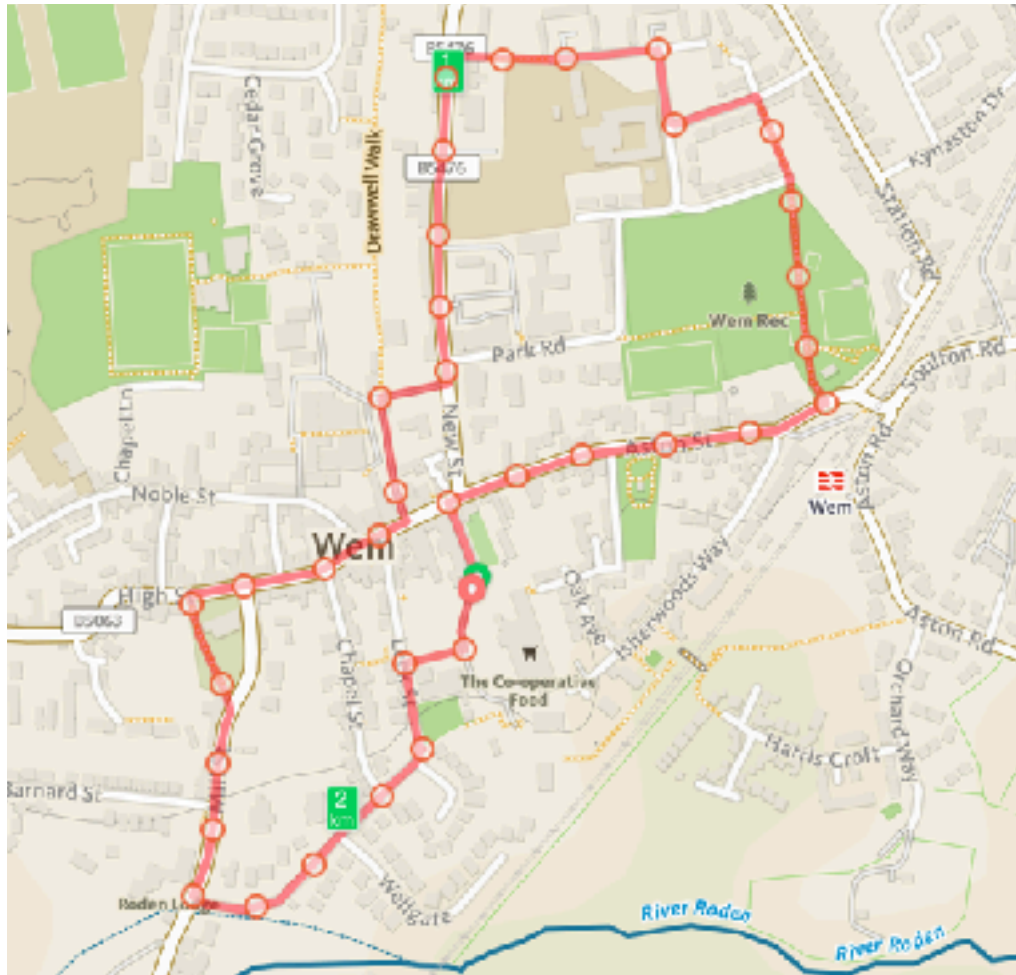
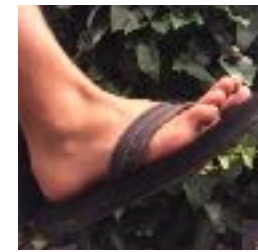


# NORTH SHROPSHIRE STORY WALKS

## WEM 1 - 2.2km

Toilets: Wem Car Park  
Shops and cafes: Various Wem  
Parking: Co-op car park



### Suggested story on walk:

#### The Wem Ranters

During the 1700s a gang of lads lived in Wem called the Wem Ranters. They got up to all sorts of mischief and drunken deeds.

One evening they descended on a pub on New Street and started drinking the bar dry. After a few hours the boys drew a chalk circle on the stone floor and chanted a strange rhyme.... summoning the devil himself.

He appeared in the form of a gigantic black bull, snorting flames from his nostrils and stomping his monstrous hooves... but while the chalk circle still existed he couldn't escape the pub.

All the local Vicars were called upon to help rid Wem of the terrible beast but none knew what to do. And the great black bull was slowly rubbing out the chalk line...

At that point, Reverend Hotchkiss from Battlefield Church, finally arrived at the scene. He bravely entered the pub with a candle from Kings store to see in the darkness, and repeated the Lord's Prayer straight at the bull's face.

The ground opened up and the Devil was sucked back down in to the pits of hell where he belonged.

Reverend Hotchkiss became quite the local hero and eventually even served as headmaster at Shrewsbury School.