



walk 9: Thuxton to Dereham via Clint Green - 7¼ miles, allow 3¼ hours



Before starting this walk, please read the general leaflet

This walk starts from Dereham Railway Station, catching a service on the **Mid-Norfolk Railway** to Thuxton. Note that the station car park is locked shortly after the last train of the day arrives in Dereham.

This route can be more challenging than the others in the pack. When surveyed (September 2017), two of the cross field paths were not well established. There were also 4 *stiles that amounted to little more than a section of fence to climb over. All of these issues have been reported and will be pursued until corrected. For updates, check our website.

- 1** Get off the train at Thuxton. Leave the station and turn left along the road: **! take care along this road.** Continue past a drive to T H Caldicott at High House Farm on your left (also a public footpath), until just round a right hand bend in the road, turn left onto **Garvestone Footpath 5**. **This footpath should run across the field, parallel to the**

left hand hedge; if it has not been cleared, use the left hand field edge. In about 250 yards you will reach a corner, where you meet a hedge line on the right: go slightly to the right to join the field edge, with the hedge on your left. Follow the field edge as it runs downhill and bends left then right, then go through a gap in the hedge to join a green lane with a barn visible to the left. Follow this track down to the road, going round the right hand side of the gate. Turn left along the road for about 200 yards, to cross the ford.



- 2** Turn sharp right on to the bridge over the stream, then cross the field on **Garvestone Footpath 4**. Cross the road and climb the *stile on to **Garvestone Footpath 3**. Continue across the field and over the track to climb another *stile and join **Garvestone Footpath 2**. Cross the *stile then keep to the left to cross a plank bridge and climb a fourth *stile to reach the road. Turn left along the road, and in 150 yards, turn right across a bridge

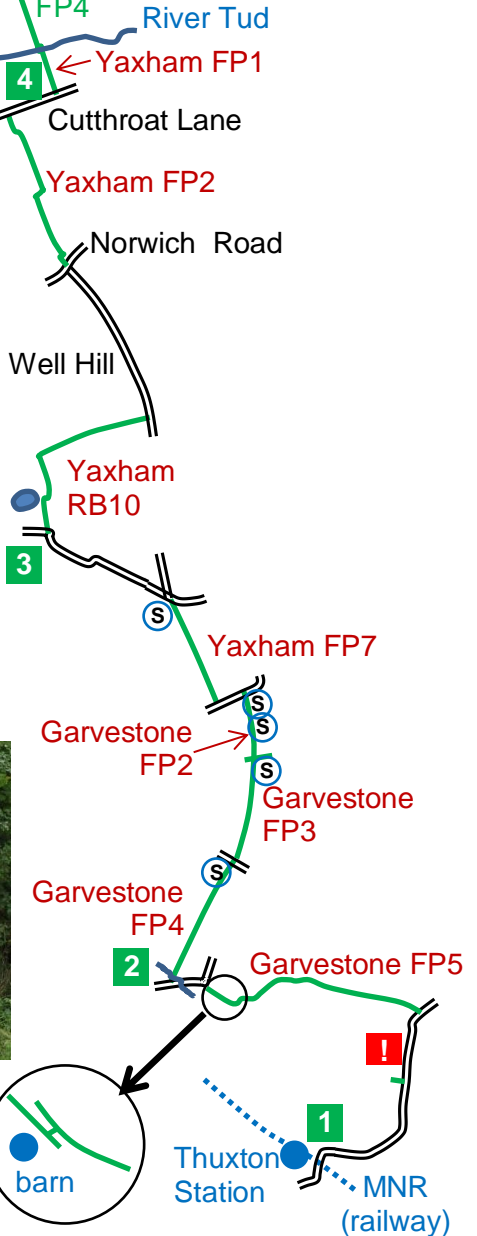
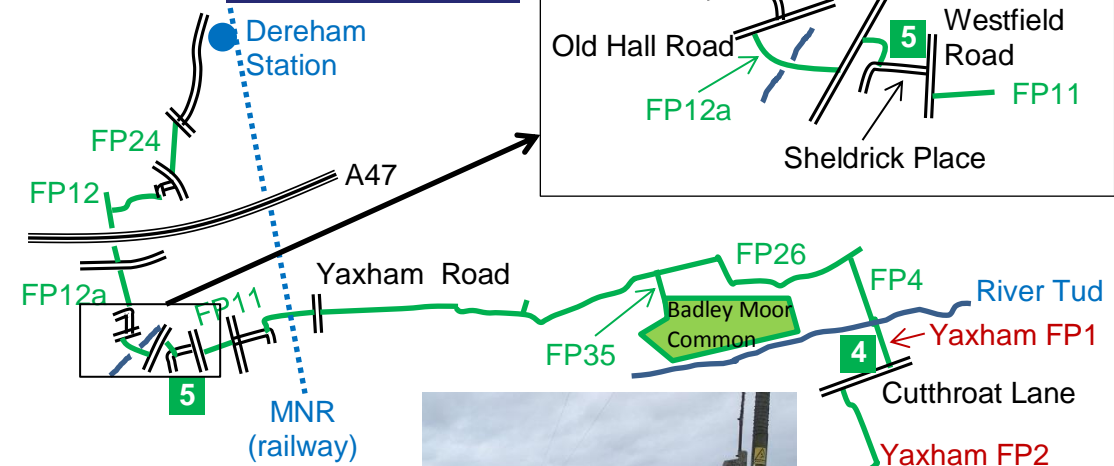
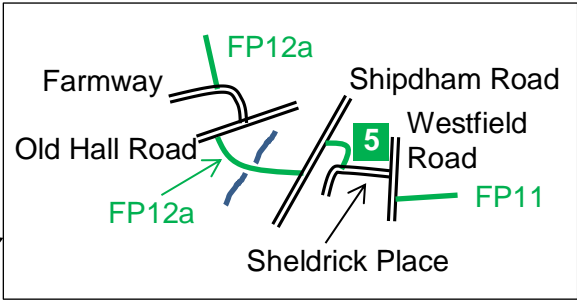
on to **Yaxham Footpath 7**. Cross the field and leave by a final stile. At the road, turn left for about ¼ mile.

- 3** Where the road turns a right angle to the left, go ahead on Mouse's Lane (**Yaxham Restricted Byway 10**). This crosses the field, passing a small pond on the left, and then turns right first along a field edge and later with hedges on both sides. At the road, turn left and walk down to Clint Green. Cross Norwich Road and go ahead along **Yaxham Footpath 2**. This path turns right then left by the school, then crosses the field - not in a straight line but the course is always clear. At the end it emerges on to Cutthroat Lane: turn right and follow it for 200 yards.



- 4** Turn left to cross the field on **Yaxham Footpath 1**. Cross the River Tud on Mouse's Bridge to enter Dereham, where the path becomes **Footpath 4**. Follow the path to turn left onto **Footpath 26**, a broad track which runs all the way through to Dumpling Green *passing the turning down Footpath 35 to Badley Moor Common on the way*. At Yaxham Road, cross to **Footpath 11** which runs to the left of the thatched house (the former **Jolly Farmers** pub). Cross the **Mid-Norfolk Railway** and go up Charles Wood Road. At the top cross Rash's Green, and go over the small bridge and on to reach Westfield Road. Turn right and first left into Sheldrick Place.

- 5** As Sheldrick Place bends round to the left, take the path on the right, to come out on to Shipdham Road. Cross the road, turning left, then right between numbers 35 and 37 Shipdham Road on **Footpath 12a**. Cross the culverted stream, then bear right between the houses, to Old Hall Road. Turn right then left up Farmway; immediately after it bends to the left, turn right up the footpath (still Footpath 12a). This continues to cross Middlemarch Road, where it also becomes part of Route 13 of the National Cycle Network. A little further on, it goes beneath the A47, to emerge as **Footpath 12**, passing the Town Council's new play area. After about 70 yards, turn right to follow the path through an open grass area. Join the estate road, turning left then right to emerge on to South Green. Turn left then right up Safari Way - **Footpath 24**. At the top, cross the road into Station Road to reach the railway station on the right hand side.



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