

Graveley village history

- Graveley grew up around the Roman road from Baldock to London: the Roman road was located to the west of the current High Street. The village was recorded as Gravelai in the Domesday Book in 1086.
- Graveley, as it exists now, developed in the 16th and 17th centuries around the Great North Road, an important stage coach route linking London with York and Edinburgh.
- There are many old and historical houses in the village, a few dating back to the 16th century.
- Agriculture has always been important to Graveley. In the 17th century there were 10 farms in and around the village, now there are only 2: Graveley Bury Farm in Church Lane and Graveley Hall Farm near the church.



Graveley Village



Countryside Walk

Enjoy a circular walk to Weston with scenic views across the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside.

5 miles / 8km



St Mary's Church

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Arthur Tooley - St Mary's Church
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Bob Clift - Red Admiral & Speckled Wood
Phil Lumley - Graveley Pond & View

How to get there

By road: Graveley is located on the B197 by junction 8 of the A1M, just north of Stevenage. Parking is available in the layby on Graveley High Street opposite the pubs.

By Public Transport: Buses regularly serve the village. Visit www.intralink.org.uk or phone Traveline 0871 200 2233

Refreshments: The Waggon & Horses and George & Dragon pubs in Graveley and the Cricketers pub in Weston all offer food and drink.

Maps covering the area: OS Explorer Sheet 193 Luton & Stevenage and OS Landranger Sheet 166 Luton & Hertford.

Graveley village web site: www.graveley.org.uk

Path surfaces: Grass paths with some gentle inclines (may be muddy), some hard surface tracks and 2 short sections of country roads. No stiles.



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Starting from Graveley High Street, take the footpath between the Waggon & Horses and George & Dragon pubs to the pond **1**. This is a picturesque spot to enjoy. An Information Board near the pond tells you more about Graveley and its history.

Cross the High Street and continue along Church Lane. Just past St Mary's church **2** take the bridleway up 'Brooks Hill' **3**.

The path takes you up a gentle incline, pause at Phil's bench **4** to enjoy the views across the farmland. On a clear day you can see across to the Chiltern Hills. Landmarks such as the Lister Hospital and the golf course can be spotted.



View from Phil's bench

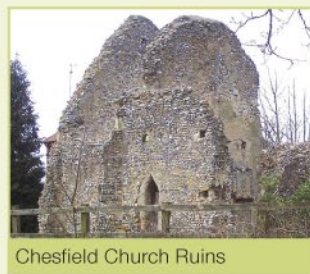
In spring and summer listen to Skylarks and Yellowhammers singing, spot butterflies, such as Speckled Wood and Red Admiral along the hedgerows and look out for wild flowers.



Yellowhammer

Follow the path past How Wood and cross the parish boundary into Weston parish. Look for the houses of Weston ahead. On reaching Weston turn right onto Damask Green Road. Walk past the Cricketers pub **5** or stop for some refreshments then continue along the road. Approx. 400m after leaving Weston a footpath sign on the right **6** shows the return route.

The path goes through the first field, turns sharp left and follows the hedge towards a line of old trees. Turn right **7** to join this path which continues through woodland towards Chesfield stables. On meeting the road look back to your left to spot the ruins of Chesfield church **8**.



Chesfield Church Ruins



Turn right and follow the road down the hill back towards Graveley. Just past a narrow bend between Crow End and Kate's Cottage follow a footpath sign on the left **9**. Go up the bank and follow the path through fields (ignore path on the left to Stevenage **10**). Go past the cricket ground and down to Graveley High Street turn right and head back to the pubs.

- Footpath
- ... Countryside Walk
- Bridleway
- Parish Boundary

Public Rights of Way are marked as:

- ⬆ Footpath - walkers only
- ⬆ Bridleway - walkers, cyclists & horse riders

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