❽ Walk down School Lane for 60m before turning left onto Birch Road. In 40m turn left after the last house just before St. Helen's C. of E. School and then follow the path onto and across the Village Green passing the children's play park on your left.

❾ At Hollins Green Scout Centre follow path between fenced gardens to emerge onto Manchester Road. (If required, the Village Community Shop and Cafe is a short distance to the right.) Turn left down the road passing The Black Swan public house on your left and the Community Hall on your right to return to the lay -by at the start of the walk.

The Black Swan

Please follow the Country Code

For information on the Public Rights of Way network and bridleways please visit **www.warrington.gov.uk** *and search* ***Public Rights of Way***

Rixton with Glazebrook is an attractive area of countryside lying on the eastern edge of Warrington. The route takes us along the lanes and through the green areas that are particularly colourful during the Spring months when the crocus and daffodils are in full bloom.

The route also passes along Bank Street which was the location of three military camps that were in their heyday during World War II. An Admiralty camp was located at the top end of Bank Street adjacent to the railway to which it had direct access; an American 8th. Air Force camp was on the opposite side of Bank Street; a naval training camp was at the other end of Bank Street the entrance to which was on Glazebrook Lane. The naval camp was part of HMS Gosling and it is through this camp that the walk takes us.

HMS Gosling consisted of a number of camps in the area with the other camps being in Croft, Lowton and Risley (on the site of the prison). The camps were commissioned in July 1942 and were used to train radio mechanics, air fitters and mechanics as well as Royal Marine trainees of the Royal Naval Air Station Defence Force. Following the end of the war HMS Gosling was decommissioned in March 1947 and the site fell into disrepair and is now derelict.

This is the third in a series of local walking guides which are available to download from www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net
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Daffodil Walk

A 3 mile circular walk through the villages of Hollins Green and Glazebrook. This walk is best enjoyed during March and April when the crocus and daffodils are in bloom. Easy walking on level terrain — boots or strong footwear recommended.

Allow 1½ hours

Park in the lay-by on Manchester Road, Hollins Green (Grid Ref. SJ 699 913)

No. 100 from Warrington & Manchester stops outside The Black Swan pub on Manchester Road

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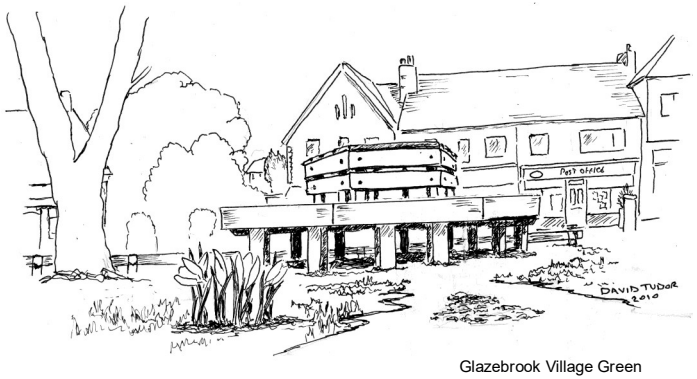
The Black Swan & Ye Olde Red Lion
Village Community Shop and Café
The Greenery Café, Glazebrook

The walk starts from the lay-by on Manchester Road between The Black Swan pub and Glazebrook Lane traffic lights, known locally as Swan Brew.

❶ From the lay-by cross over Manchester Road. Turn right and in 50m turn left onto the path crossing stile by metal gate. In 35m go through the gap in the fence and follow path keeping to the right of waymark, trees, fence and then open field on your right for 150m to junction. Short stretches of this path can be muddy at times. At the junction bear left up the slope and then continue along the edge of field towards the houses, keeping hedge and ditch on your right.

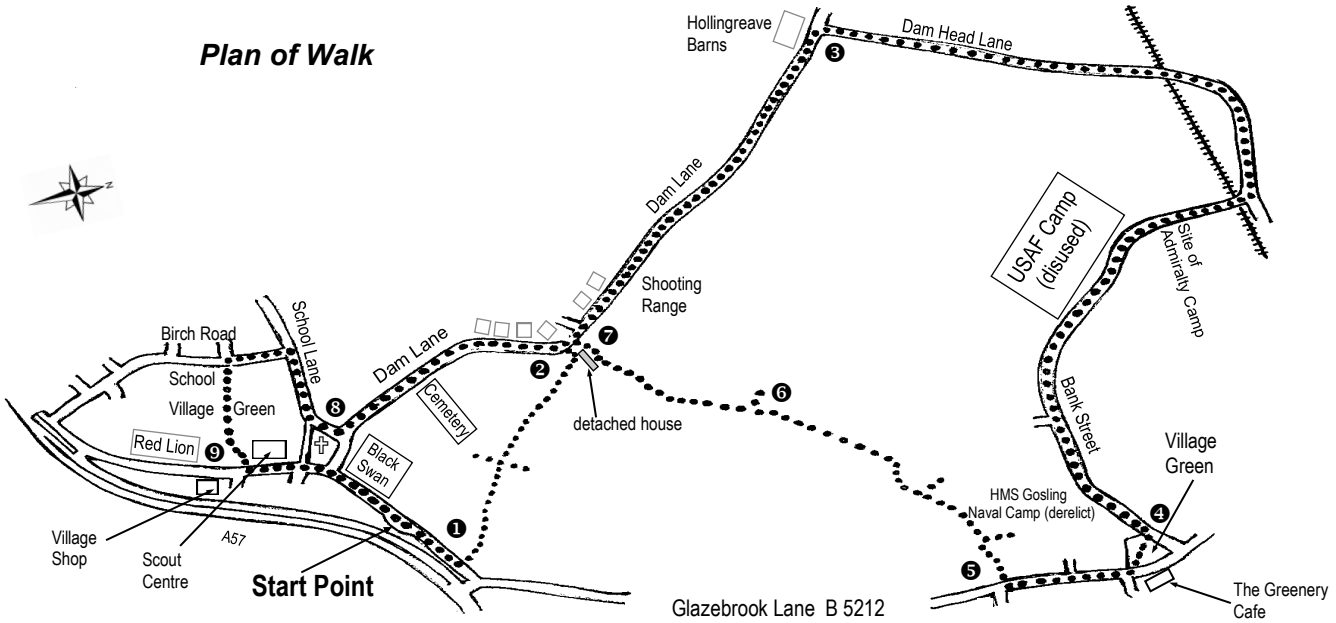
❷ After 220m emerge onto Dam Lane and turn right passing a detached house on your right. Continue along lane for 700m, passing a shooting range on your right, until reaching the junction with Dam Head Lane with Hollingreave barns to the left.

❸ Turn right and proceed up Dam Head Lane. After crossing the railway bridge continue on the lane around the bend before turning right down Bank Street and crossing over the railway once more. Continue down the length of Bank Street, passing the disused military camp on your right, for 800m. Just before the junction with Glazebrook Lane enter Glazebrook Village Green



Glazebrook Village Green

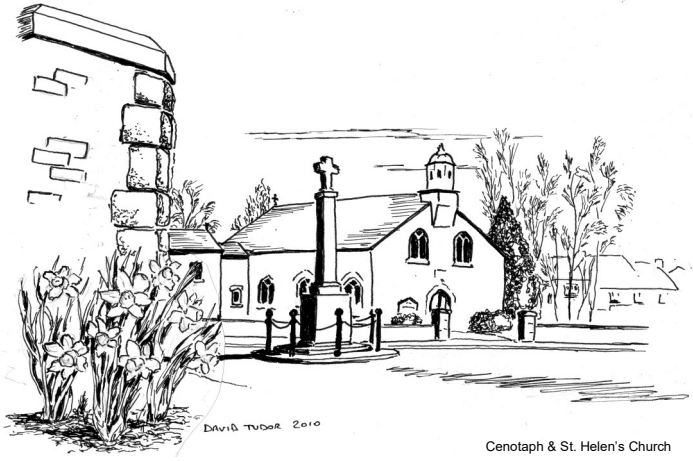
Plan of Walk



❹ Diagonally cross the village green, with The Greenery café opposite, towards the houses on Glazebrook Lane. Turn right up the lane and 60m after crossing the short cul-de-sac look for the path on your right by the wooden pylon opposite Carlton Way. Turn right onto the path between the hedge and the pylon to enter the derelict naval camp HMS Gosling.

❺ Follow the path for 50m as it winds to a junction. Turn left following path with trees to your left and raised ground to your right until reaching a path joining from the right. Ignore this path continuing straight on as path gently winds to a farmer's field in 60m. Enter the field and follow path straight ahead to the right of the fence between the two fields.

❻ In 110m ignore path to right that crosses the field and keep straight on following the fence line. In a further 60m ignore the waymark pointing left for the path that crosses the hedge line and continue on the path bearing to the right towards the houses on Dam Lane.



Cenotaph & St. Helen's Church

❼ Emerge onto Dam Lane and turn left passing the detached house on your left. Continue up Dam Lane, passing the cemetery in 170m, before turning right at the cenotaph into School Lane.