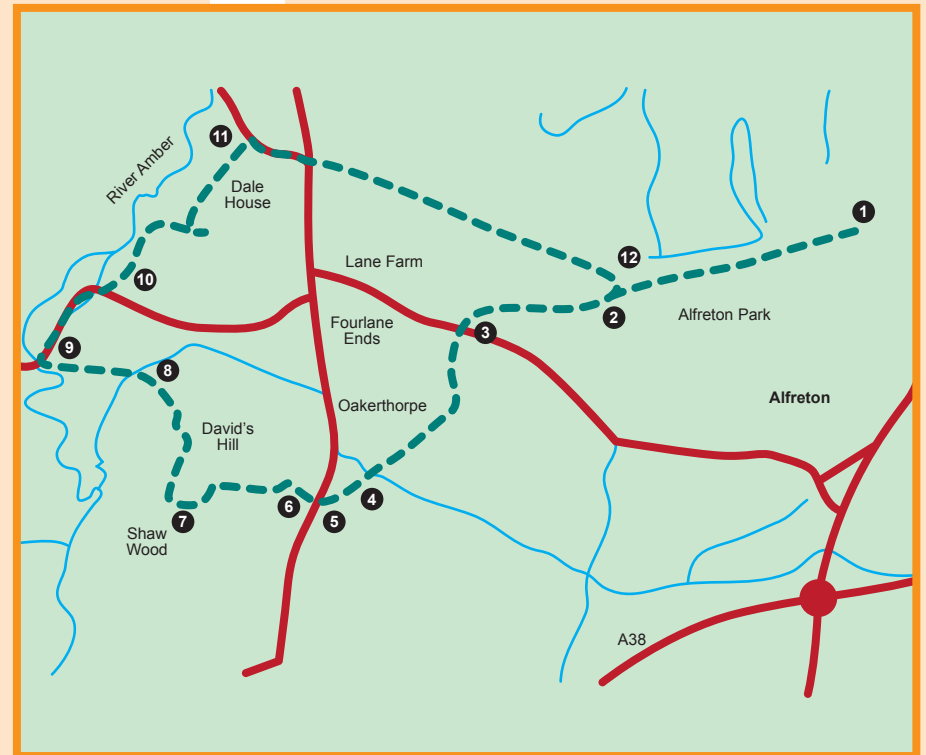
Cross second fairway to left of tee and large oak. Head down lane, with wood on left, and then turn left into Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's Oakerthorpe Nature Reserve.

*Oakerthorpe Nature Reserve is formed from the remains of the Oakerthorpe coal mine, which helped to create a marshy area alongside Oakerthorpe Brook. This is now a nature reserve managed by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.*

5. Go across gravel path and head straight on to reach boardwalk. Follow boardwalk and then path to reach gate. Follow the path across the drive, passing the house. Follow the path to reach a road. Cross the road **beware of traffic** to a footpath on your left by a phone and post box.
6. The Anchor Public House is to your right. Go through gap and cross lawn to reach Hollybank House car park. Cross to right hand corner of car park. Follow path with hedge/fence on left, to go up David's Hill. Follow the footpath around the field and into the woodland. Follow the path out of the wood and continue up the field following the hedgerow on your left passing large radio mast.

7. Enter the woodland and follow the footpath on your right along the top of the wood. At the steps, turn left and follow them downhill. At the bottom carry on into the field, crossing stile. Proceed downhill towards railway line. Cross stile, turn right along track.

*Wingfield Manor was built in the sixteenth century by Ralph de Cromwell, Lord Treasurer to Henry VI. Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned here in 1569 and again in 1584. Whilst there she plotted with Anthony Babington, a local squire, to escape with the intention of overthrowing Queen Elizabeth I. The conspiracy was foiled and Babington was executed in 1586. The manor is administered by English Heritage and is open to pre-booked groups only. The manor is privately owned so access is unavailable outside of these arrangements.*



8. Turn left under the railway via a tunnel, emerging onto a sports ground. Go through kissing gate and follow path through field. Travel alongside the River Amber and then cross the bridge over the Amber to reach Holm Lane, opposite Taylor's Mill. Cross the road **beware of traffic** onto the pavement opposite.

*South Wingfield (or 'Winfield' according to old records) is believed to have had two mills. Taylor's Mill (opposite) dates back to the 17th century, although there was a mill on this site long before. The other mill was believed to have been under the walls of Wingfield manor.*

9. Turn right and follow the road until you reach the church. Turn left into churchyard, pass to the right of the church and cross stile to leave the churchyard and enter a field.