

PLOGSLAND ROUND BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT – compiled by a member of

Lincoln Group RA Spring 2021

(Please use Internet to get bus timetables if you have any thought of using this information)

The route can be accessed by public transport at the following points from

Lincoln:

Fiskerton: Stagecoach bus No. 3 to and from Lincoln

Reepham: Stagecoach bus No. 3 to and from Lincoln

Sudbrooke: Stagecoach bus No. 50 or 56 to and from Lincoln

Nettleham Green: Stagecoach bus No. 12 to and from Lincoln

Saxilby: Stagecoach bus No. 100 to and from Lincoln and local trains.

Thorpe on the Hill: PC Coaches No. 48

Hykeham A46 (out side Pennells near roundabout). Stagecoach bus No. 16 to and from Lincoln

Waddington: Stagecoach bus No. 1 or 13 to and from Lincoln

Bracebridge Heath: Stagecoach bus No. 1 to and from Lincoln

Branston: Stagecoach bus No. 2 or 31 to and from Lincoln or Brylaine No IC5.

Heighinton: Stagecoach bus No. 2 to and from Lincoln.

Address to report a Footpath problems:

Final Thoughts

In the law books of the twelfth century three Roman Roads, Watling Street, Ermine Street and the Fosse Way plus the prehistoric Ickniel Way were designated as 'royal roads under the King's protection.' An assault committed upon them was punished by a fine of 100 shillings and they should be wide enough for two wagons to pass, for two oxherds to make their goads touch across them or for sixteen armoured knights to ride abreast.

*From Domesday Book to Magna Carta by Austin Poole,
Clarendon Press, 1951*



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Section One - Fiskerton to Nettleham	10.5 miles
Section Two - Nettleham to Saxilby	10.5 miles
Section Three - Saxilby to Thorpe-on-the-Hill	8.5 miles
Section Four - Thorpe-on-the-Hill to Branston	11 miles
Section Five - Branston to Fiskerton	6.5 miles
TOTAL	47 miles

Maps and sketches drawn by Brett Collier.

Introduction

We do hope that you obtain considerable enjoyment and some sense of achievement in completing the walk from this book for great care has been taken in its preparation over a very long period. However, field paths are officially diverted and development does take place so, should you find that any part of the route has been obstructed or is not properly defined, please inform the Highway Authority who has a clearly laid down statutory duty to see that public rights of way are 'open for the use and convenience of the public' at all times. Countryside officers cannot be everywhere and field path reports from the public are a valuable source of information. Address your observations to:- Countryside Service, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln, LN1 1XX Or email at countryside_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk giving, if possible, the path number and a map reference.

Plogsland is an historically correct word. It meant 'ploughed land' in ancient Norse used in this part of the Danelaw. Initially it was a subtle joke against the Highway Authority (Lincolnshire County Council) for our public footpaths and bridleways were indeed ploughed land, tolerated at that time by an apathetic County Council.

The sketch maps that accompany each section are designed to offer a simple, yet accurate, idea of the route to be taken. However, to have and be able to read the Ordnance Survey map sheet covering each section will provide much more detailed information and will therefore greatly add to your interest and enjoyment.

The aim of the leaflets is threefold:-

1. For you to enjoy walking in the countryside in the vicinity of Lincoln, away from the tyranny of the car and tarmac.
2. To provide walkers with sufficient confidence to explore unfamiliar paths that they may not have otherwise attempted.
3. Throughout Lincolnshire there are many delightful walks over public rights of way but it is often necessary to use a car to get there. Plogsland Round, Lincoln was designed to reduce the necessity for lengthy car journeys and also to offer the possibility of using public transport.

The public desire for access to the countryside is growing and unfortunately this often creates a conflict with the farming interests in this intensively cultivated county. Thus every legally proven public right of way should be used to the full and where a path is clearly marked, signposted and properly reinstated the advantages to both the public and the farming community are obvious. To detour round a field edge in order to avoid growing crops only confuses later walkers and leaves you open to the charge that you were trespassing and were nowhere near a public path.

Please try to obey the countryside code whenever it is possible to do so and try to leave the countryside better than you found it by picking up a piece of litter en-route. This not only defeats the farmers' argument that more walkers mean more litter that might be dangerous to their stock but, for very little effort, gives one a surprising feeling of righteousness.

A more interesting way

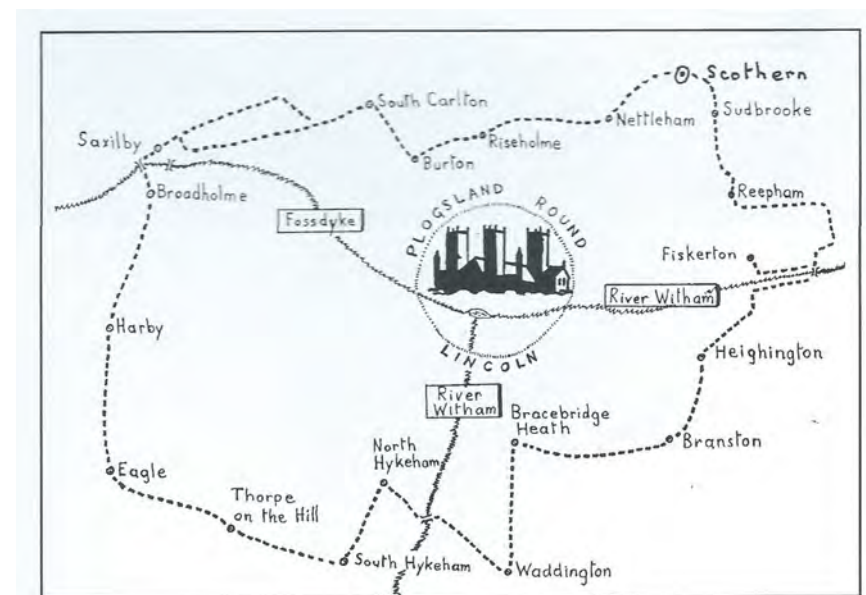
*Anyone can take the road
Or path that's trodden every day
But come with me and I will show
A more interesting way!*

*Past meadows rich in flowers
Through woods where wild things play;
Squelch through mud and I will show
A more interesting way!*

*The song of birds is all around -
No stench of car fumes as we stray.
Just climb this stile and I will show
A more interesting way!*

*Listen to the silence!
Walk a while, then stay.
Forget the man made and I will show
A more interesting way!*

Anon,
The Rambler's Anthology of Poetry



4 Opposite the bus shelter, turn LEFT through Sudbrooke Park Gates and keep on the tarmac road for 600 yards. On reaching “Main Drive” Turn LEFT off the road onto the obvious footpath on the left into the wood. After 150 yards turn RIGHT at a footpath sign and follow the lake embankment for another 50 yards then bear RIGHT through the wood then slightly LEFT to another footpath sign then turn RIGHT to a metal footbridge.

Cross the bridge and turn LEFT with the stream now on your left. Follow this path to a track, then turn LEFT and almost immediately turn RIGHT through a kissing gate onto the signposted path along the field edge with the ditch and New Ten Acre Covert on the left.

On reaching the farm track, turn LEFT for only a few yards and then RIGHT onto signposted path with the hedge and nodding donkeys on the left. After some 550 yards, turn LEFT through the hedge to go DIAGONALLY RIGHT to a gate in the field corner.

Take the path on the right to reach Craypool Lane, turn LEFT and follow the lane round the bend to Chapel Walk on the RIGHT. Walk down Chapel Walk to Main Street. Turn LEFT at the Main Street to cross the junction to the Bottle and Glass.

5 From the Bottle and Glass, continue along the Main Street to turn LEFT by the church and then STRAIGHT OVER the road to take the signposted footpath. On reaching the village field, after only a few yards. Follow the mown path DIAGONALLY RIGHT. At the end of the houses turn LEFT to follow the path along the field edge to a high fence, turn RIGHT and follow the fence for a further LEFT then RIGHT turn, then arriving at an open field continue forward over a series of bridges. At the fifth bridge, stay on the path along the field edge passing a number of bungalows on your right. At the field end turn RIGHT for about 20 yards until reaching the road.

Turn LEFT at the road and follow the road around to the RIGHT with the the High Leas sign on your left. Turn LEFT at the lane with a PLAYGROUND sign on your left and go down the slope to Nettleham village green with hostelrys, shops and a bus stop.



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Section 1 — Fiskerton to Nettleham

Starting Place: Fiskerton Village Hall Car Park

Map Ref: TF 053 722

Finishing Place: Nettleham Village Green

Map Ref: TF 009 753

Terrain: Riverside walk at the beginning. Flat throughout this section. Largely along green lanes and public footpaths over arable fields. Sometimes muddy in places. There are a number of stiles en-route.

Distance: 10.5 miles.

Time: 4.5 to 5 hours with time to ‘stand and stare’ and a break for a picnic lunch.

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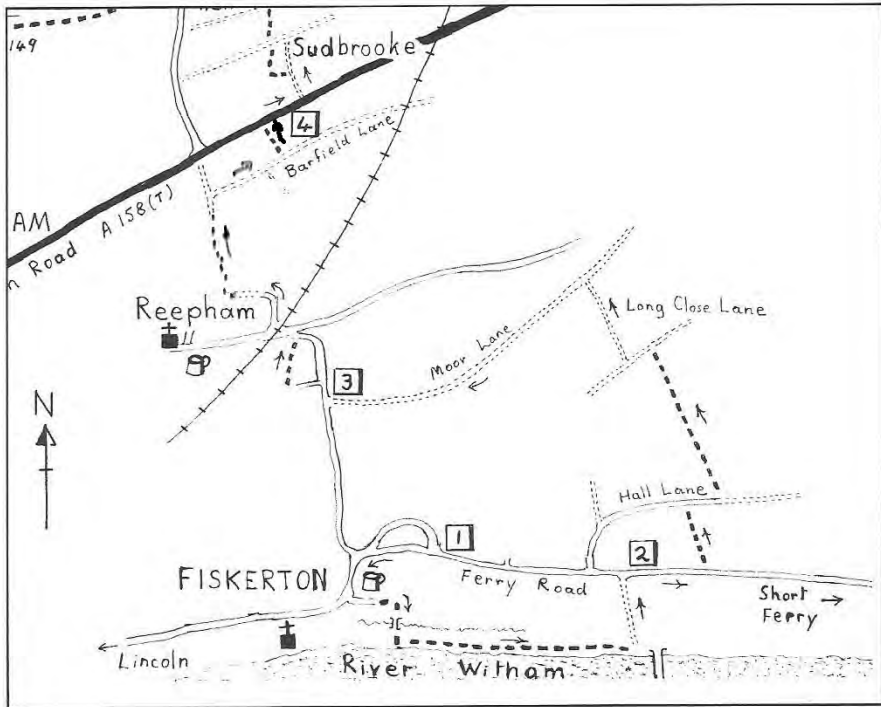
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Transport: Stagecoach bus stop at Fiskerton starting place with a half-hour service. Stagecoach service from Nettleham village. Check www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk

Walk Description

1 From the Village Hall car park turn RIGHT along Ferry Road with the green on your right. Follow the road round to the left with the Carpenters Arms on your left. Turn LEFT at The Old Fiskerton Post Office, up Nelson Road for 50 yards and then RIGHT at the Shetlands on the signposted path with hedges on either side of the path, turn RIGHT.

Go over the footbridge over the large drain. Cross the bridge to climb the embankment with the River Witham on your right. After 1000 yards and just before the river crossing of Five Mile Bridge, go through the gate and turn LEFT down the good track to the road.



2 Turn RIGHT along Ferry Road for 500 yards and then cross the road to a signposted footpath. Walk STRAIGHT ACROSS the field aiming for the right hand end of the wood.

Continue forward with the wood on your immediate left. Upon reaching the lane turn RIGHT for 600 yards then LEFT down a signposted concrete track (BW222). After 350 yards take the footpath to the LEFT, with the hedge on your immediate left, on the BW223.

After 800 yards turn LEFT along the green lane known as Long Close Lane. Then, after only a few yards, turn RIGHT at the green lane junction to cross Fiskerton Moor with the old airfield on your left.

At the second T-junction with the three-way bridleway signposts, keep STRAIGHT ON through the boggy hollow (BW 220) and soon after the bend, Moor Lane develops into a fine green lane. Continue past Moor Farm and later the firing range to the road.

3 Turn RIGHT at the road towards Reepham village and then LEFT into Meadow Close. Proceed along the tarmac path with a 'Cycling Forbidden' sign to railway level crossing. Cross over the railway and station road to go STRAIGHT FORWARD up Smoothing Lane and then LEFT along The Green, ignoring the first footpath sign on the right. At the triangular green continue STRAIGHT FORWARD by Pemberton's Place along the rough track called Church Lane for some 60 yards.

Turn RIGHT on the signposted footpath through a gate with a notice requesting people not to feed the horses. Walk down the small paddock to the gate and bridge. Immediately after crossing the bridge/gate turn RIGHT and then LEFT along the field edge with the hedge (and another path) on your immediate left. Follow the edge of the field until you reach a footbridge on your left. Turn LEFT on a clear path with a hedge on your right.

This path leads into a tarmac track, on reaching sign post turn RIGHT for 450 yards and along the road leading to the oil terminal, then turn LEFT onto signposted footpath with a remnant of a hedge on your left until you reach the main road. Cross the road with care and turn RIGHT on the footway for 400 yards.





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SUBBROOKE CP

REEPHAM CP

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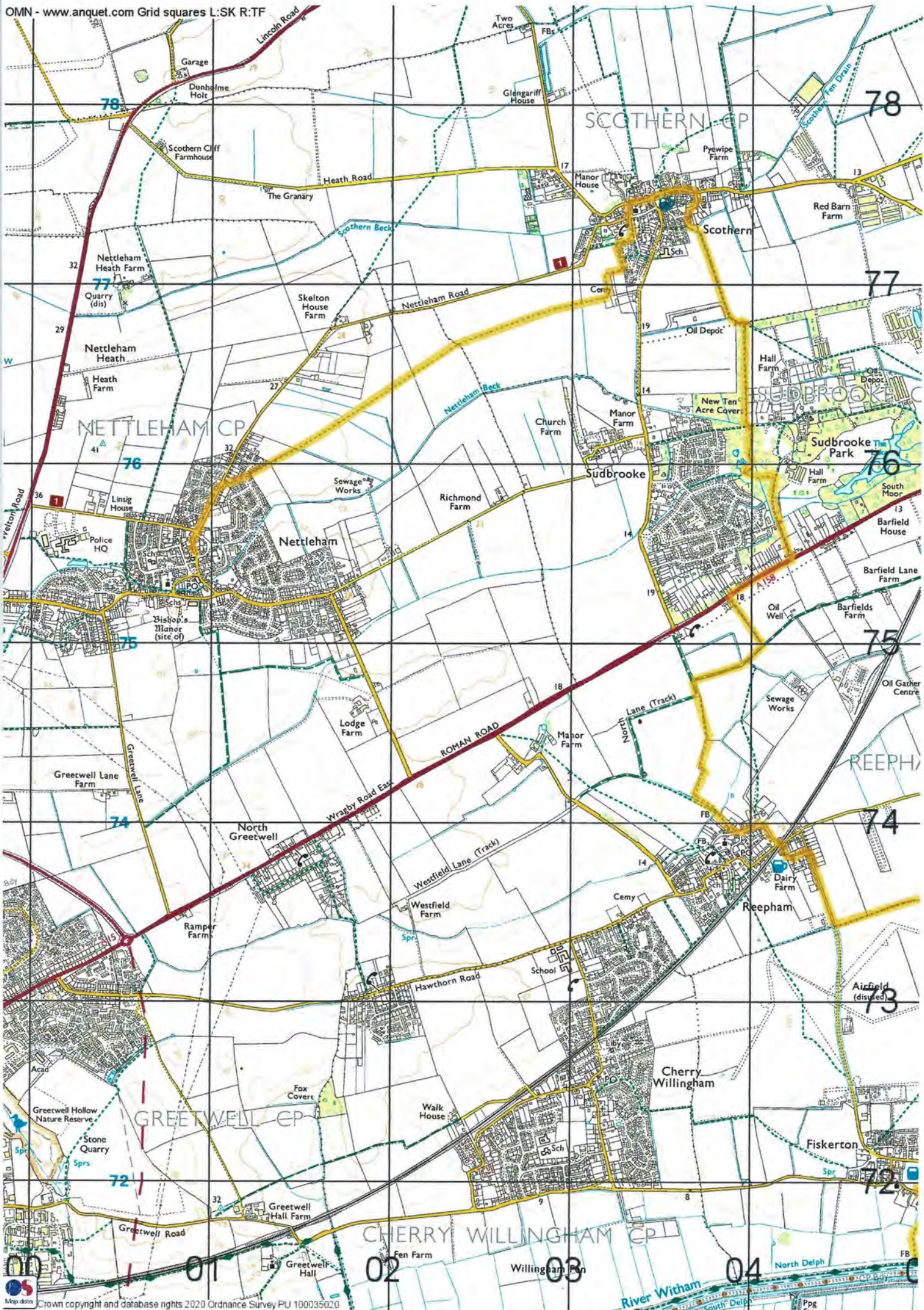
Langworth

Fiskerton Moor

Willingham Fen

River Witham

Woodlands Farm



Go STRAIGHT ACROSS the next road and continue along the rather narrow, unsurfaced path to the playing field. Continue STRAIGHT ON at the tennis courts with the Community Club on your left and LACE Housing on your right to a narrow path leading to Navigation Court and Bridge Street where you will find the Sun Inn and toilets on the street corner.

The Foss Dyke footbridge is directly opposite.

Background Information

Riseholme

Anglo-Saxon for 'brushwood'. The magnificent hall, once the palace of the Bishops of Lincoln, includes limestone which was quarried from what is now the lake in front of the house. The lake attracts many species of waterfowl including swans, grebes, ducks and heron. The mounds in the parkland by the lakes are the remains of the deserted medieval village of Riseholme which fell into decay following the dissolution of the monasteries in the time of King Henry VIII.

Burton

In excavating stone at Burton Village, an ancient oval grave was discovered containing a large quantity of human bones of all sizes and also 12 stone coffins. To the right, at the hilltop road junction there is a row of alms-houses founded in 1651 and rebuilt in 1879. They are dedicated to Debonnaire John Monson and Lord Monson now lives in South Carlton.

Saxilby

The place of the Saxons. The Foss Dyke was made by the Romans to connect the Rivers Witham and Trent and was deepened by the son of William the Conqueror. The church of St Botolph is built on the highest ground in the village, 57 feet above sea level. In 1987 the south side of the Foss Dyke was developed repairing the banks, forming picnic sites and conservation areas providing river walks and seats. A former railway bridge from Claypole provides access to the area.



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Section 2 — Nettleham to Saxilby

Starting Place: Nettleham Village Green

Map Ref: TF 053 722

Finishing Place: Ship Inn Saxilby

Map Ref: SK 893 753

Terrain: Attractive start by Nettleham Beck. Pleasant even walking along well maintained paths and tracks with distant views of the Trent Valley and some road walking along quiet lanes.

Distance: 10 miles.

Time: 4.5 to 5 hours

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Transport: Stagecoach bus stop at Nettleham starting place with a hourly service. Stagecoach bus and train service from Saxilby village. Check www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk

Walk Description

6 From Nettleham's attractive green and village signpost walk along with The Plough on your right around the corner past All Saints Church. Turn RIGHT before the main road with the beck on your left. Continue around the bend to the right by the ford and Watermill House. Leave the green lane after a few yards to turn left through the gate and along The Scotches with its signpost indicating the distance to Welton Road.

Follow the clear footpath on the diverted route around the Police Headquarters (Weetabix House) to the A46 (Welton Road). Turn LEFT along the footway with the main road on your right until you reach the T-junction with Washdyke Lane. Cross the main road with care to follow signposted path (FP 144) directly opposite the junction, go through the gate



Turn LEFT downhill along Riseholme Lane with a Red Deer herd on your right and also the magnificent Riseholme Hall with its lake. This is now the School of Agriculture and Horticulture for De Montefort University. At the end of Riseholme Lane, turn LEFT for a few yards and then cross the A15 (Ermine Street) with care to follow the signposted (BW 178) to Burton village.

7 Turn RIGHT upon reaching Middle Street (a very ancient track, older than the Ermine Street Roman Road) and then go LEFT downhill through the village with the church on your left. TURN RIGHT at Manor Lane, half way down the hill and go STRAIGHT AHEAD at the metal field gate on signposted bridleway (BW 180) and CONTINUE FORWARD at the bottom of the cliff with the hedge/dyke on the immediate left.

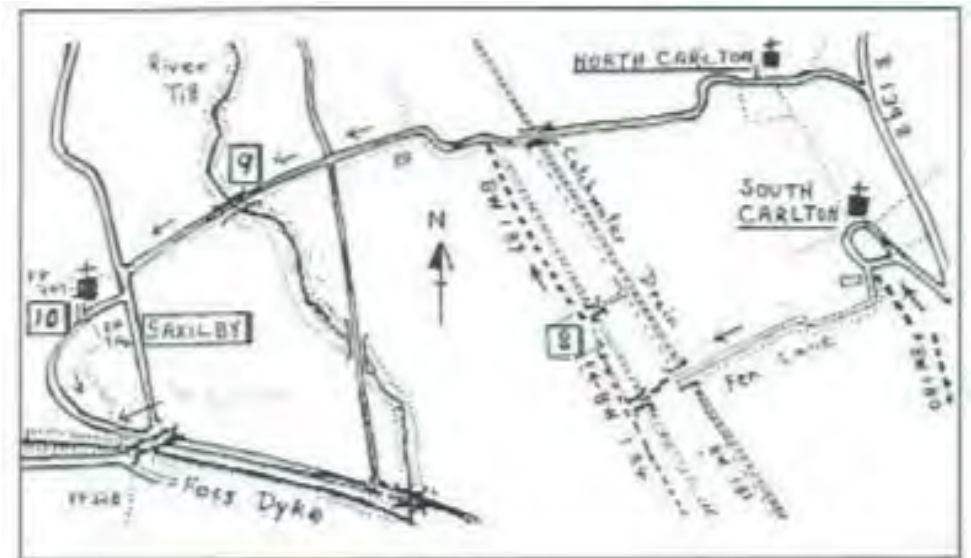
Some 50 yards beyond the double electricity post, turn LEFT through the hedge and CONTINUE FORWARD towards South Carlton with the hedge now on your right. At the field end, go through the metal field gate to head DIAGONALLY LEFT across the pasture field to the left-hand field corner, aiming just to the right of the terraced cottages.

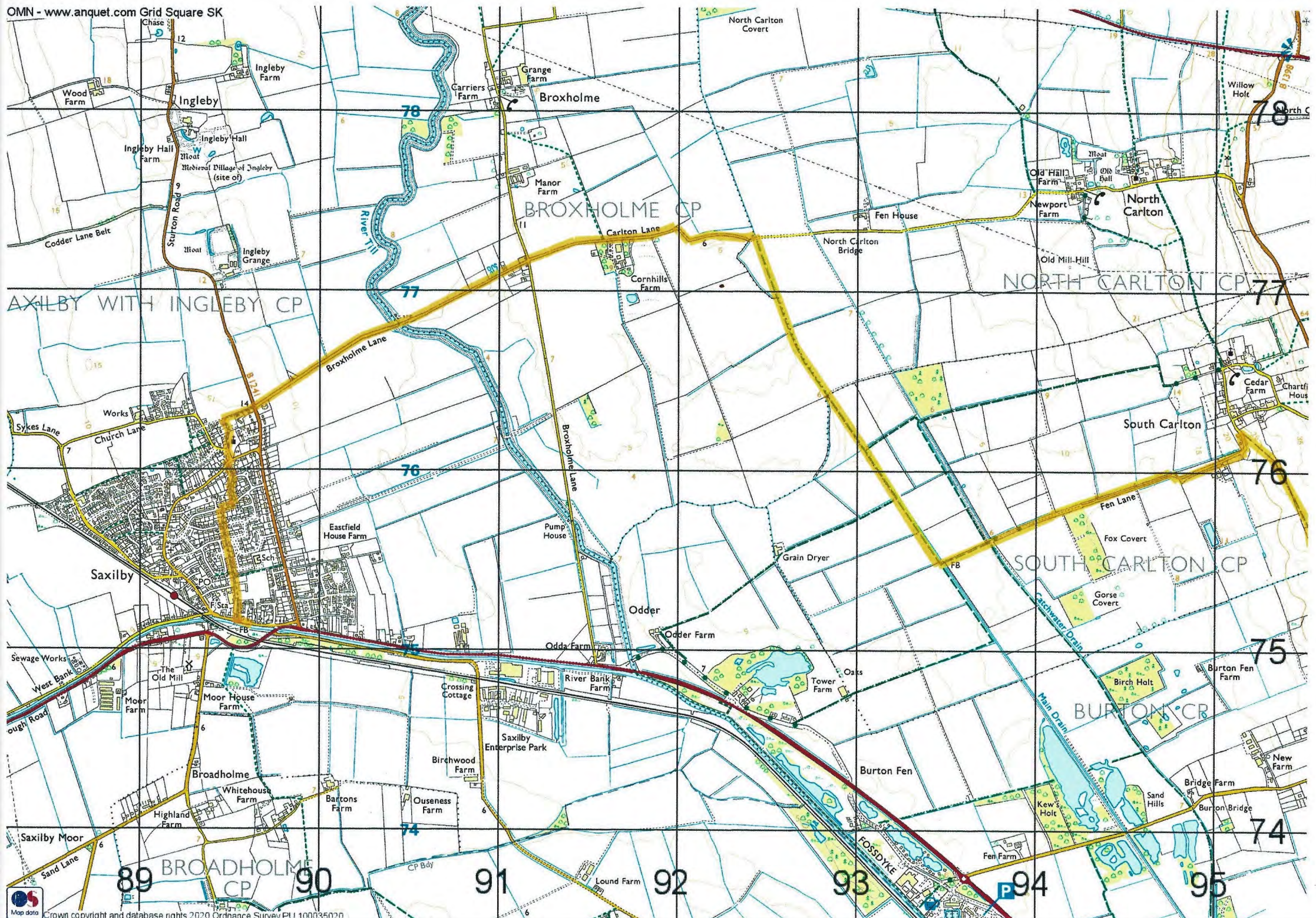
Turn LEFT along Fen Lane on a tarmac track at first with the electricity sub-station and a grain dryer on your left. At the concrete bridge, turn RIGHT for a few yards and then LEFT (BW 184) with the hedge on your right until you reach the large footbridge over the Main Drain.

8 Turn RIGHT for 1200 yards on BW 187 with the dyke on your immediate right, where the tarmac track turns sharp left CONTINUE FORWARD. Upon reaching Carlton Lane turn LEFT round the bend to pass Cornhill Farm on your left. Go STRAIGHT OVER the cross roads leading to Broxholme village and continue to the road bridges over the River Till.

9 From the road bridge over the River Till walk STRAIGHT FORWARD towards Saxilby. At the T-junction go STRAIGHT AHEAD on signposted footpath FP 207 for 175 yards. Turn LEFT off the track towards the church with the hedge on your right and the graveyard on your left. On reaching the road with the splendidly converted old school on your right, turn LEFT down Church Lane to the road T-junction.

10 Cross the road leading into the village and turn RIGHT on the footway to take the tarmac signposted footpath (FP 204) on the left. Turn RIGHT at Meadow Rise and RIGHT again at Manor Road. Cross the road to take the concreted, signposted path between houses.





14 CROSS the driveway and follow the field edge path with the dyke on your left. Turn LEFT over the footbridge and stile and then IMMEDIATELY RIGHT to another stile. Walk DIAGONALLY LEFT across a boggy paddock to a stile in the fence. There are often free-range pigs in this paddock.

Walk DIAGONALLY LEFT to the right-hand field corner and across the corner of the next field over a stile and then follow the path to Eagle Road with the line of houses on your left. Turn RIGHT at the road into the village. Turn LEFT down Thorpe Lane for 750 yards.

15 Turn LEFT along the unsurfaced New Lane and continue all the way along FP 11 to Whisby Hall with the new gravel workings on the right. Walk through the farmyard to the right (the old lane has been taken into the garden here) and turn RIGHT at the road to the railway crossing and the Railway Inn.

There is a two hourly bus service here. Should you want a more frequent service you can continue for 2 miles on the next part of the walk to the A1434, Newark Road.

Background Information

Harby

Queen Eleanor of Castile, wife of Edward I, died in the village of Harby in the year 1290. Her palace was opposite the church but the site of the manor house where she died is behind the church. A Spanish Princess, by birth, her marriage to Edward for political reasons was arranged when she was 10 and he was 15 years old. She joined him in England at the age of 20 and they became a devoted couple. Eleanor Crosses were erected where the cortege carrying her body stopped overnight en-route to London. There are crosses at Grantham, Stamford, Goddington, Hardington, Stony Stratford, Woburn, Dunstable, St. Albans and Charing Cross.

Eagle

The place of the oak, indicating Druidic worship. It stands on a tableland near the source of many rivulets and a copious spring. The stone gateway to the churchyard is a memorial to eight warriors of World War One who left the village never to return. Nothing remains of the Preceptory of the Knights Templar founded here by King Stephen. The best-known Eagle gravestone is probably that of John Gamwell.

Thorpe-on-the-Hill

What is known as a hill hereabouts is a gentle rise. Parts of the church tower have stood since Norman times but the rest of the church was rebuilt in 1912. John Hunt, a local ploughman educated himself and preached in the village on Sundays. When he was 21 he attended a Wesleyan college for three years and went to Fiji as a missionary to preach the Gospel and help translate the bible. He died there at 36 and the red brick chapel next to the churchyard was dedicated the John Hunt Memorial Chapel.

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Section 3—Saxilby to Thorpe

Starting Place: Ship Inn Saxilby

Map Ref: SK 893 753

Finishing Place: The Railway Inn, Station Road, Thorpe-on-the-Hill

Map Ref: SK 902 664

Terrain: Level walking throughout this section, over arable fields with the Cathedral in view and later, the Trent Valley. Many stiles en-route. Interesting historical connection with Harby Church, Nottinghamshire.

Distance: 9 miles.

Time: 4.5 hours

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Transport: Stagecoach bus and train service to Saxilby starting place. PC Coaches route 48 from Thorpe on the Hill. Check www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk

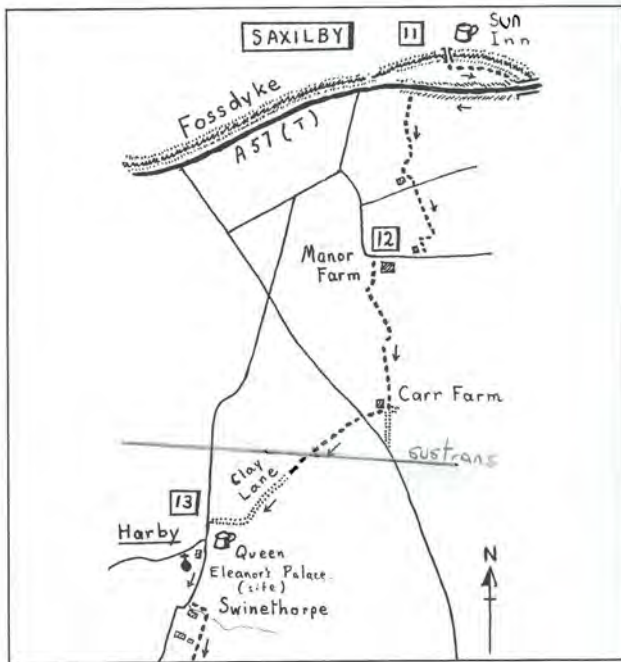
Walk Description

11 Cross the footbridge on Bridge Street AHEAD of you, over the Foss Dyke. Turn LEFT along the bank with the water to your left to reach the embankment steps. Climb up to the road and turn RIGHT over the bridge down the footway of the A57(T). Half way down the slope, cross the road with care to where there is a gap in the crash barrier and a footpath signpost (FP 228). Negotiate the steep steps down the embankment to walk STRAIGHT FORWARD to the farm track.

At the farm track bear SLIGHTLY LEFT to the electricity post .

On arrival at the field corner you will find a bridge. Cross the bridge and turn IMMEDIATELY RIGHT and then LEFT along the field edge with the hedge on the left to a bridge in the field corner. Cross the bridge and walk towards the buildings of Pear Tree Farm.





Proceed behind the renovated barn, on reaching the hedge, bear RIGHT to a footpath signpost in the corner. Cross the lane and proceed STRAIGHT FORWARD towards Broadholme House and a footbridge over the dyke.

Cross the bridge to turn RIGHT onto a brideway and around the field edge to the lane. Turn RIGHT down the lane with The Lodge on your right to reach Manor Farm.

12 Upon reaching the farm, turn LEFT through the farmyard and go ahead and slightly left, close to the farm buildings to a metal field gate, continue straight ahead through another metal gate onto a farm track. Keep STRAIGHT ON along the farm track for about 200 yards then bear right at a fork in the track. Follow this track until you reach a the wood. Continue forward with the wood on your immediate right and keep STRAIGHT FORWARD where the track peters out. Turn RIGHT at the earth bridge and immediately LEFT with the dyke on your left to a footbridge.

Cross the footbridge and turn RIGHT to follow the field edge to Carr Farm. The footpath (FP 1) actually goes through the farm buildings and after 20 yards, turn RIGHT in front of the house and walk STRAIGHT AHEAD over the field aiming for the obvious gap in the hedge.

Cross the road (B1190) go through the gap and continue to another gap with a hedge on your left. Follow the path through another gap with the hedge on your right.

CONTINUE FORWARD until you are level with the electricity pylon. Turn RIGHT with the pylon on your immediate left and walk to the Sustrans Path.

Go STRAIGHT ACROSS the Sustrans track, onto the aptly named Clay Lane. Follow this lane right round into the village and turn LEFT towards the Bottle and Glass on joining the road. The inn normally serves food all day.

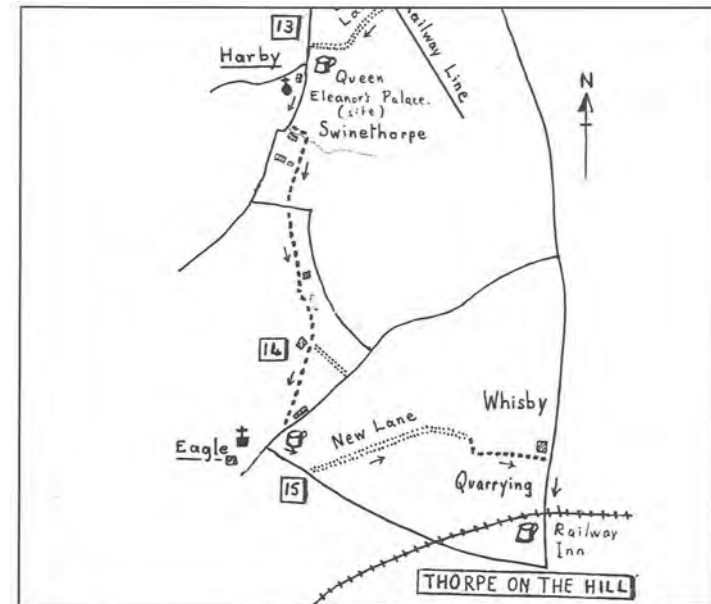
13 Turn LEFT along the road after leaving the inn and continue for about 1,000 yards but first read the information board about Queen Eleanor when you reach the church. Where the road turns sharp right, leave the road at the corner just before Fir Tree Farm. A signpost for this footpath has been requested.

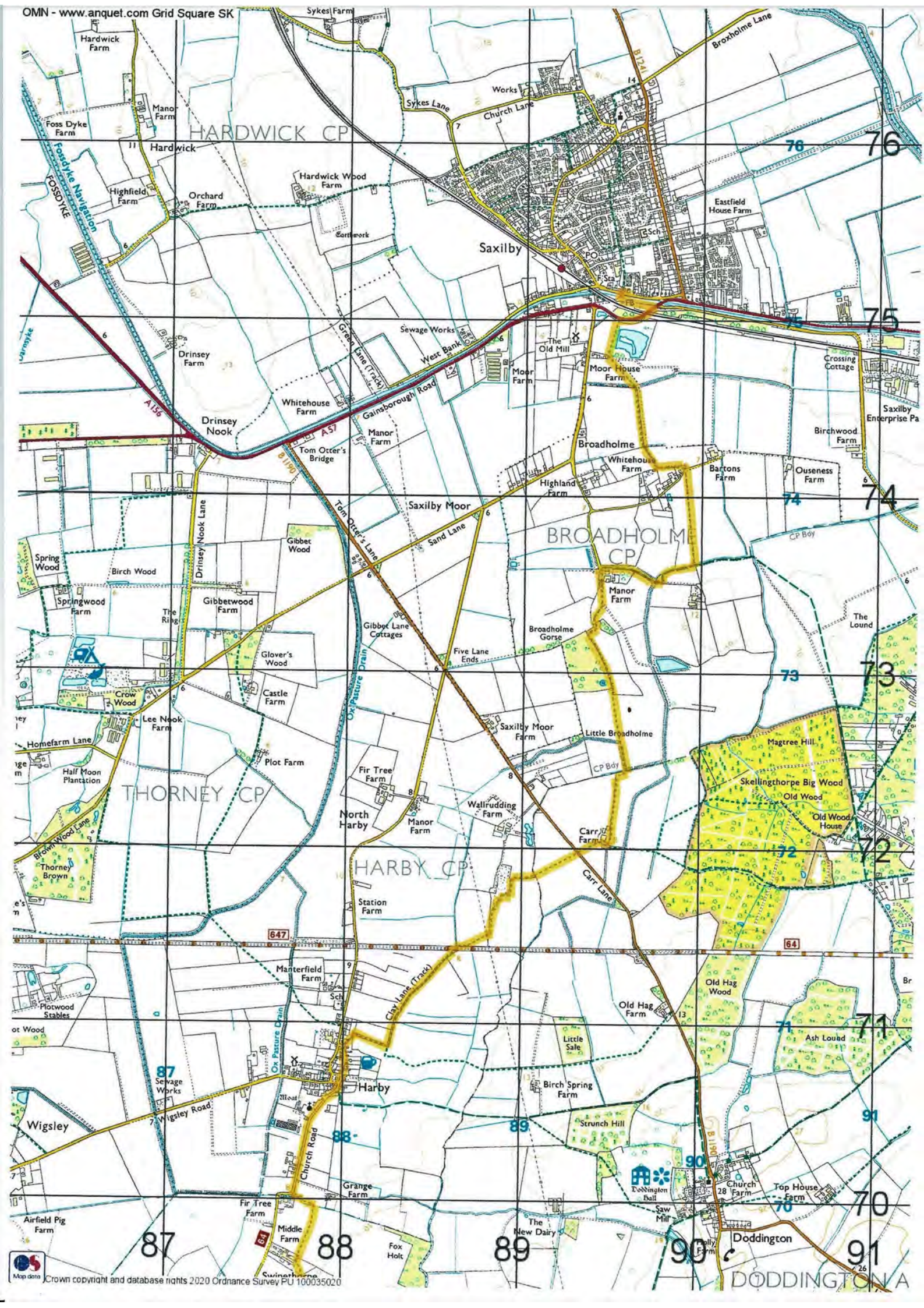
Turn LEFT off the road there is a waymark on the electricity power line pole, follow the path with the dyke on your immediate right. Follow the path along the field edge around the bend (waymark) as far as the footbridge. Cross the bridge (from Nottinghamshire back into Lincolnshire) and proceed STRAIGHT ACROSS the arable field following the line of the electricity power line poles and aiming for an electricity post with a transformer box at the extreme left hand edge of the hedge with the buildings of Middle Farm behind. Proceed with the line of cypresses on your right to the stile on your left.

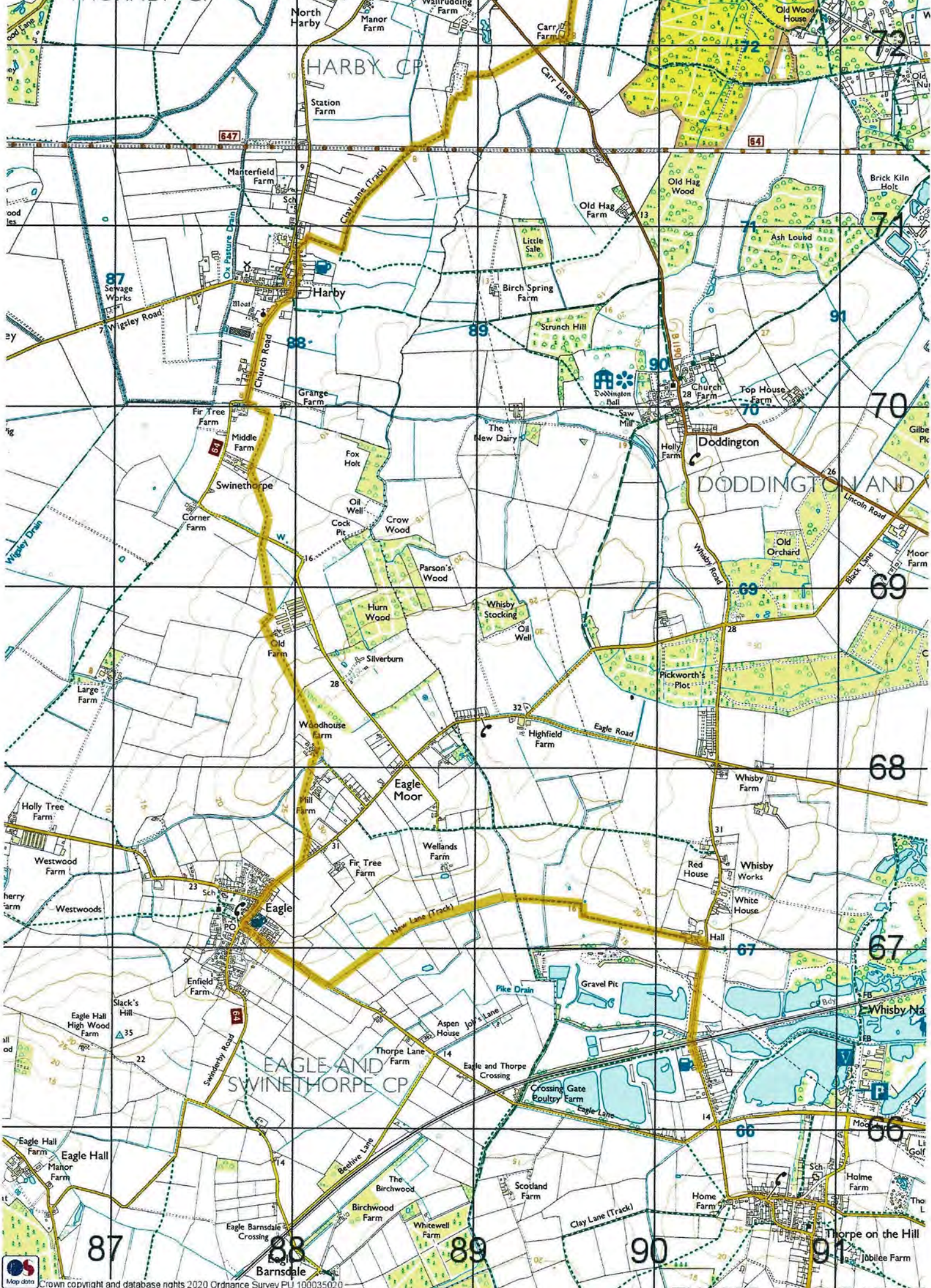
Climb over the stile and then go DIAGONALLY RIGHT across the paddock to a second stile, keeping the pond on your left. Cross the stile and follow the reinstated path in line with the poles and bear right at the third to the lane. Go STRAIGHT ACROSS the lane and follow a path diagonally left to the field corner.

Turn RIGHT to follow the field edge with the ditch and hedge on your immediate left for about 100 paces. Turn LEFT through a kissing gate to cross a paddock to another kissing gate into a field directly opposite.

Cross this large arable field aiming for the nearest edge of the end of the tree belt on FP 5. On reaching your aiming point, walk directly over the field to Woodhouse Farm. Walk along beside the buildings until you are just in front of the house where the path goes through the trees into the garden. Go STRAIGHT ACROSS to a gap that has been made onto the driveway.









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Section 4 — Thorpe to Branston

Starting Place: The Railway Inn, Station Road, Thorpe-on-the-Hill

Map Ref: SK 902 664

Finishing Place: All Saints Church car park, Branston

Map Ref: TF 021 673

Terrain

A number of public footpaths through arable fields not always properly reinstated or maintained followed by a road section climbing up to the Cliff. Then a brief stretch of the Viking Way long distance recreational walk with superb views as far as the Trent Valley and of course, Lincoln Cathedral.

Distance: 11 miles

Time: 4.5 to 5 hours

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Transport: PC Coaches route 48 from Thorpe on the Hill. Stagecoach and Brylaine buses to Branston. Check www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk

Walk Description

16 From the Railway Inn car park turn RIGHT down Station Road towards Thorpe-on-the-Hill village. At the crossroads TURN LEFT into Moor Lane and immediately LEFT again into Whisby Nature Park. Follow the path parallel to the road and CONTINUE forward until you reach the Park entrance gate. Leave the Park and TURN left along Moor Lane, until you reach the A46.

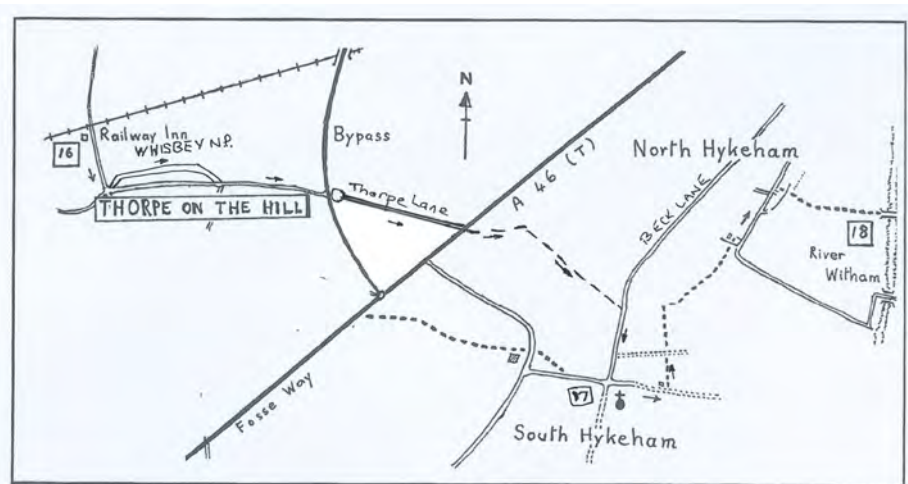
CROSS the A46 carefully, using the central reservation and continue FORWARD along Thorpe Lane. CROSS Newark Road (A1434) and follow the marked footpath for one mile to Beck Lane. TURN RIGHT into Beck Lane towards South Hykeham Church.

Background Information

Branston

Branston dates from Saxon time - it meant mere or marshland. There are some interesting pew ends in All Saints Church one of which is the carving of a pig playing the Lincolnshire bagpipes. The Curtois family had a remarkable connection with the church. For 211 years a Curtois was rector here - six of them from 1690 to 1891.





17 TURN LEFT just before the bend and proceed up Meadow Lane with the church on the right. Turn LEFT at the metal field gate next to Fen Lane Pumping Station. Go STRAIGHT AHEAD to an earth bridge and then on to the concrete bridge. This is the parish boundary and the South Hykeham footpath now becomes North Hykeham.

Follow the track up the hedge until you reach the hedge in front of you. Turn RIGHT for 160 yards until you reach a gate, go LEFT through the gate and STRAIGHT AHEAD over the small field until you reach a footbridge and housing estate, cross a field to the houses in front of you with a metal kissing gate.

Turn RIGHT at the road and then LEFT along the main road for 500 yards, proceeding STRAIGHT AHEAD at Chapel Lane to turn RIGHT down Water Lane through the houses and walk STRAIGHT AHEAD along a clear signposted footpath with the hedge on your immediate left to the bridge over the River Witham.

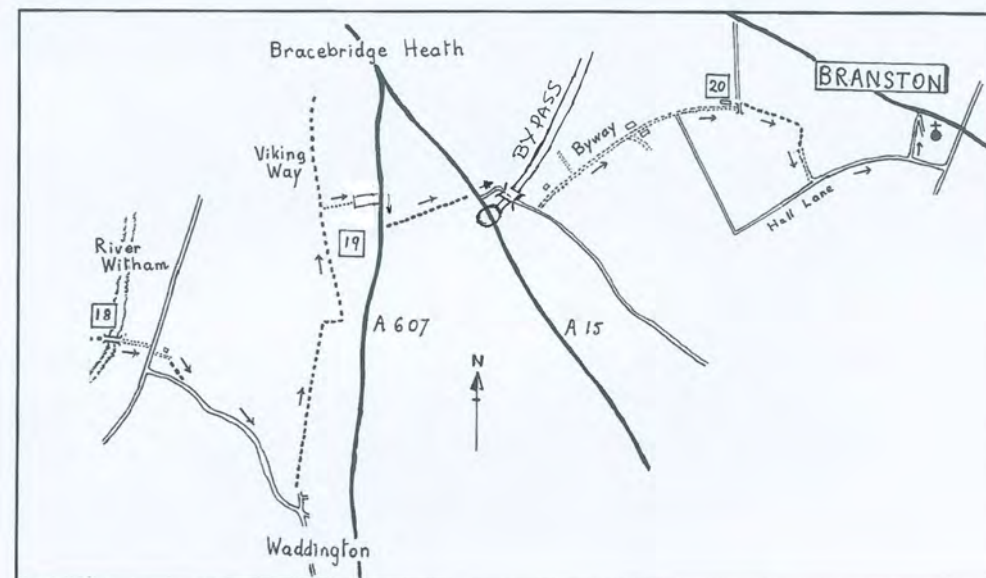
18 Cross the bridge and follow the footpath to the main road. Go over the road and TURN RIGHT then LEFT at the public footpath between the houses until you reach the park. Proceed DIAGONALLY RIGHT across the playing field to the left-hand corner. Turn LEFT on Station Road for almost a mile, near to the top turn SHARP LEFT into Far Lane, Waddington and go STRAIGHT FORWARD on a signposted footpath (Viking Way) along the cliff edge, passing around the top of a small wooded reservoir.

Keep on the Viking Way for 1 mile until you are level with an estate of bungalows off the road on the right. Turn RIGHT off the Viking Way on a clear path across the field leading to the road in the estate. On reaching the estate, go forward on Vauxhall Road TURN RIGHT into Renault Drive.

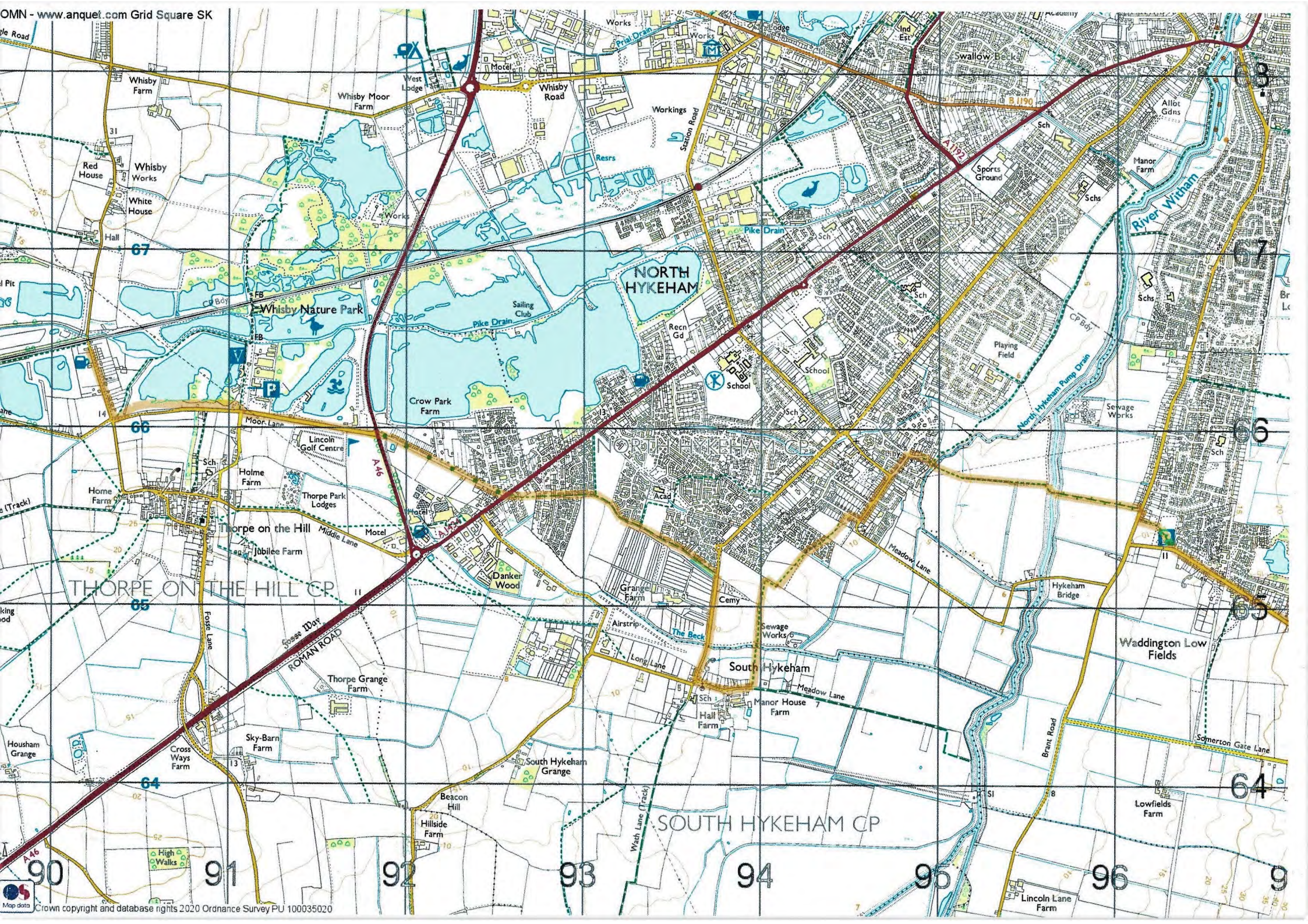
19 At the end of Renault Drive turn left and cross the grass border and A607. Take the signposted footpath with wire fencing on the left. Continue forward with houses on the left. Turn RIGHT on reaching the A15, Sleaford Road and almost immediately LEFT into Bloxholm Lane with the Manor House wall on the left.

Walk along Bloxholm Lane taking the footbridge over the Lincoln Eastern Bypass and then turn LEFT up the RUPP and the Westrop Farms sign.

At Westfield Farm do not turn right on the obvious track but proceed LEFT through the farmyard. Continue forward, turn LEFT down Folly Lane and almost immediately right on the lane, pass the attractive Ashfield House on your left.



20 At the stream, where the track turns left, follow Bridleway 7 along the stream edge with the stream on your immediate right. Upon reaching the wood, turn RIGHT and cross the stream and follow the track up to Hall Lane with Peggy Holt Wood on your left. Turn LEFT at the lane and pass the rear entrance to the fine hall, now a hotel. Turn LEFT at Corner Cottage with the estate wall on your left. Note the interesting plaque on the cottage wall (Number 10). Turn LEFT at the grass triangle and continue towards the church with the car park on your right.



NORTH HYKEHAM

THORPE ON THE HILL CP

SOUTH HYKEHAM CP

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Plogsland Round Lincoln

A 47 mile way marked walk around Lincoln
initiated by Brett Collier

Section 5— Branston to Fiskerton

Starting Place: All Saints Church car park, Branston

Map Ref: TF 021 673

Finishing Place: Fiskerton Village Green,

Map ref: TF 051 722

Terrain

Easy level walking except for one gentle hill. Pleasant, stream-side section and good views over the Witham Valley.

Distance: 6.5 miles

Time: 2.5 to 3 hours

OS Landranger 121 Lincoln & Newark on Trent

1:50,000 Scale

OS Explorer 272 Lincoln

1:25,000 Scale

Transport:

Stagecoach Service to Fiskerton Village Green

Stagecoach and Brylaine buses to Branston. Check www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk

Walk Description

21 Walk downhill from the church car park with the Hall on your left and at the bottom, the Waggon and Horses public house. Proceed STRAIGHT ACROSS the main road and down the signposted Paddock Lane (FP 10) with the beck and a splendid dwelling on your left. Continue STRAIGHT ON until the end of the path for about 1200 yards.

Turn LEFT down towards the beck and go over the footbridge. Then RIGHT with the beck on your right. At the farm buildings of Cliff Farm walk forward by the beck to cross the farm track. Continue on the beck-side (FP 9) for about 900 yards until you reach the road by a sharp bend.

22 Turn RIGHT on reaching the road along the footway to cross the road at the bend and walk forward and go under the railway bridge. Then bear right and continue forward on a clear path to the converted mill.

'The biggest threat to our countryside is the silence of those who live in it.'

Prunella Scales

Walking has the best value as gymnastics for the mind.

"You shall never break down in a speech," said Sydney Smith, "on the day on which you have walked twelve miles."... "Walking," said Rousseau, "has something which animates and vivifies my ideas."... And Plato said of exercise that "it would almost cure a guilty conscience."...

He who walks may see and understand. You can study all England from one hilltop, if your eyes are open and your mind is willing to reach. But first you must walk up that hill.

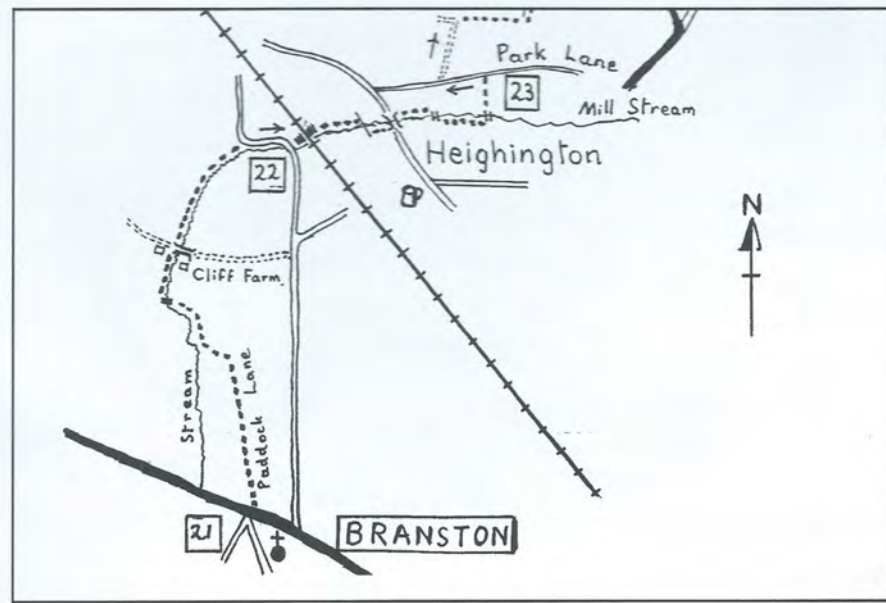
It is never too late to be wise.

David Trippier, a one-time Environment and Countryside Minister once said:

"In referring to the people who are making use of our public rights of way we are talking about a massive and growing constituency. Any politician, whether on a highway authority or in central government, who ignores them does so at his own peril."



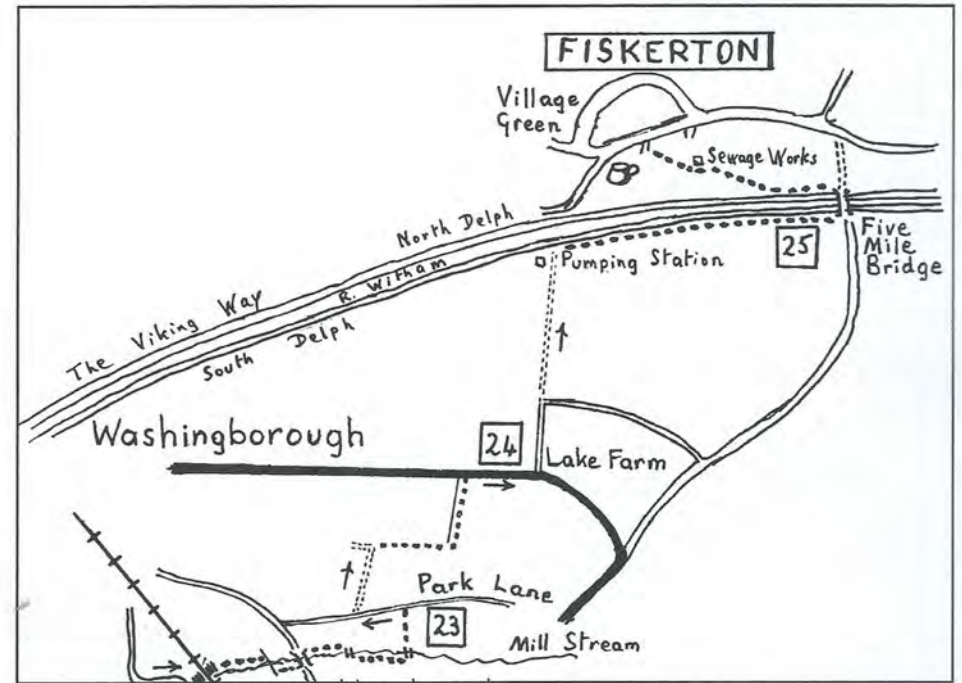
Turn RIGHT by the Park Mill for only a few yards and then go LEFT with the beck now on your left. Cross the main road and at the road bridge, follow the path at the beck side by the attractive village sign. Turn LEFT over the second bridge up the short Hudsons Lane and LEFT when you reach the lane know as Park Lane for some



fifty yards.

23 Turn RIGHT up RUPP 10, known as Alabala Lane, with the old telephone exchange on the right. Walk uphill and at the crest, ignore a right-hand fork and continue down the green lane to turn RIGHT at the bottom of the hill on a clear, wide track for about 700 yards. Where the track turns right downhill, walk forward for about ten yards and go a gate along a signposted path (FP 1) downhill to the road. At the road, turn RIGHT, and carefully follow the main road for approximately 250 yards.

24 Turn LEFT down Cowpaddle Lane with Lake Farm and a wide dyke on your right. Where North Dale Road turns right by the sewage plant entrance, continue STRAIGHT FORWARD through the wooden field gate on the top of the embankment of Sandhill Beck, ignoring the obvious farm track below on the left. At the pumping station, turn RIGHT for one mile.



25 Turn LEFT across the flat concrete bridge and the sustrans path to Five Mile Bridge. Cross the second bridge to the other side of the River Witham. The cathedral is in view from the bridge as it has been for so much of the route. At the beginning of the track leading up to the road and just beyond the concrete bridge over the North Delph, turn LEFT with the dyke on your left. Keep along the edge of the dyke for the first 100 yards and then walk DIAGONALLY RIGHT towards Fiskerton Church tower. Cross a wooden footbridge at another dyke. Aim to the left-hand corner of the field, then walk STRAIGHT FORWARD to the clear gap between the houses. Walk down the narrow path until you reach the road. Turn left at the road by house number 21 and after a few yards, turn RIGHT down Priors Road and then LEFT to the village green and the completion of the Plogslad Round, Lincoln. The Carpenters Arms is just around the corner.

