Both walks start from Fotherby and onwards to Fotherby Common. One then heads to North Elkington, passing through the Deserted Medieval Village, the other takes in Utterby, passing Packhorse Bridge and St Andrew's church before joining the disused railway line. On both walks there are fine views of the eastern edge of the Wolds, across the marsh towards the coastline and round to the Humber.

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Points of interest

Almshouses
Everett Allenby, Esq., born at Fotherby Manor in 1794 kindly provided funds for the six almshouses to be built in 1866 for the benefit of the village poor. Constructed by James Fowler of Louth, the red brick, slate roof and decorative ridge tiles form a distinctive feature within the centre of the village. Grade II listed February 1986.

Deserted Medieval Village, North Elkington
The earliest record of a settlement dates from 1086 and continued until the 16th century. There are three distinctive sites – all show remnants of hollow ways, enclosures of farmsteads and buildings. Medieval cropping systems can be seen in the ridge and furrow and lynchets.

St Mary’s Church, Fotherby
Completely rebuilt by James Fowler of Louth in 1863, some aspects of the original building are retained, such as the font which dates from 1450 and the spire contains three bells cast in 1608. St Mary’s is the hub of the village, with meetings and pop-in coffee and cake sessions held weekly – the interior is unusual in that the pews can be moved around for larger social events. Grade II listed March 1967.
For the Utterby Route

1. Follow the track, ignoring the footpath on the left and Fotherby Beacon on the right, to the next hedgerow on the right. Turn right along the footpath with the hedgerow to the left. Then follow the sign through the gap, continuing along with the hedgerow on the right.

2. At the field corner go through the hedge and bear diagonally left. The pathway should be visible on the ground, but aim for the right hand edge of the woodland on the horizon. Continue across the field arriving at a grass area with a track to Grimble Wood. Don’t go along this track, but bear right down the hill, with Grimble Wood to your left. Aim for a large gap in the hedge with the footpath sign visible. Walk up the steps and turn right onto the track.

3. Continue along the track as it bears to the left and joins the road. Turn right and walk along the road through the village, passing the Packhorse Bridge and St Andrews church. Continue to the A16, turning right onto the tarmac footway and carefully crossing the A16 at the refuge.

4. Turn right, then left onto Holywell Lane. Follow the lane to the former railway bridge. Take the Permissive Bridleway on your left and join the disused railway line. Turn right and pass under the bridge, continuing along for approximately 2 km, ignoring the first set of footpath signs.

(Allmissive route is part of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Railway and it is hoped that this will once again run along the track.)

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, UTTERTY

The main building of St Andrew's dates back to the early 14th century however last outside lies the base of a medieval cross, which would have served as the focal point for earlier services and meetings.

As you venture inside, take time to view the carvings on the inner door frame - you should see depictions of a green man and animals. The community has created a small heritage display inside and the churchyard is managed for wildlife.
**The Lincolnshire Wolds**

The Lincolnshire Wolds is a nationally important and cherished landscape. Most of it was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1973. Covering an area of 558 square kilometres or 216 square miles, the AONB contains the highest ground in eastern England between Yorkshire and Kent, rising to over 150m along its western edge. Rolling chalk hills and areas of sandstone and clay underlie this attractive landscape.

The Lincolnshire Wolds has been inhabited since prehistoric times and the appearance of the countryside today has been greatly influenced by past and present agricultural practices.

A Countryside Service helps to protect and enhance the landscape through partnership projects with local landowners, farmers, parish councils, businesses and residents of the Wolds.

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**Route Information**

Distance: 6 miles or 9 ½km

Time: Approx: 3 hours at a leisurely pace for each route.

Maps: OS Landranger 113
OS Explorer 282

Parking: Roadside parking in the village - please park considerately.
Map Ref: TF 315 915 Postcode LN11 0UG

Terrain: A mixture of footpaths over grass and arable fields and stone tracks. Some roadside walking crossing Eborby bypass.

Refreshments: Limited light refreshments at St Mary's Church - usually open Wednesday during the summer months. Brackenborough Arms Hotel is nearby.

Stiles: A few on the North Elkington route, none on the Utterby route.

Public Transport: For bus services to Eborby contact Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or www.traveline.info

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