



COMMUNITY (DIAMOND ROUTE)

AMBERSWOOD, BICKERSHAW & ABRAM

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Jubilee Legacy Walks

This walk is one of a series of fifteen Jubilee Legacy Walks designed to celebrate the richness and diversity of Wigan Borough's green space, and provide a lasting reminder of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations of 2012. Walking is a great way to improve your physical health and mental wellbeing - aim for 150 minutes per week and you'll soon notice the difference!



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WALK DESCRIPTION

Amberswood is a former open cast mining site that has now been transformed into one of the borough's best green spaces and one of the key sites within Greenheart. The route begins and ends at Amberswood and passes through sites reclaimed and transformed from old industrial activity and long established public parks.

ACCESSIBILITY

Routes are mainly along hard surfaced footpaths, but some areas may be softer after rain.

Limited access for wheelchairs, prams & cycles.

TOILETS

There are no public toilets.

START POINTS

This route begins and ends at Amberswood. Parking available at Greenheart car park, Wigan Road, Hindley, WN2 3BU.

BUS STOPS

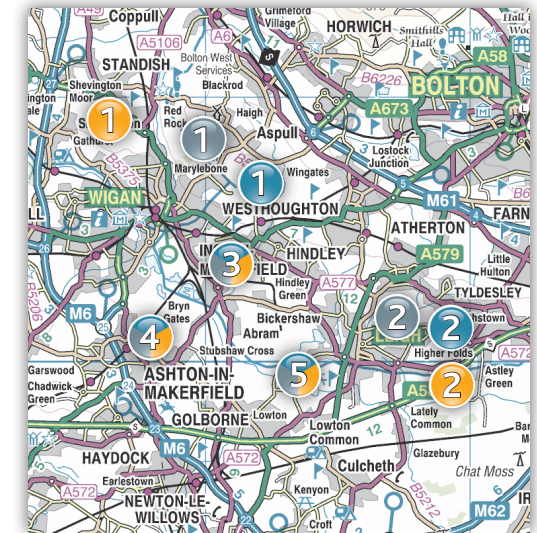
Bus services run from Wigan & Leigh bus stations with stops on Wigan Road.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Over 6km of paths link areas of woodland, wildflower meadows, grasslands and wetlands. The Friends of Amberswood community group work with Groundwork and Wigan Council to help manage the site.
- 2 Low Hall Local Nature Reserve is rich in wildlife and habitats and is a magnet for nesting birds in spring and summer. Visit www.friendsoflowhall.co.uk for more information.

- 3 Leyland Park was named after John Leyland, a Hindley landowner who had interests in banking. After his death he left money for a public library and land for a park. It was opened in 1881.
- 4 Victoria Fields is a former colliery site and was once the location of Victoria Colliery. Following extensive woodland planting the area is now a secluded green space.
- 5 The Greenheart Jubilee Way runs along the former Whelley Loop Line on the eastern edge of the site.
- 6 The village of Bickershaw grew from the coal industry; it once had a train station located directly opposite the Queens Hotel on Bickershaw Lane, but this has long since closed.
- 7 Kingsdown Flash was formed by mining subsidence and is now very popular with Anglers.
- 8 Abram Park opened in 1932.

OTHER ROUTES



Walk Locations

- 1 Borsdane, Standish and Haigh
- 2 Gin Pit, Tyldesley and Astley
- 3 Amberswood, Bickershaw and Abram
- 4 Ashton, Viridor and Bryn
- 5 Pennington Flash and Lightshaw

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