INTRODUCTION

These two walks give the chance to explore the area around the village in the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds. The walk starts in the Market Place, and although markets are no longer held here, it is still an important trading area of the village with many local shops.

Whilst both walks take in many interesting buildings and features, the longer walk also crosses an area rich with wild flowers.

Points of Interest

The Parish Church of St Mary and St Gabriel
There were formerly two churches in Binbrook. The church of St Gabriel fell into disrepair through lack of finance and by 1822 had become a ruin. The church of St Mary also became progressively more dilapidated and suffered from over a century of neglect, both physical and spiritual. The present parish church, opened in 1869, with its impressive size and soaring spire was built partly of stone from the previous two churches, but mainly using local stone. The architect was James Fowler of Louth.

RAAF 460 Squadron Memorial
The Royal Australian Air Force 460 Squadron operated as a heavy bomber squadron during the period 1941-1945, being based first at RAF Breighton in Yorkshire and, from May 1943, at RAF Binbrook. Throughout this period, the squadron was involved in intensive operations and the memorial is a tribute to over nine hundred Australian airmen who gave their lives flying from Breighton and Binbrook. The squadron roll of honour can be seen in the church.

Grimsby Road Pump
This 19th century pump was built on a ramp to allow water carts to fill up more easily. Hill farmers came to the village regularly to get water needed at harvest time for steam threshing machines as well as for brewing to quench the thirst of their workers. The rings in the brickwork were for tethering horses.
The Route

- Starting the walk in Market Place, walk towards the Plough Inn on the Neth Road. Go past the church on your left.
- Take the bridleway on the right up the hill.
- At the top of the hill, turn right on a footpath and walk down the hill, cross over a small stream and enter the southern end of St Mary's Lane.
- Turn left along the narrow part of St Mary's Lane, cross the stile and bear right across the grass field to a stile next to the last bungalow on Leafford Road.
- Turn right and follow the road through Market Place, turn left at the T-junction (by the old Marquis of Granby pub). Cross the road with care and continue to the school.

Garlic Mustard

Look out for the white flowers of garlic mustard in the spring. Crush the leaves for its distinctive smell. Orange tip and green-veined white caterpillars feed on this plant which is also known as Jack-by-the-hedge.

- Turn right on the footpath across the school playground and continue along School Lane. On entering North Hall, continue straight ahead until it joins the Grimsby Road, opposite the pump.
- Cross Grimsby Road and turn left.

FOR THE SHORTER WALK

- At the bottom of the hill turn right into Meadow Drive and continue along until it joins Louth Road.
- Turn right and return to Market Place.

FOR THE LONGER WALK

- Continue on the Grimsby Road up the hill for a short distance and turn left along the public footpath. At the water treatment plant, cross the stream and follow the line of the stream to the old watermill.
- Cross the stream and join the track up the hill.
- At the road turn right and follow it back to the Market Place. Take extreme care as there is very little grass verge and the road is often busy.

Binbrook Water Mill

Water still flows through the mill-race at the mill, sometimes known as Cock Mill because it is thought cock fighting used to take place here. Above the mill is the drier chalk grassland, whilst below the grassland is wetter, and even waterlogged at times.