

## To Legsby & Linwood and back again

Three circular walks; one of 3 ½ miles, one of 4 ½ miles and the other of 5 ¾ miles from Market Rasen through surrounding farmland

- 1** Start at the free car park in John Street, Market Rasen. Leave the car park by the John Street entrance and turn left.  
  
Turn left again into Chapel Street, pass the magnificent Ionic column frontage of the Methodist Church and go under the railway bridge.
- 2** Cross over Linwood Road into Serpentine Street and turn right into a narrow passage immediately after Maltings Court.
- 3** Go over the end of a cul-de-sac into a footpath passage opposite. Cross over the street to the next waymarker, into the footpath opposite, keep straight on.
- 4** Go through the metal gate by the three-way waymarker and continue straight on, keeping the cemetery on your left, until you reach Legsby Road. Turn right at the road, walking out of the town.
- 5** Just past "The Ridings" housing estate on the right-hand side, take the footpath between the bungalows at the waymarker.
- 6** At the end of the gardens, cross diagonally left over the field and the next stile, following the path to the left, keeping in line with the fence.
- 7** Over the next stile, turn immediately to the left then right to follow the hedge line across the field. Near a lonely tree in the hedge line, follow the arrow sign on the post, pointing diagonally right across the field to Woodhill Farm.
- 8** At the farm entrance, follow the direction arrows to the left, at the corner go diagonally right and aim for the marker post near a tree at the end of a hedge-line.
- 9** Continue on the same direction, crossing the next field beyond the tree, which can be muddy. To the four-way marker post on Willingham Lane byway. From here you have three options.

### Route A – 3 ½ miles or 5 ½ KM

- A1** Turn left here and follow the byway, turn left again at the T junction into Crab Apple Lane.
- A2** Turn left onto Legsby Road, opposite Market Rasen Golf Course. Return to Market Rasen keeping to the grass verge and footway.

### **Route B – 4 ½ miles or 7 KM**

- B1** Turn right and follow the Willingham Lane byway all the way to the main road at Linwood, turning right along the foot/cycle path beside the road, past the National Cycle Network sculpture.
- B2** Continue a way past The Poplars on your left, before turning left along a footpath, keeping the hedge on your left. With care, cross the railway line and turn immediately right, keeping parallel to the fence.
- B3** The path leaves the railway line and goes between houses. Cross over the block-paved road and continue on the urban path to another waymarker, next to a large grassy hollow.
- B4** Turn right into Mill Road, continuing downhill until you reach the school. Turn right then left at the library, cross over Chapel Street and back to John Street car park.

### **Route C – 5 ¾ miles or 9 KM**

- 10** Cross over the Willingham Lane byway and continue ahead across the next field. Aim for the edge of the woodland, to the left of the driveway of College Farm.
- 11** Go over the stile and continue ahead, keeping the woodland on your left until you enter Legsby Wood. Follow the main track until you arrive at a graveled track running from right to left.
- 12** Continue straight over, keeping to the main track through the broadleaf woodland. Cross the stile onto the path and carry straight on, past Woodside Farm, to emerge onto the road.
- 13** Turn left, walking towards the hamlet of Little London and continue to the road band at Bella Hill. Go left round the bend to Legsby Road, keeping to the grass verges.
- 14** As you walk by on the left is Linwood Warren Nature Reserve that is managed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. The grass verges on the side of the road is now protected because of the plants and wild flowers that grow there.
- 15** You pass Market Rasen Golf Course and the Racecourse to return to Market Rasen. This is the town's 5<sup>th</sup> racecourse, and has occupied this present site since the 1920's.

