

# Welcome to **Saughall and Shotwick Park** Parish Paths

**A map of footpaths and other public rights of way in and around the parish of Saughall and Shotwick Park with six guided walks, listed below, for you to enjoy:**

**Castle Way**  
3½ kms (2 miles)

**Saughall Round**  
12 kms (7½ miles)

**St. Bartholomew's Way**  
6½ kms (4 miles)

**St. Michael's Way/The Coffin Way**  
8½ kms (5½ miles)

**Overwood Way**  
5½ kms (3 miles)

**Woodlands Way**  
2½ kms (1½ miles)

## Public rights of way

Each of the routes on this map is a public right of way which members of the public have a right to use at any time. You may take a pram or pushchair along with you, although it may not always be practical to do so. You are not permitted to stray from the paths and must keep dogs under strict control at all times.

### Looking after Public Rights of Way

Cheshire West & Chester Borough Council (as the Highways Authority) is responsible for protecting and maintaining public rights of way. You should not experience any problems whilst walking around Saughall and Shotwick Park parish but, if you do, please give details to: **Cheshire West & Chester Council, Public Rights of Way (PROW) Department, Highway Depot, Guilden Sutton Lane, Guilden Sutton, CH3 7EX.** Telephone: **01606 271822.**

## Notes of interest

**Greyhound Inn** The recorded history of the Inn dates back to 1561 but is probably much older. Opposite is a private house which used to be the Swinging Gate Inn dating to the 15th century.

**Kingswood Lane** was part of the ancient 'Salters' Way' from Chester to Shotwick Ford and was also used as a military road to Shotwick Castle. It probably dates from before 1093 when Hugh Lupus built the castle.

**Lodge Lane** forms part of the old 'Salters' Way' and military road from Chester to Shotwick with fine views of the Clywdian Hills across the River Dee.

**Poplars Farm** was the manor house of Saughall Parva (Little Saughall) and shows Flemish influences. The gutter dates from 1821.

**Shotwick Castle** The castle, built in the 11th century, defended a major crossing of the River Dee which lapped at its feet. It was frequented by several English kings and the Black Prince. The castle was pentagonal in plan with sides that were 51 feet tall and a five storey watchtower.

**Shotwick Lodge Farm** The farm stands on the site of the Lodge where the park keeper lived. Traces of a moat are still visible. The magnificent tithe barn with its ancient timbers can be seen. The curious farm building with a 17th century date, known locally as 'The Chapel', is evident.

**St. Michael's Church** is of great historic and architectural interest with its three tier pulpit, canopied pew for the Churchwarden, Norman arch doorway, and the grooves in the stonework made by archers sharpening their arrows.

**The Old Vicarage** is the former manor house of Saughall Magna (Great Saughall) built around 1740. Elgar visited the house on several occasions in the early 1900s.

**The Vernon Institute** Founded in 1809, the Vernon Institute comprises contemporary additions to parts of the old Home Farm. Used as a military hospital in the 1st World War, the institute has housed and supported innumerable village activities and is now an active social centre and the hub of village life. The clock tower and war memorial are a village landmark and feature on the front of this leaflet. The clock tower, paid for by public subscription, was added to the Institute after the 1914-18 war and only has three clock faces because, it is rumoured, the money ran out.