

## Round Binbrook Walk



Two circular walks in and around Binbrook; one of 2 miles, the other of 3 miles



### 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.



Binbrook Water Mill



Garlic mustard flowers and seed pods

*The walk is mainly on paths and tracks with some slopes, stiles and roadside walking.*

*Some paths may be muddy, so stout shoes or boots are recommended.*

*Allow 1 hour for the shorter walk; 1½ hours for the longer walk.*

*There are toilets off Market Place. Considerate parking is available along Kirmond Road.*

*For times of buses to Binbrook phone Traveline 0871 200 22 33 [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)*

*This walk is on Ordnance Survey Explorer map 282.*

*Don't forget to follow the Countryside Code wherever you go - respect, protect, enjoy.*

*Prepared with contribution from the community of Binbrook*

### 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.

#### Grimsby Road Pump

This 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### RAAF 460 Squadron Memorial

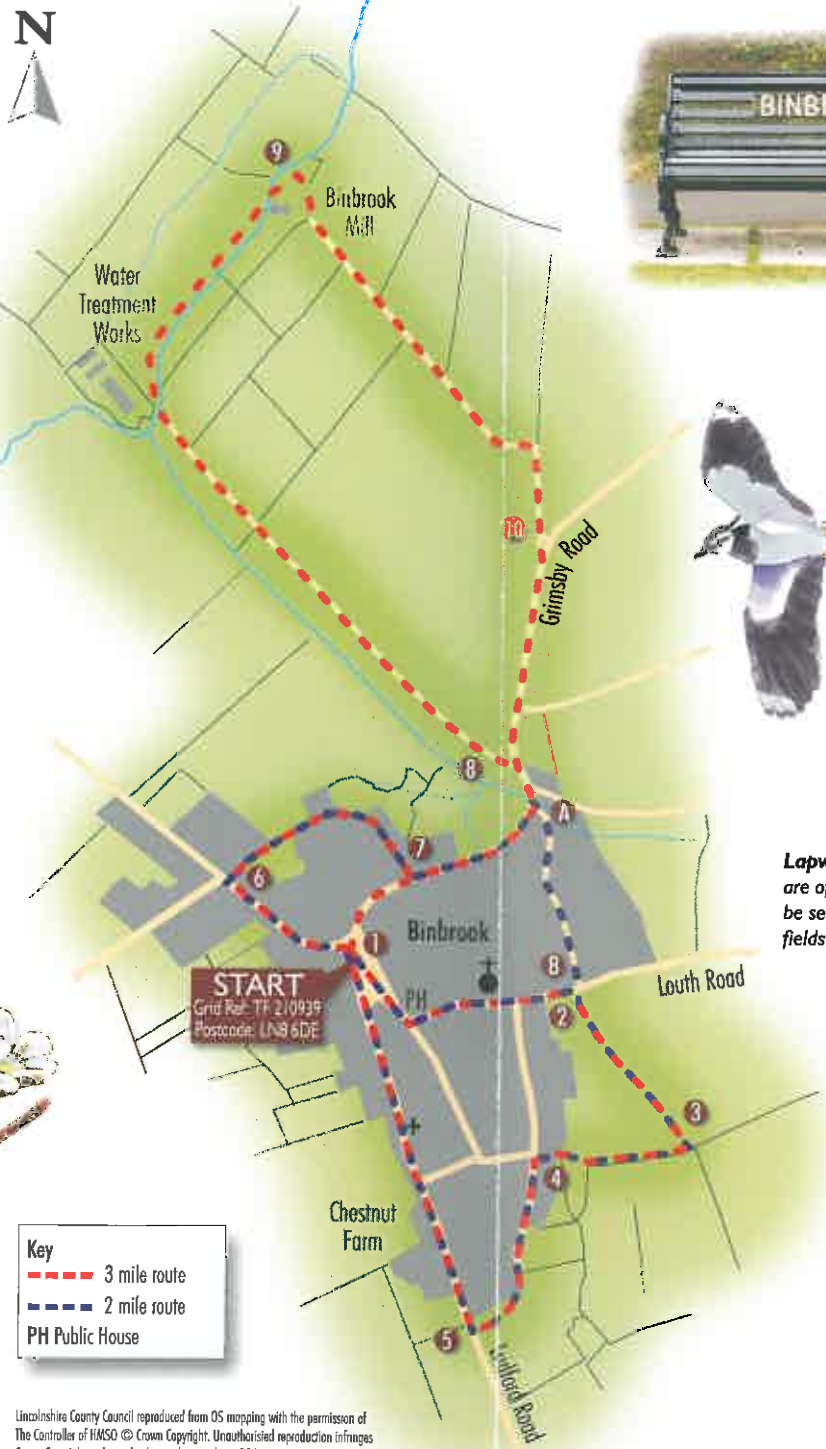
*The Royal Australian Air Force 460 Squadron operated as a heavy bomber squadron during the period 1941-1945, being based first at RAF Brighton in Yorkshire and, from May 1943, at RAF Binbrook.*

*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 Brighton and Binbrook. The squadron roll of honour can be seen in the church.*





# THE ROUTE



**Key**  
 - - - 3 mile route  
 - - - 2 mile route  
 PH Public House

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- 1 Starting the walk in Market Place, walk towards the Plough Inn on the Louth Road. Go past the church on your left.
- 2 Take the bridleway on the right up the hill.
- 3 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.
- 4 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 Ludford Road.
- 5 Turn right and follow the road ahead 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.



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



Lapwings, or peewits as they are often known locally, can be seen in large numbers in fields during the winter months.

## FOR THE SHORTER WALK

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

## FOR THE LONGER WALK

- 8 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.
- 9 Cross the stream and join the track up the hill.
- 10 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.

## 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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