

## Getting to Dereham



Dereham is not on the main line rail network, but there are two connections. First Bus service *excel* runs through Dereham on its way from Peterborough, via King's Lynn, to Norwich: all of these are rail connected towns. A much less frequent, but very enjoyable, alternative is to use the train to Wymondham (on the Norwich-Ely line), then catch a Mid-Norfolk Railway train (seasonal operation only) up to Dereham.

In addition to the *excel* service, Konect bus services also run to Norwich, and to most of the nearby towns and villages.

If you come by car, parking is free throughout the town, but please note that parking in the market square and most car parks is time limited. You can park in the Cherry Tree car park, just 5 minutes' walk from the town centre, for as long as you like.

**National Rail Enquiries:** 03457 48 49 50 [www.nationalrail.co.uk/](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/)

**Mid-Norfolk Railway:** 01362 690633 [www.mnr.org.uk/](http://www.mnr.org.uk/)

**First:** 0345 646 0707 <https://www.firstgroup.co.uk/norfolk-suffolk/routes-and-maps/excel-norwich-dereham-swaffham-kings-lynn-wisbech-peterborough/>

**Konect Bus:** 03300 539358 [www.konectbus.co.uk/](http://www.konectbus.co.uk/)

**Car parking:** <http://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/dereham/>

## Enjoy your walks!

Feedback on how *you* have found these walks will be very welcome. Please contact us at [dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net](mailto:dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net) or on 07561 813243.

For more about ***Walkers are Welcome***, see the separate leaflet in this pack.

This pack has been produced with the support and help of Dereham Town Council. The Town Council can be contacted at Assembly Rooms, Quebec Street, Dereham NR19 2DJ.

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## Dereham walks - general leaflet



Using the public rights of way in and around Dereham

### How to use this guide

***Dereham Walkers are Welcome*** offers you the warmest of welcomes to walking in our town. We have surveyed the fourteen suggested walks in this pack, and walk them regularly to ensure they are in good order. In total, they cover almost every public right of way within the town, plus a number of tracks which are not rights of way, but are regularly used by the public. In addition, many of the walks use paths from adjoining parishes, but all can be started and ended in Dereham. The directions and maps refer to the rights of way by their official numbers, though you won't see these on the signs anywhere. The walks have been carefully checked to make sure the directions are clear, and every effort has been made to ensure that all information is correct at the time of writing, but things can change, so you are urged to make your own judgements - do not follow the directions without thought.

*Note: The main directions are shown in ordinary type: notes in italics give additional information or indicate short cuts, but are not part of the walk.*

While the walks have been devised to provide an interesting experience, you are also encouraged to link them together and make your own walks. Most of the walks start from the town centre, sometimes needing a short bus or car trip to the starting point. There are only a few places outside the town area where you can get refreshments - you may need to take your own with you. There are public toilets off the Market Place in the town centre.

Some of the paths described follow town streets, or have tarmacked surfaces, but the more rural ones can be **very** muddy at times and get overgrown with nettles and brambles; few paths are suitable for ordinary wheelchairs or pushchairs. Please dress appropriately, take care and be prepared to turn back if necessary.

All of the walks use or cross roads. In many cases, these are town streets or quiet country lanes, but some are busy main roads. **Please take care with all roads - traffic can appear without warning and be unprepared to see you. Busier roads are marked in the walks as !; in some cases, even more care is needed - these are marked !!.**

## Maps

Every map in the pack is drawn to its own consistent scale, but this scale can vary from map to map. The instructions given should be read in conjunction with the map provided. To help you enjoy your walk, we suggest you take a more detailed map with you - a hard copy or on a GPS or smartphone: we would suggest the OS Explorer 238 - Dereham & Aylsham. (Explorer maps at 1:25,000 show many details, such as field boundaries, that are invaluable - and informative! - to the walker.) Stocks are held by *Dereham News* in the town centre (8 Market Place, Dereham NR19 2AW; 01362 692784).

## Rights, problems and hazards

Ordnance Survey (OS) maps show public rights of way, but are only as up to date as the last revision. The ultimate legal authority for whether a path is a public right of way is the 'definitive map' held by Norfolk County Council. You can view this on line via <http://maps.norfolk.gov.uk/highways/>, the County's interactive map.

The Norfolk County Council website has more information about rights of way: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/public-rights-of-way](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/public-rights-of-way).

Walks are also run by The Ramblers ([www.norfolkra.org.uk/](http://www.norfolkra.org.uk/)) or U3A (<https://u3asites.org.uk/dereham/groups>).

## Places of interest

A number of *places of interest* are identified in the text of the walks.

**Badley Moor Common** This is Open Access Land (see [http://gb.geoview.info/badley\\_moor\\_open\\_access\\_land,102310710w](http://gb.geoview.info/badley_moor_open_access_land,102310710w)). It is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

**Bishop Bonner's Cottage** <https://derehamheritagetrust.org.uk>

**Borrow Hall** often wrongly stated to be the birthplace of George Borrow: see <http://georgeborrow.org/static/georgeBorrowSociety.html>.

**Dereham Windmill and Coffee Shop** [www.derehamwindmill.co.uk/](http://www.derehamwindmill.co.uk/)

**Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse** 01362 869263  
[www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/gressenhall](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/gressenhall)

**Hoe Rough** <https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife-in-norfolk/nature-reserves/reserves/hoerough>

**Jolly Farmers**

<https://www.norfolkpubs.co.uk/norfolke/eastdereham/edereif.htm>

**Lecture Room** [www.derehamhistory.com/a-picture-of-etling-green.html](http://www.derehamhistory.com/a-picture-of-etling-green.html)

**Lynn and Dereham Railway**

[www.heritage.norfolk.gov.uk/record-details?MNF13600](http://www.heritage.norfolk.gov.uk/record-details?MNF13600)

**Mid-Norfolk Railway** 01362 690633 [www.mnr.org.uk/](http://www.mnr.org.uk/)

**Nar Valley Way** and **Wensum Way** Norfolk Trails, 0344 800 8020  
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/norfolk-trails/long-distance-trails>

**Potters Fen** and **Scarning Fen** are designated County Wildlife Sites and Sites of Special Scientific Interest <https://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/county-wildlife-sites/>

**Scarning Fen** is managed by Norfolk Wildlife Trust  
<https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife-in-norfolk/nature-reserves/reserves/scarning-fen>

**St Nicholas Church** 01362 693143 [www.derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk](http://www.derehamanddistrictteam.org.uk)  
Facebook St. Nicholas Church, Dereham

We are aware that links to websites can change. If you have difficulty with any of the links on this leaflet, or in any of the walks, please let us know and we will advise you of the correct one and post it on our website.