



The old bridge over Arrove Brook where it turns towards Arrove Park. One of the original stone slabs can still be seen, now badly cracked. For many years, thick wooden planks have been used to safely span the brook.

Sherlocks Post to Bradbury's ('Bradders') Lane and on into Arrove Park. A footpath also runs from halfway down Limbo Lane, starting at the footbridge over Arrove Brook near the end of Glenwood Drive. This path follows Arrove Brook to Bradbury's Lane and across to Arrove Park. Bradbury's Lane, built in the 1840s, is a farm track which runs parallel to Limbo Lane and is named after an old local farmer, Ron Bradbury, who used the Lane until the 1960s. The stretch of Bradbury's Lane to the right passes through fields and woods, back to Thingwall Road. In the middle field, called Smiths Arrove, between Bradbury's Lane and Limbo Lane is 'Bradders' fishing pit, where tragically, a young lad was shot dead in a shooting accident in the 1930s. The service road (which runs parallel to Thingwall Road) is popular with dog walkers, learner drivers and as a parking place for walkers. Easy short circular walks can be had from Limbo Lane and back, via Bradbury's Lane or Arrove Park woods. Alternatively, to the end of Limbo Lane and back is one and three quarter miles through woods and fields and can pass half an hour or more of easy walking in the fresh air. If you fancy a walk and a pint or a meal, but don't live locally, you can park on the service road, walk the length of Limbo Lane, turn left and walk a quarter of a mile to the Irby Mill pub, eat and drink, then walk back. This wander of less than two and a half miles with refreshments halfway can pass a pleasant hour or two. If you need a rest on the way back, Hector's bench at the edge of the wood can be made use of. Today, the once remote Limbo Lane is well used by horse riders, cyclists and walkers. There is plenty of birdlife to be seen in the surrounding woods and sometimes you can see something a bit unusual. A couple of years ago I twice saw a Kingfisher flash along the brook like a blue dart.



After crossing Arrove Brook, this stretch of the Lane leading towards Arrove Brook Lane has fields on both sides and some reasonable views. To the right is Whartons Wood, a three-quarter acre plantation.

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