

Witham Valley Access Project



Introduction to descriptions of local walking routes

The Witham Valley Access Project was set up in 2013 by a group of local residents to help improve the network of paths around Cherry Willingham and the neighbouring villages. In conjunction with the Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club, the group members created leaflets describing local walks and handed them out at various events in 2014 and 2015.

At the time we did not have access, via Cherry Fields, to the River Witham and the Viking Way. This now gives local residents two new, easy, circular routes so we have added leaflets for these walks. All the other routes have also been checked during the Spring of 2021 and the leaflets amended where necessary.

The leaflets are aimed at people who may have taken up walking recently or who are new to the area. It is hoped that they will give you an idea of the various footpaths around the three local villages, some of which you may not have used before. Once you have tried these routes and are familiar with the various footpaths, it will enable you to create your own routes to go further afield. They are all well signed, either by finger posts or by yellow arrows on posts, so keep an eye out for these to guide you.

All routes start and finish at The Parade in Cherry Willingham, as it is central and known by everyone. However, you can start and finish elsewhere if your home is along the route.

The official Ordnance Survey Explorer map for Lincoln is good to have handy. It is Sheet 272 and maps now include access to the digital app for your phone.

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If you would just like an A4 print of the area you intend to walk, try Bing Maps, and change the filter in the top right to Ordnance Survey. This can then be adjusted to the area you want ready for printing. Switching to aerial view also gives a better idea of what the area around footpaths looks like before you go.

We hope these routes give you a basis on which to explore the area even more.

If you would like to be kept in touch with what the Witham Valley Access Project are doing and have the chance to add your voice and suggest improvements to the local network of footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths, please email our secretary, Helen: withamvap@gmail.com.