



Before starting this walk, please read the general leaflet

This walk starts from the town centre, using Konect service 21 (outside Barclays Bank) towards Fakenham. Note that the bus route seems to go past Gressenhall before returning to The Swan.

1 Get off the bus in Gressenhall, at The Swan community pub. Walk up Litcham Road (The Swan behind you and the Post Office/store on your right). Where the footway ends, use the verge on the right hand side of the road, but **! take care of traffic in both directions**. Pass Gressenhall Farm on the right. *You can take a short cut here by following the road to the right to reach point **2** though you will miss delightful walks through the woods and by the river.* Take the left turn then left again on Fakenham Road to pass the entrance to **Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse**. There is a café, open seasonally, which visitors can use without paying for admission to the rest of the site. Take the first right down Elmham Road, and turn right again (Green Lane) at the next crossroads. Go down here for about 200 yards



and turn right after the last house along **Beetley Footpath 18** through the woodland. Leave through a kissing gate and turn left on to **Beetley Footpath 17**. Follow this path to the river, then along the river bank to the road. Turn left to cross the bridge. *On your left lies Norfolk Wildlife Trust's **Hoe Rough**, which can be explored through the small car park.*

2 Turn right up Mill Lane (and join the **Wensum Way** which you follow to just before point **3**): this is initially **Unclassified Road 35132**, then **Hoe Footpath 1**, before crossing the parish boundary to become **Footpath 19**. Continue ahead on the tarmacked path then on a grass track to a junction of paths marked by a post and a fingerpost. *A short route back to Dereham is available here. Go ahead on the track (it's a left then*



*immediate right turn) and follow this to and through a small piece of woodland to emerge on to Quebec Road. Continue down Quebec Road back to the Market Place. Turn left along the track on **Hoe Footpath 6** and follow this to the road. Cross the road and follow the path across the field on **Hoe Footpath 5**. Continue in this direction, crossing the next two roads, on to **Hoe Footpaths 4 and 3**, then climb gently through a hedged section to cross the **Mid-Norfolk Railway**.* Turn right along the road, leaving the **Wensum Way**.* *There has been a long term diversion here following demolition of the bridge; this brings you out at the road bridge which you cross then turn sharp right.**



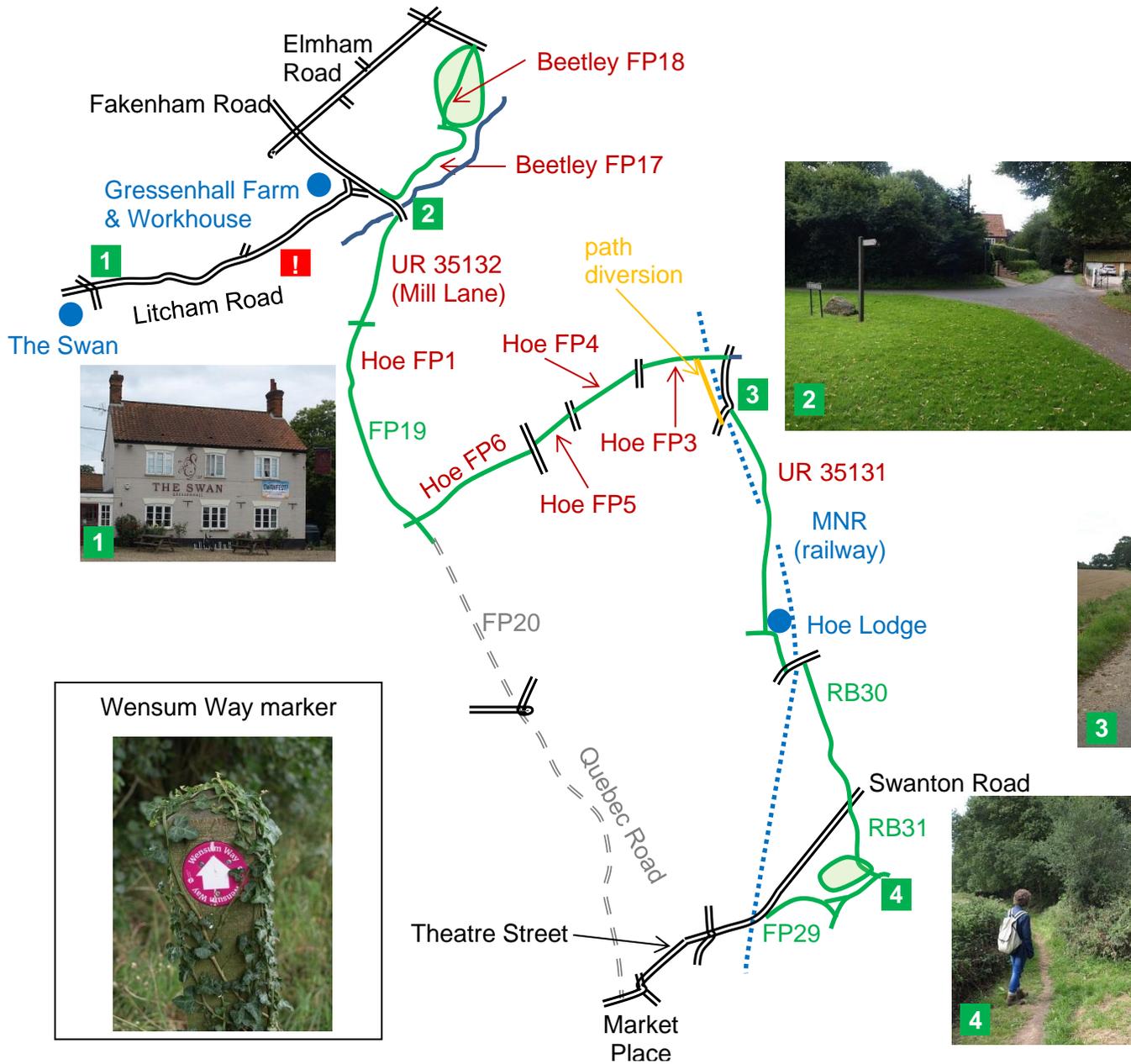
3 Just before the railway bridge, continue ahead on **Unclassified Road 35131**, a track. Follow this track over the railway and at the end turn left (passing Hoe Lodge Farm) then follow the track round to the right. At the road, turn left and cross the railway yet again. Turn right down **Restricted Byway 30** and follow this to Swanton Road. Cross the road on to **Restricted Byway 31** and follow this into a small piece of woodland.



4 At the end, turn right and follow the path along the edge of the woodland. Where the woodland ends, stay on the path as it bends slightly to the left, then turn right where it meets a wider track: this is **Footpath 29**.

Follow this path to the road and turn left to cross the railway for the last time - this time using the level crossing. Continue to the cross roads, crossing ahead into Theatre Street, then follow this back to the Market Place.





KEY

direction points	1
road	==
path or track	—
short route	- - -
care needed	!
woodland	



© Crown copyright (2023)
OS 100043216