



## Optional Spur to Newport via the Hutchison Way from Lilleshall 3.5 Miles

If you want to explore Newport at the end of this walk, go straight on down Station Road into the High Street. Newport is an interesting old market town, founded in the C12th, with historic old buildings and the remains of a canal. From here you can walk on The Millenium Way as far as Stafford, and return to Telford via Newport and Lilleshall on the No 5 bus.

Go north up **Church Road** in Lilleshall and turn right into **Willmoor Lane**. After about 300 yards turn left onto **The Hutchison Way**. Continue along a disused canal towards a farm. Keep to the side of the yard and turn left up a narrow path alongside the first farm building and onto the farm access road. Go through the kissing gate almost opposite and enter the woodland full of old quarries and limekilns. Continue straight along the path and ignore a path on the left. Continue straight, then down the slope. Cross the boardwalk and up through the trees to a track and kissing gate. Keep right through the kissing gate. Cross a stream and turn left to follow the field edge to a kissing gate to the **A518**. Turn right. When you reach the roundabout turn right into **Pitchcroft Lane**. Follow the lane for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile until you reach the top of a rise. Turn left through a metal kissing gate, cross the tarmac farm road and follow the footpath northwards approximately half way between the two poles, until it joins a track. Turn left and cross over the main **A518**. Take the footpath into the trees and bear immediately right. Go through a kissing gate and follow the path alongside the hedge on the left. Continue along the grassy track across the field and bear right at the fork. Go through a metal kissing gate and follow the fenced footpath around the side of the field. Keep right and walk to the road. Turn left and walk towards the centre of Newport along **Station Rd**. After about 750m turn right through a **covered alley**, signed for **Waitrose**, into **Stafford Street Car Park** and the **bus station**.

