

NET WALK 14: Chilwell & Bramcote

Photos and description: 2005

The walk is about 6¾ km (4¼ miles) and starts on High Road, Chilwell, goes to Bramcote and finishes on Eskdale Drive, Chilwell.

Take the Nottingham to Toton NET service to the High Road - Central College tramstop, the **S** start of this walk. The description includes directions and a note of interesting sites along the way. For some of these sites, marked with a red number on the maps, there is further information in the **14A: Chilwell & Bramcote Appendix**.



At the tramstop on High Road, on one side is **Graduation House (1)** (formerly Central College, Nottingham)...



... and on the other side is **Barton House (2)**, originally the home of the Barton bus company.



Next to Barton House is "The Shawl Factory", home of textile manufacturer **G H Hurt & Son (3)**.



Go southwest along High Road. If we continued along High Road we would pass the start of Chetwynd Road which leads towards the area of **Chetwynd Barracks (4)**. But this walk turns right at Cator Lane.

Go up Cator Lane, cross the tram tracks, with Cator Lane tramstop on the left, and continue past Cator Lane Recreation Ground on the right. Cross Bramcote Avenue and continue up Cator Lane North. At the end, take the path on the left and continue, passing Beeston Fields Golf Course on the right (hidden by trees). You are now in **Bramcote (5)**.

At the end of the path, turn left.



Go along the footpath, crossing two minor roads (both The Chancery) and continue along what becomes Peache Way.

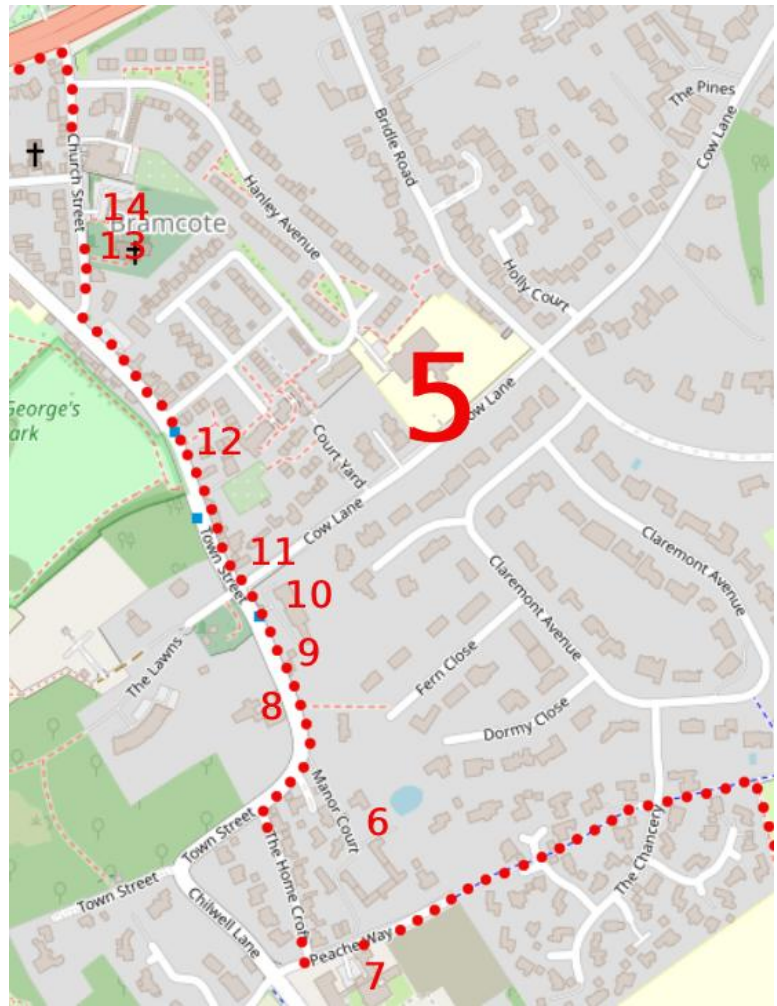
On the right, you pass a private drive to **Manor House (6)**



... and then, on the left, a drive to **The Grove (7)**.



Turn right, up The Home Croft and then right at Town Street.



After the bend you pass, on the left, **Bramcote House (8)**, with a blue plaque,....



.... and then, on the right, **The Gables (9)**.



A little further up Town Street, on the corner of Cow Lane, is **The Grange (10)**. (On the opposite side of Town Street is an old church tower – we return to this later in the walk)



On the opposite corner are the **Frances Jane Longden Almshouses (11)**.



Continue along Town Street, passing the **White Lion (12)**.



Turn right into Church Street and past **St Michael and All Angels Church (13)**...



... and the **Memorial Hall (14)**.



Turn left along Derby Road and pass **Broom Hill Terrace (15)**.



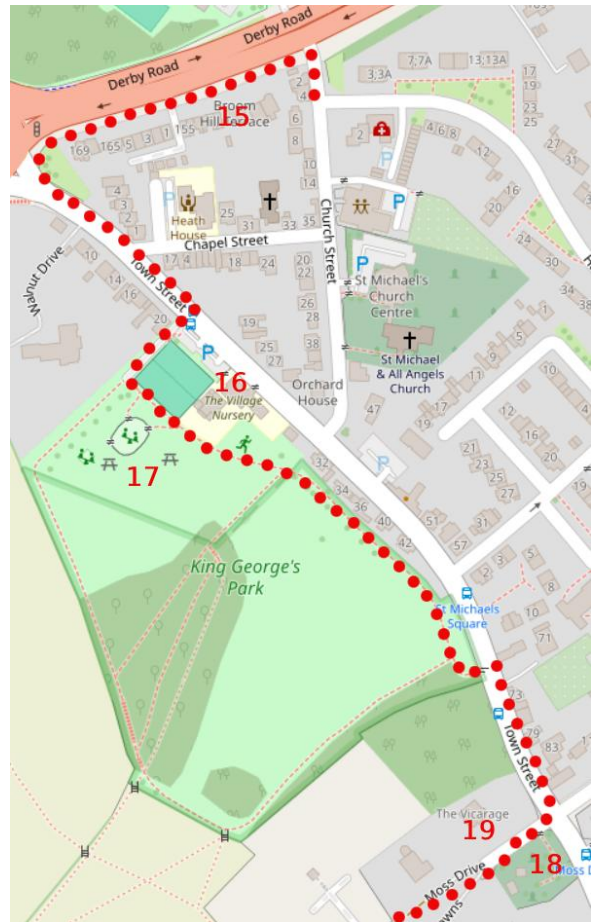
Turn left into Town Street and c200m ahead on the right is the **Village Nursery (16)**.



Just before the Nursery, turn right into **King George's Park (17)** – note the Heraldic Panels on the gate.



Go round the tennis courts and then up the slope and alongside the trees, with the occasional view down into the village. Where the path divides, bear left and go down steps onto Town Street – turn right.



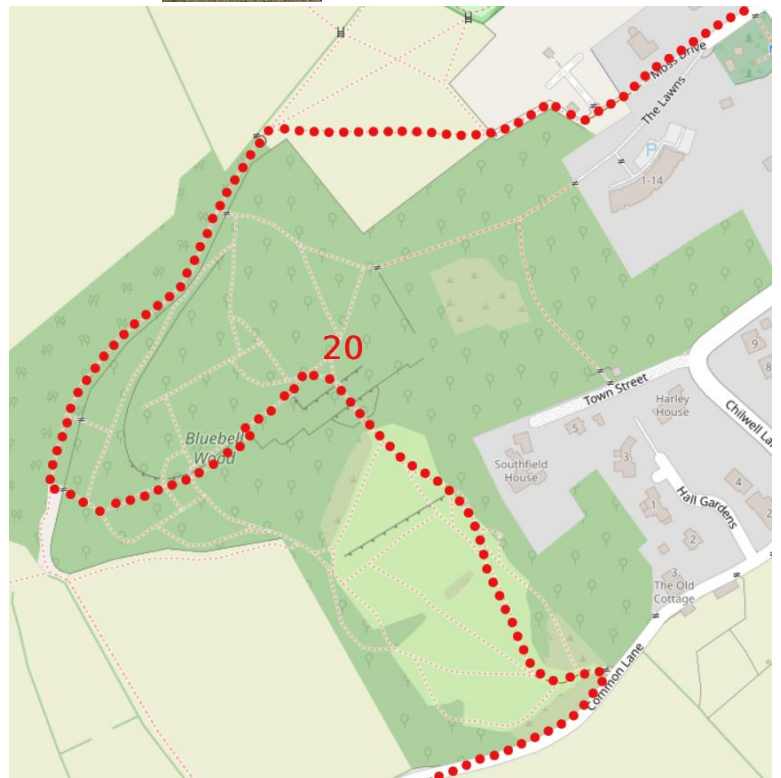
Turn left into Moss Drive; on the right is the remaining tower of **Old Church (18)** and on the left is the **Old Vicarage (19)**, now a private house.



A few yards up Moss Drive the road splits.



On the left is the drive to The Lawns (a modern block of apartments) – this was the main drive into Bramcote Hall (20) but is not our route. Take the path to the right.



This leads to an open area with good views across Stapleford and into Derbyshire.

Cross the open area diagonally and then take the path into the woods



There are numerous paths through the woods around the site of Bramcote Hall. You will pass one (through a gate to the left) but continue to the right and follow the path alongside a steep drop to the right.



After about 250m there are paths going right, down the slope) and left, through the fence at another gate.

...Turn left, through the fence and continue ahead



After a short distance you will start to see the remains of walls, which were part of the formal terraced garden of Bramcote Hall.

Continue ahead, with the wall on your left, and past steps....

....and along to another set of steps – go up these and turn right



This leads to another set of steps (A). Go up these....



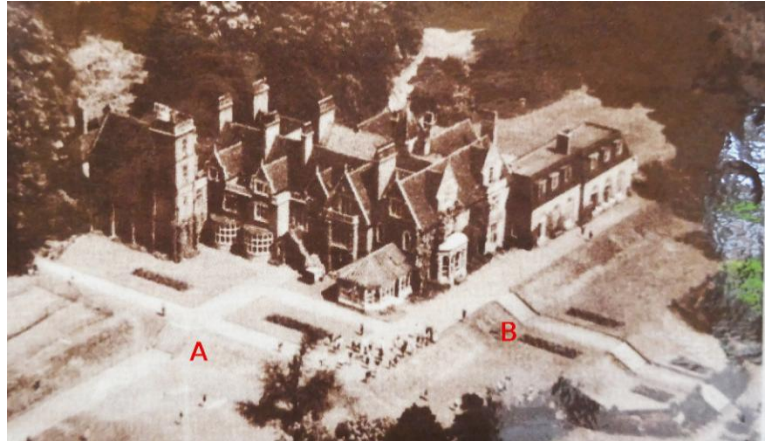
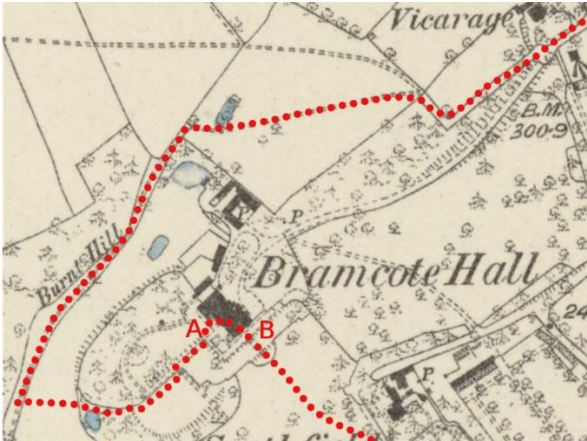
...bear slightly left and at a junction of paths, go right.



You are now right on the site of **Bramcote Hall (20)**.

Ahead are more steps (B) – in three parts, going down the old garden terracing.

The old map and photo below shows the Hall (c1860s) with the walk route and the steps at A & B.



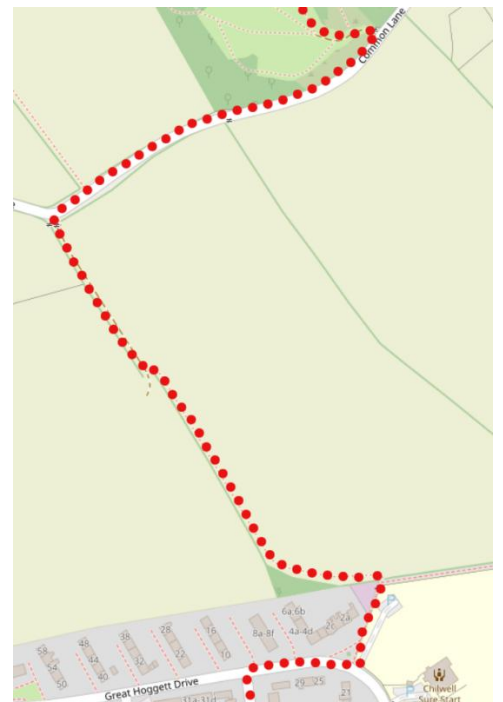
Go down the three flights of steps (B) and bear left into the edge of the woods and then bear right, back to the open area and continue down until you reach a narrow road – Common Lane – turn right.



When the road bends right, turn left and follow the path along the edge of the field



At the bottom of the field go left and then go through the gap in the hedge, bear right along the path to Great Hoggett Drive and then turn left into Barn Croft.



This area is **Inham Nook (21)**.

On the right side of Barn Croft is **St Barnabas Church (22)**.



Turn left at Inham Road and then right into Pearson Avenue.

Where the road bends right, turn left through the trees and then left, along the path beside the tram tracks to the Eskdale Drive tramstop – the **F**inish of this walk.

