

## Willoughton / Hemswell Maypole Walk

3.5 Miles

START: Willoughton Village bus shelter. Please park carefully in the roads around the main square.

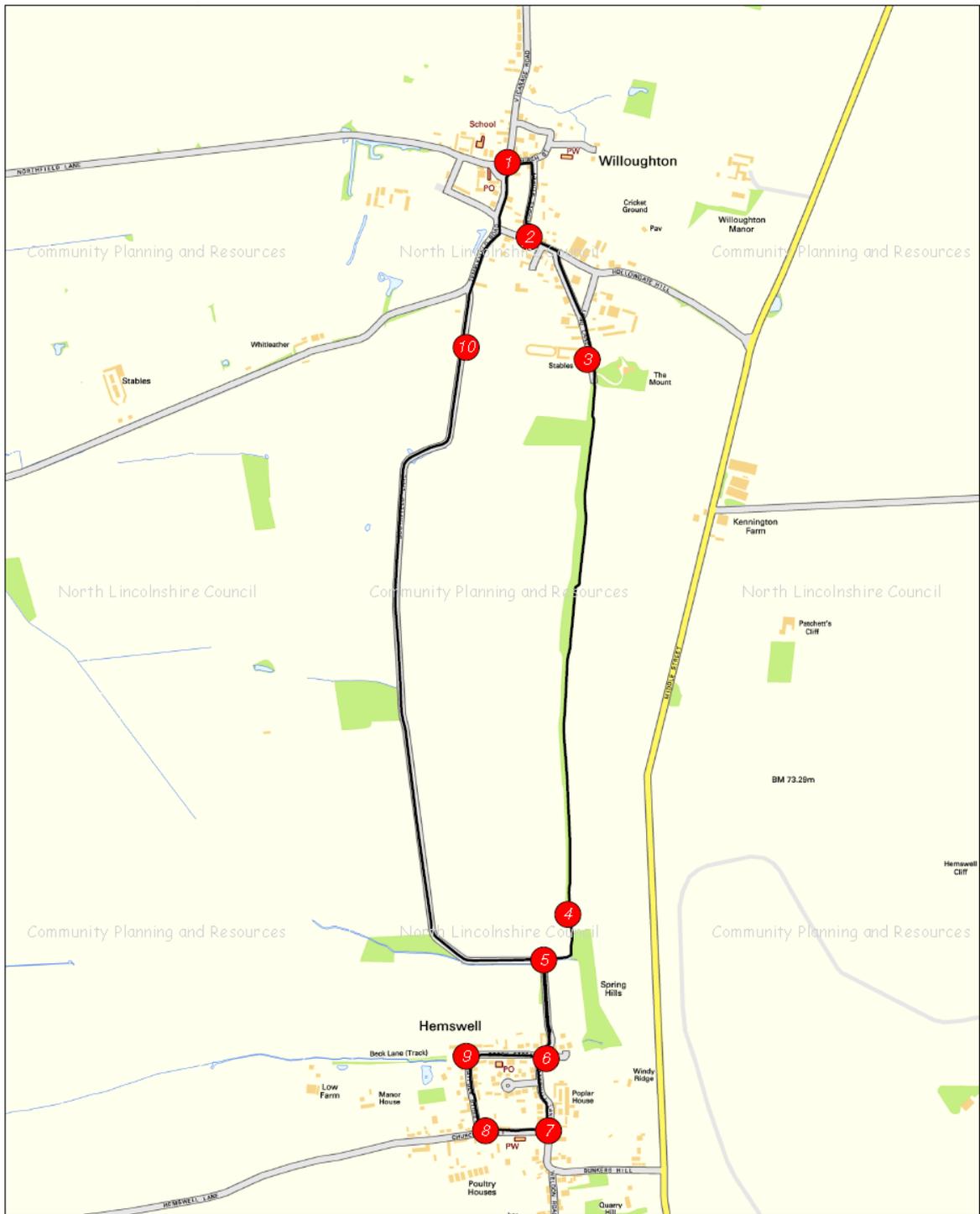
### THE WALK:

1. Leave the bus shelter, heading along Church Street towards St. Andrew's Church, but take the first right into and along Middle Street.
2. At the road junction turn left, shortly cross the road, turning right into and along the Long Lane.
3. Passing the racing stables on the right, at the end of the tarmac lane follow the public footpath sign into and through a belt of trees for over a mile.
4. At the end of the tree belt, a gate leads into a paddock, cross and through another gate, bearing diagonally right to a gate at a lane corner.
5. Once in the lane, bear left towards Hemswell, on reaching houses, bear right to a road corner (junction of Dawnhill Lane & Brook Street).
6. Turn left along Dawnhill Lane to the end at a road junction.
7. Turn right into Church Street, proceeding to the Maypole at Maypole Street.
8. Turn right into Maypole Street.
9. At the end of Maypole Street, bend right along Brook Street to the junction at Dawnhill Lane, retracing your steps to Point 5. Turn left onto the lane/track known as Southfield Lane. Follow this to its junction with Corringham Road at Willoughton.
10. At the road junction go straight on along Templefield Road, past the Stirrup Inn back to the start.

TERRAIN: The area of the walk is basically flat below a parallel ridge. The footpaths can be muddy in winter especially Southfield Lane. All roads have pavements except the quiet Long Lane and a short stretch of Templefield Road near the Stirrup Inn. Find the public footpath at point 3; the wide track is used as a gallop for racehorses. There may be movement of strings of racehorses on most of the route (not between 1-2, 3-4, 7-8-9-6). Dawnhill Lane, Hemswell has another stable. There are 3 stiles between 4 and 5.

TIME: Allow 1 ½ - 2 hours at a leisurely pace.

MAPS: O.S. Explorer 281 Ancholme Valley.



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