

# A STROLL THROUGH STANMORE

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This 3.5 mile walk starts by the footpath in Vernon Drive opposite Beverley Gardens.



Start of walk

To your right in The Chase you can see some of the former MOD housing from the days when there was an air force base, Stanmore Park, here.

**Cross the Uxbridge Road, and walk along Bentley Way to the end, go through the gate, turn right, walk along the side of the houses on the right then bear right and walk down to Boot Pond.** so named because of its shape.

**Now walk towards the houses ahead, away from Bentley Way until you reach the gravel path.**

You may possibly see cattle grazing in this area. (From this path you can turn left to walk up to the deer park.)

**But we will turn right through the gate and into Old Lodge Way.**

**At the bottom of Old Lodge Way, cross the Uxbridge Road and turn into Lady Aylesford Way.**

We are on the housing estate built on the site of the former air force base.

**Keep walking south along Lady Aylesford Way until you can go no further.**



Temple Pond

Jewish affairs, but was not a Zionist. He was the founding president of the anti-Zionist Jewish Fellowship from 1944 until it was dissolved after the foundation of Israel in 1948.

**Continue all the way to the end of the path.**

There is the remains of a bridge over the river here which I believe may have been used by the now defunct railway from Stanmore to Wealdstone via Belmont,

**At the golf course car park turn left past the electric substation. bearing right into Wolverton Road.**

**At the bottom of Wolverton take the footpath in between Nos. 20 & 22.**

**At the end of the footpath turn right across Golf Close and follow Belmont Lane all the way.**

**Turn right into Wemborough Road, past the Shul into Vernon Drive, back to the start of the walk.**

**Take the footpath across the golf course.** As you climb, remember to stop and look back at the view across London.

The golf club was formed in 1893 by Frederick Gordon, the renowned hotelier of the time and his friend Thomas Blackwell of Crosse & Blackwell fame. In 1882 Gordon bought Bentley Priory for development as a hotel.

**The path eventually levels out, follow it all the way to Gordon Avenue. Cross Gordon Avenue and follow The Chase up to the Uxbridge Road.**



Bentley Priory open space from Old Lodge Way

You should now be at Temple Pond. This is a really beautiful pond and it's worth stopping here a while just to watch the wildlife.

**Walk a short way along the pond, turn right** and you should see the path which takes you back into Gordon Avenue.

**Turn right, cross Gordon Avenue and turn left through the gate on the path, then look for the Harrow Heritage Trust plaque.**

Brunel Cohen MP lived in a house on this site called Montrose and was involved in forming the British Legion. His family owned Lewis department stores. He was active in



Harrow Heritage Plaque



View of river adjacent to footpath to follow. (between river and Stanmore golf club)