

## HARROGATE WEST WALK 4.5 miles

[ Point N5/W2 to W4/S2 is also part of the **Urban Circle Walk** ]

**(START)** From Harrogate Bus Station cross Station Parade and walk along Cambridge Street to the Monument. Cross Parliament Street to Betty's, carry straight on down Montpellier Parade to the roundabout, then continue in the same direction along Royal Parade past the Pump Room to the entrance to the Valley Gardens.

**(N5/W2)** (*Urban Circle walkers join here*) Go into the Valley Gardens and walk along the path by the stream. Go round either side of the circular Bogs Field where there are "36 mineral springs each one unique" (see plaque), then continue in the same direction and climb the hillside on a broad path to the right of the grassed area (many fine trees). Ignore side paths and keep to broad main path as you enter the Pine Woods, cross Harlow Moor Road and still in woodland continue up Nursery Lane East. Turn left at the greenhouses and continue past a stone water tower on the left and on the right the former observatory now used by the Astronomy Society. On the left there are views of Harrogate and an extensive prospect over the Vale of York to the North York Moors and the Yorkshire Wolds though the splendid view is becoming blocked by vegetation and new housing.

**(W3)** Turn left for a few yards on reaching Otley Road. You are now in Harlow Hill. Immediately after the Shepherd's Dog pub turn right on a footpath that leads into a cul de sac then continues in the same direction, passing Harlow Hill allotments on the right. Cross Beckwith Avenue at "the green hut" and continue along the path to the roundabout at Pannal Ash (n.b. the path is occasionally flooded; if so, retrace steps, go up ginnel on the left, left along Beckwith Crescent at the top, then left along Beckwith Road to the roundabout). Take the second left (Green Lane) at the roundabout, pass Rossett School on the left, and immediately after the school playing field, turn left down a broad path (signpost). Pass two fine oak trees soon to reach a road (Rossett Drive).

**(W4/S2)** (*Urban Circle walkers turn right and along Rossett Drive*) Turn left through the bollards, then soon take the footpath on the right into Rossett Local Nature Reserve (saved from housing development by great crested newts, now a valuable local asset). Go past the pond and continue to the far side of the reserve. Turn left for a few yards, then left again back into the nature reserve on a path that rejoins Rossett Drive. Turn right and continue straight on past Rossett Acre Primary School to reach the T-junction with Pannal Ash Road. Turn right for a few yards, then left on to Pannal Ash Drive which swings round to the right, then right again to reach Otley Road.

**(W5)** Cross Otley Road to Harlow Oval, turn right at the first road junction, ignore Manor Road, then after No.39A go down the ginnel on the right. Turn left on reaching Cold Bath Road (note the green space opposite which was the site of the original Cold Bath spring, see plaque), soon turn right on to Queen's Road, then first left on to Lancaster Road which leads to The Stray at Beech Grove where you turn left. When Beech Grove bends right, carry straight on across a corner of The Stray to West Park (the main A61 road), turn left to Betty's and the Monument, then retrace steps along Cambridge Street to the Bus Station.

