## The Lost Footpaths of Wasperton

The footpath that runs between Forge Cottage and Wasperton has recently been cleared so that is is now accessible, as the Barford end of the path had become obscured by nettles and brambles.

So to keep the footpath open we would like to encourage people to walk this path. The footpath is signed by yellow arrows from the south end of Forge Cottage. After climbing the stile walkers should veer slightly to the left through some rough vegetation and continue to the next yellow marker a few metres along the path. From Wasperton the footpath is signed from the Jubilee oak.

From Wasperton there is a choice of walking routes as indicated by the map on the opposite page. It is possible to extend the walks to Charlecote and Hampton Lucy and beyond or to go east towards Newbold Pacey and Ashorne. It is also possible to walk to Barford from Wasperton via Heathcote Farm and Wasperton Lane.

The walk from Forge Cottage through Wasperton to Thelsford Brook forms part of the Joseph Arch Way which starts in Barford and finishes in Chestnut Square in Wellesbourne, the site of Joseph Arch's first meeting which rallied the farm labourers to create the Agricultural Workers Union.

