

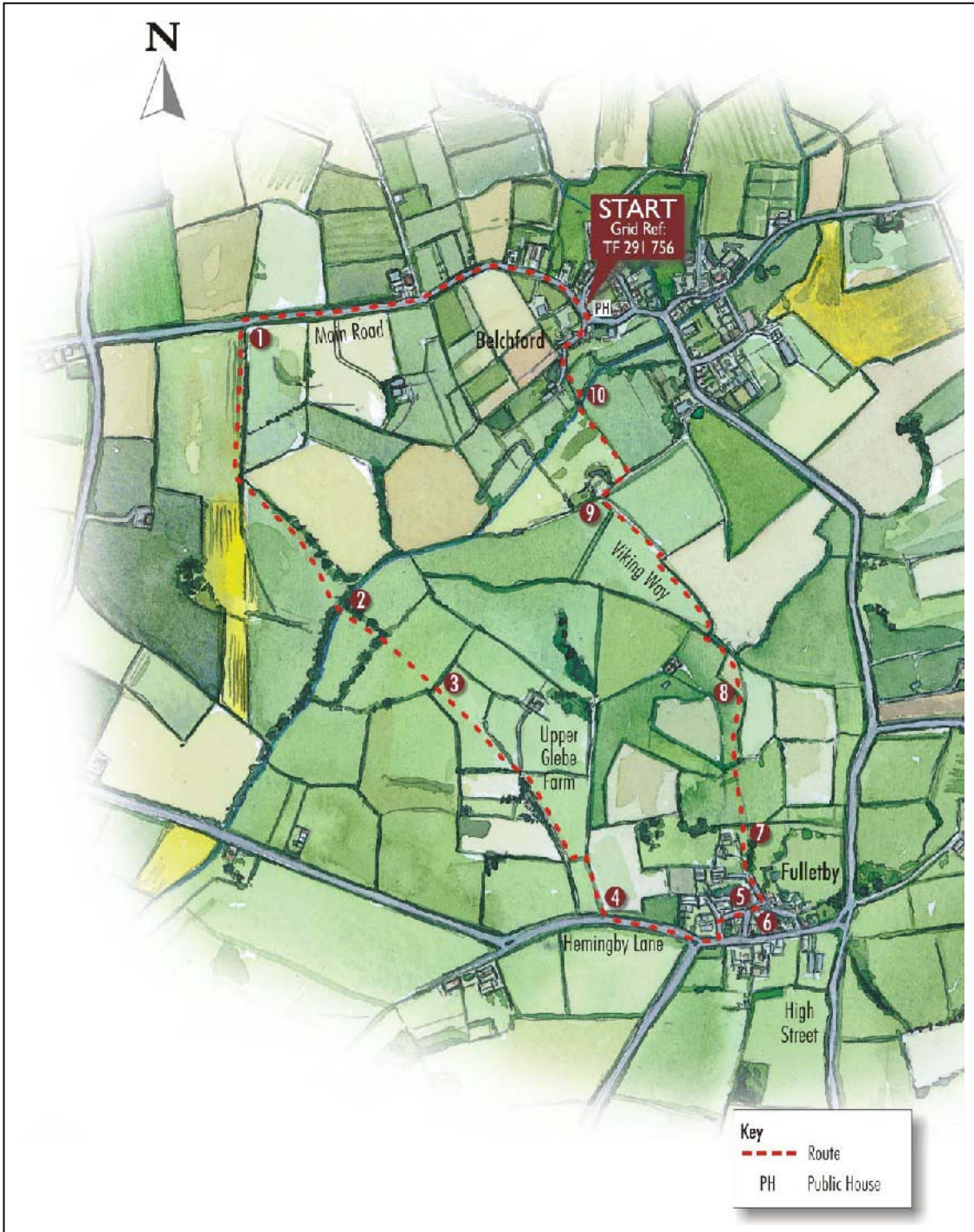
A Walk for all Seasons

The route is waymarked with a skylark symbol.



- 1** Start at the Post Office (near the Blue Bell Inn) in Belchford. With the post office behind you, turn right along Main Road. After nearly a mile, turn left along a bridleway.
- 2** The bridleway descends to a bridge over the River Waring. As you cross the bridge, the large ash tree on your left is often used by tawny owls. Occasionally owl pellets can be seen on the ground nearby.
- 3** Heading uphill towards Fulletby, you pass tree plantations on your left. Conifers are planted around the edges to provide quick growing shelter for the broad-leaved trees inside.
- 4** At the road turn left along Hemingby Lane, following the Viking Way. The Viking Way is a 147 mile long distance footpath running from the Humber to Oakham in Rutland.
- 5** Turn left down Mill Lane immediately after the garage. Follow the road to the right, passing the church and Winn Cottage. Turn left
- 6** along School Lane. At the start of the 'private road', turn right on the footpath, keeping to the Viking Way.
- 7** The field you are now crossing has obvious lumps and bumps – the remains of medieval Fulletby when it was a much larger village.

Cross the meadow, heading for a gate. Grassland such as this is becoming increasingly rare – common knapweed and ladies bedstraw grow here. Cross the next field heading towards the left-hand tree in the valley. Go over a pair of stiles and follow the uphill boundary of two fields.
- 8** From here you may see the distant towers of Lincoln Cathedral. When you reach the corner of the field keep left along the field boundary, with the hedge on your right. Bear right over the stile and continue with the hedge on your right.
- 9** Go downhill along a short stretch of grassy track, turning off right to stay on the footpath through the area known locally as 'Hills and Holes' - possibly an ancient stone quarry.
- 10** Follow the track through the hedge and go right, then left with the fence on your right. Turn right at the stream, the River Waring, and after a few yards cross the bridge and continue to join Dams Lane. Turn right along the lane to return to Belchford.



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