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Village open gardens event This was a very successful and enjoyable afternoon, with 16 gardens open. Over £580 was raised, and this has been contributed to the Jubilee Youth Club. We plan to repeat the event next year, perhaps with a longer opening time.

Adopt-a-bed Many of you will have noticed the flower and shrub beds on verges and other grassed areas around the village. We try to keep these well planted and weed-free, but it is sometimes a struggle to get round them all regularly, so we are looking for people who could help by 'adopting' a bed near their house. This would just mean doing some occasional weeding, pruning and tidying to keep it looking good. If you think you might be able to help, please contact our chairman, Anne Edwards on 01603 812309 or use the email address below.

Hethersett village walks On the reverse of this page, you will see the first of a series of village walks to be published in this newsletter. These will be of varying lengths and we hope there will be something suitable for everyone in the series. Eventually, our aim is to publish all the walks in a booklet. Our thanks are due to Linda & Gary Wyatt for producing these.

Letters to the editor We would welcome contributions to this newsletter. If you would like to write to us about our work or anything relevant to a 'greener Hethersett', please email to the address below, stating whether or not you would like the letter to be considered for publication.

Next HEAT meeting The next meeting of the group will be on Wednesday 14th October 2009 at 8pm, in the upstairs meeting room at the Methodist Church on Gt. Melton Road. If you could help us in any way, please come along. You will find us a very informal and friendly group!

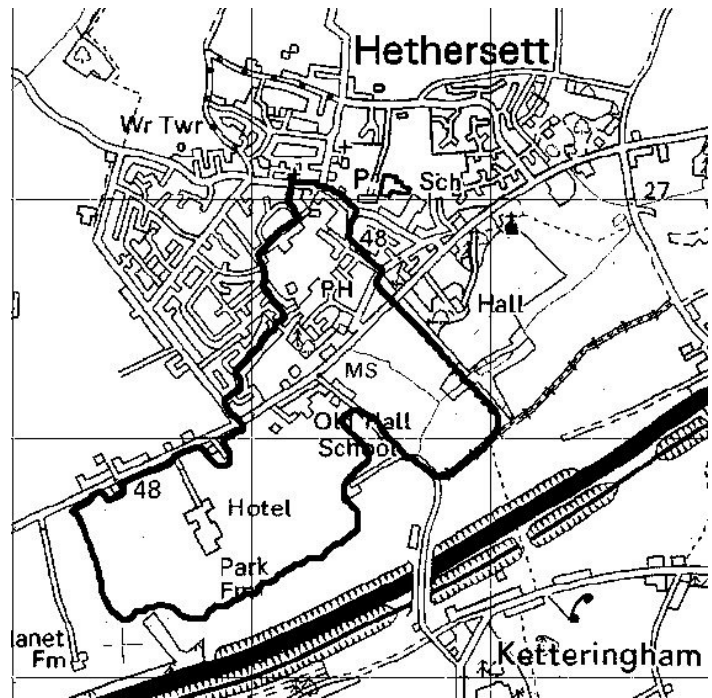


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Hethersett Village walks - no. 1

This first walk uses a combination of a permissive path (i.e. one that has been provided by a landowner in collaboration with DEFRA) with public footpaths and some minor road walking. The permissive path around arable fields is bordered by a wide uncultivated strip which is full of wild flowers in Spring and early Summer and, in 2009, a great number of butterflies. The return route to the village is via the lovely footpath known by the delightful name of Kissing Alley.

Distance: about 4 miles. **Underfoot:** mainly level grassy or woodland paths and minor roads. **Start:** Oak Square in village centre, or any convenient point. **Abbreviations:** R/RH right/right-hand; L/LH left/left-hand



1. Leave Oak Square, turn right and then cross the road into the alley almost opposite. At the end, pass between the houses and turn L into Central Crescent.
2. Follow the road round to the T-junction and turn L into Recreation Road past the playing field. Take the first L into Firs Road and, at the LH bend, turn R into the cul-de-sac and pass through the gap into St. David's Road. At the end, turn L into New Road. Cross the B1172 to the field gate opposite, pass through the gap into the field and turn R. You are now on the permissive path.
3. Follow the clear grassy path, at first parallel to the road, passing behind a cottage, crossing the entrance drive of Park Farm and soon behind another cottage, eventually turning south away from the road.
4. Continue along the path changing direction at intervals until you pass behind a converted barn with a pattern in the roof tiles. The path turns R and then L back in the direction of Hethersett.
5. At the next L turn, you will see a small pond on the R and then a gap in the hedge ahead of you; pass through the gap onto the school playing field (still a permissive path) and turn R to the gate ahead.
6. Pass through the gate onto Ketteringham Lane and turn R. Follow this road downhill and round a bend until you see a track with a Public Footpath sign on the L. Follow the track (known as Suckling Lane) until you approach woodland on the L side; here, pass through the old iron gate into the footpath known as Kissing Alley.
7. Follow this down into the dip (may be muddy here) by the lake of Hethersett Old Hall and up the other side, reaching the B1172 again at the point where Kissing Alley was severed by the first village by-pass (then the A11) in the 1970s.
8. Cross into the continuation of the path, emerging onto Old Norwich Road, conveniently almost equidistant between the two pubs (King's Head and Queen's Head) if you are thirsty!
9. Otherwise, cross into Cann's Lane and follow this round to Queen's Road, where turn L back to the starting point.

Disclaimer - neither HEAT nor Hethersett Parish Council can be held responsible for your safety or well-being when using the route suggested above.