

The Canal at Sundorne

If you read your magazines backwards, you may already have seen the photographs overleaf and thought that full scale restoration had begun. Unfortunately, although these are of the Shrewsbury Canal, this is not the case. They show the before and after situation when sections of the canal were excavated at Sundorne in Shrewsbury to form wildlife ponds. They were taken about 1995 and have been provided by Trust member John Edwards.

Fortunately nature didn't take long to soften the scar of the new excavation, and today this section forms part of the pleasant walkway and cycleway that runs along the canal line from Ditherington to Uffington. Being a good hard surface and fairly level it can also be enjoyed by those in wheelchairs.

The walk starts on Ditherington Road opposite the Coaches public house, but on-street parking is available at Lesley Owen Way (off Sundorne Road) further along the path, where there is access to the path down a short steep gradient.

For those feeling energetic the walk continues along the old towpath past Pimley Manor and under the A49 to Uffington. To continue to Haughmond Hill, cross the road, take the track opposite, go over a stile on the right and as the Hill is neared the right of two paths leads to the summit and superb views, including the course of the canal.





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