

Hanger Lane Linear Walk (Three Churches) – 4 miles

Hanger Lane – Brentham Meadow – Pitshanger Park – St. Mary's Church – Perivale Park – Holy Cross Church - Marnham Fields - Belvue Park – St. Mary's Church - Northolt

Route: Parks and open spaces; mainly quiet roads; footpaths.

Local Amenities: Shops and cafes at Hanger Lane, Pitshanger (slightly off-route), Northolt. Toilets at stations, at Pitshanger Park and Perivale Park Golf Clubhouse. Pub at Northolt.

Points of Interest: River Brent; nature areas; views; three historic churches.

Transport: Trains to Hanger Lane & Northolt Stations. Also, Perivale Station (off –route). Local buses.

Start the walk from Hanger Lane Station. From the underground station ticket hall go left up a short flight of steps to emerge by the station building by the busy North Circular Road. Go left over the railway bridge and keep left downhill to go through a subway. At the far end go up a slope and on to nearby traffic lights – junction of West Gate road with Hanger Lane road ('Fox and Goose' historic pub is only a short walk further along). Go left into West Gate road and soon go under a railway bridge to reach the A40 Western Avenue.

Cross the A40 using a nearby subway to emerge near Lynwood Road. Walk a short way up Lynwood Road and look for a wide alley on the right side. This leads to allotments. Follow it and continue on a footpath by the allotments. At a bend with a stile (gives access to a small nature area – meadow and pond by the River Brent) on the right go left up a short path to emerge on Brunswick Road. Go right into Neville Road and then left along Meadvale Road past the Brentham Club (café/toilets). This is a conservation area thus protecting houses and gardens (for Pitshanger shops and cafes – just a short walk - go left up Lindfield Road).

Just past the Brentham Club turn right through the large iron gates of Pitshanger Park. Here, go right around the edge of this attractive park and along by the river. Just after the tennis courts go right down a fenced path and continue over the River Brent – bridge – and past **St. Mary's Church** to emerge on Perivale Lane by a pub.

Shorter walk using Perivale Station? Just ahead by the A40 take a footbridge over and on the far side walk up Horsenden Lane North to reach Perivale Station (toilets/small shop).

To continue the walk turn left along Perivale Lane to traffic lights – Argyle Road. Cross and go along Stockdove Way, under the railway, and into Perivale Park (golf and other sports). Go ahead past the Golf Course Clubhouse – toilets/café – and keep roughly straight on near a line of tall trees. Where the grass path finishes continue on a tarmac path, over a stream, and on to reach Costons Lane. **Here you have a choice! For Greenford's buses, shops, cafes go left to reach Ruislip Road East and then right again to reach Greenford's shopping centre. However, to continue the walk go right along Costons Lane to reach the busy**

Greenford Road. Cross at the lights and continue – still Costons Lane – to reach Oldfield Lane South.

The Litten Local Nature Reserve is a little way to the left – limited opening/check on-line.

Turn right along Oldfield Lane South as far as Perivale Community Centre and Holy Cross Church. Go into the churchyard to look at **Holy Cross Church**. After a look around return to Oldfield Lane South and turn left towards the busy A.40.

Shorter walk using Greenford Station? Use the underpass under the A.40 and on the far side walk up Oldfield Lane North to reach the station – shops/café/pub.

However, to continue the walk to Northolt turn left along the A.40 along a path luckily separated from it by a long mound covered in trees and shrubs thus reducing the noise. Pass by two large ponds – the Greenford Lagoons – near a large footbridge over the A.40.

Follow a stony path ahead as far as the canal and an attractive wooden bridge. Do not cross! Instead, turn right along the canal towpath, under the A.40, and on to the next bridge. Here, leave the canal, cross the bridge, and, follow a short path between a boatyard and a Mosque to reach Rowdell Road. Cross and enter Belvue Park and follow a stony path uphill towards St Mary's Church. Before entering the churchyard it is worth exploring the area just to the right and behind the church. It is the site of a medieval manor and its moat.

Returning to the churchyard and front of the church follow the path down to an attractive green with church hall, stream, garden, cottages and pub. Turn right along Ealing Road past shops and cafes to reach Northolt Station.

