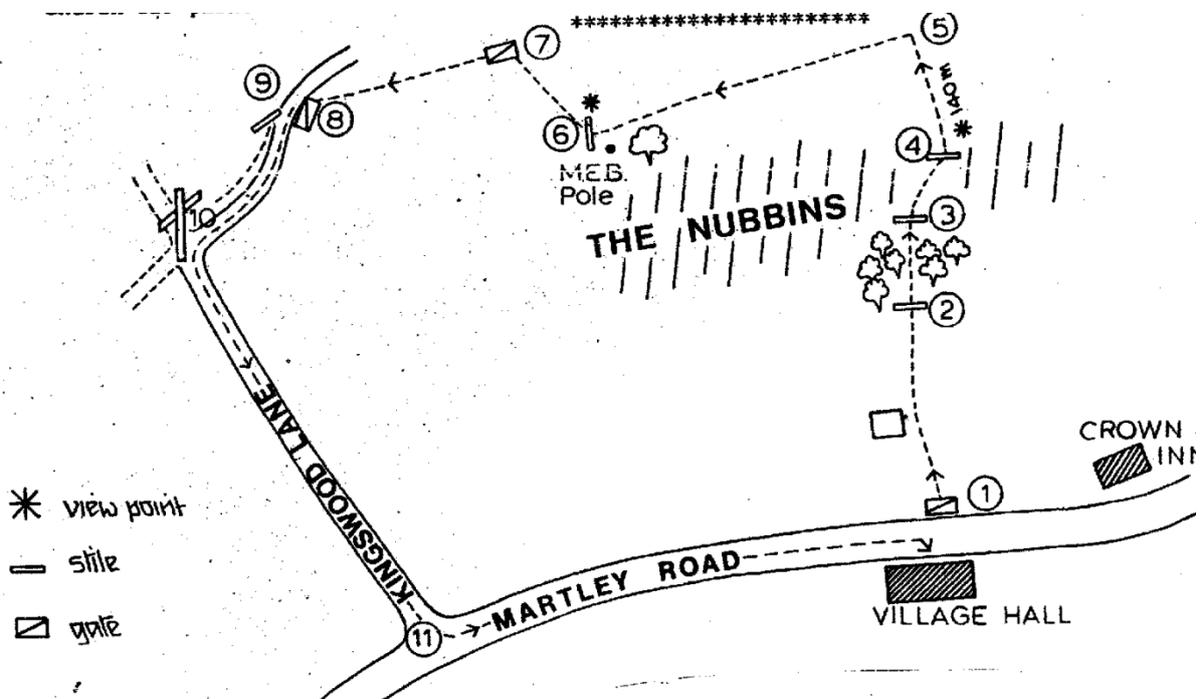


Start: Go through the gate (1) opposite the Memorial Hall and walk towards 'Alf's' shed. Leave this on your left, note the way marking sign and follow the hedge keeping it on your left, to a gap (2) into a copse. Climb up through the woodland to steps and a gate (3) and go right a few yards on a track, then left obliquely up a steep bank (slippy when wet!).

At the summit a gate into the field will be visible (4). Go straight ahead from the gate across the open field for approximately 140m (5), turn left (there *might* be a marker!) and head on rising ground, towards a distant tree and an electricity pole, adjacent to a gap in the hedge line (6). There is a fine view of the Clifton ridge and the valley of the river Teme from the path, with the Malverns, Cotswolds, Clent and Clee Hills beyond—some 470 million years of earth's history at a glance.

Turn right along the hedge line noting an ancient warden (keeping) pear tree in the hedgerow, to the field gate (7). Through the gate (or over the stile), turn left, being careful to secure the gate as there may be sheep in the vicinity. Traverse the rough track to a pedestrian gate on to Kingswood Lane at signpost (8). Cross the lane, up the bank opposite into the field (9) then left down the hedge line to a junction with a track and the lane again (10). This short section is part of the Worcestershire Way. Martley Rock geology site is to your right up the private track—a unique site worth a visit.

Follow the lane, left, to its junction with the Martley road, B4197 (11). Cross with care and go left to return in approximately 100 metres to your start point at Martley Memorial Hall.



The Path-or-Nones

WALK 1

Distance approx. 1.2 miles. Easy, with one short ascent. Start at Martley Memorial Hall.

Remember the Countryside Code:

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

The **Path-or-Nones** meet each third Sunday of the month for 2-3 hours from 9am, and has done since around 1985. The group tackles everything and anything on Martley's 41 miles of Rights of Way—clearance, installing gates, stiles, bridges, signposts and signage. We act on behalf of Worcestershire County Council and liaise between RoW users and landowners.

Volunteers are always welcome; we find it fun and worthwhile. Please contact Jon Pearsall 01886 888793 or John Nicklin 01886 888318
www.thepathornones.co.uk

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All service outlets in Martley—pubs, shop, B&Bs, welcome path users.

Come to see our unique geology!
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