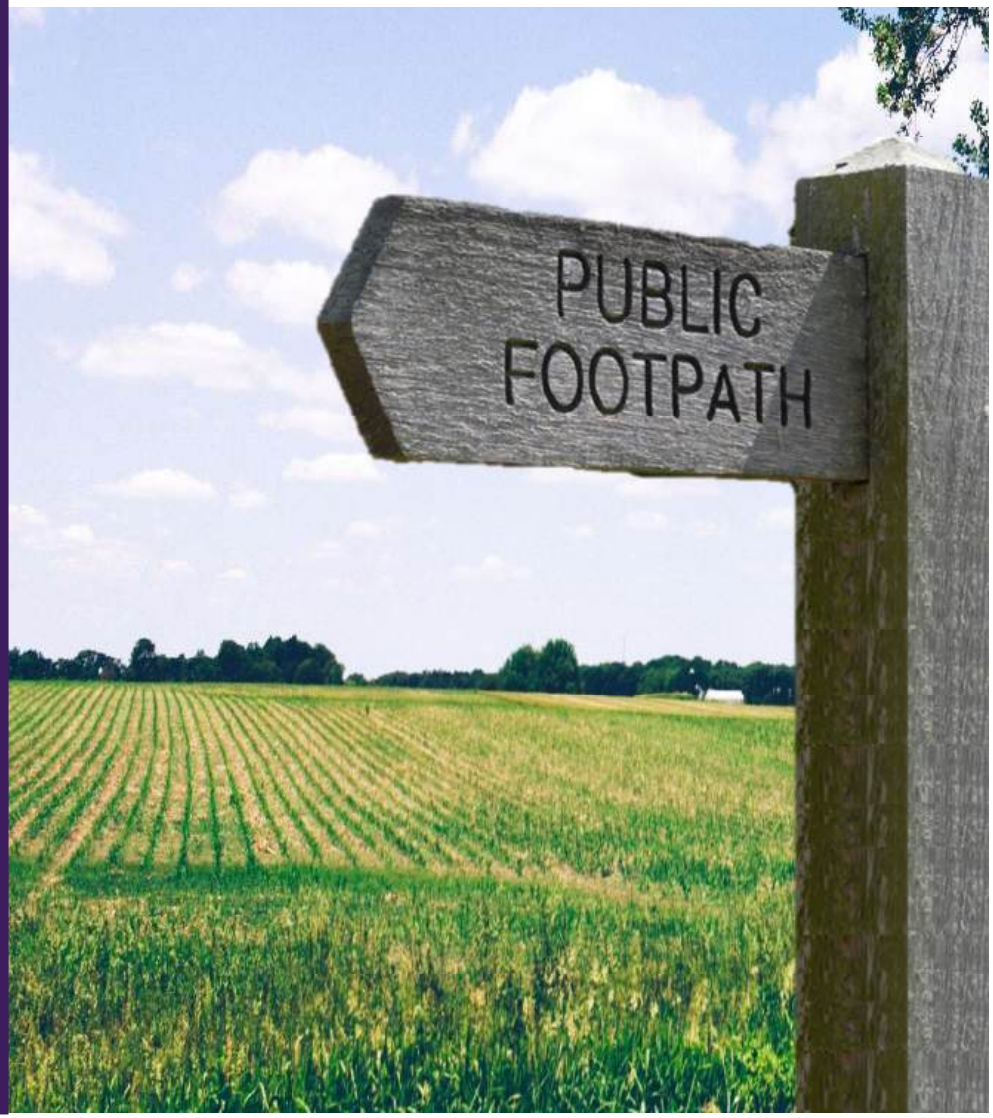
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Welcome to Stoke Ferry



Stoke Ferry is a characterful little village in West Norfolk, several miles south of Kings Lynn. The small village has a reputable civil parish and a rich history behind its architecture. Nowadays it's a popular destination for visitors and residents for its walking trails which capture the beautiful scenery and wildlife en route.

The village of Stoke Ferry lies alongside the River Wissey, benefitting from the charming local wildlife of both Breckland and Fenland, with the surrounding area mainly farmland dotted throughout with small woods. This countryside setting provides a peaceful environment for walking and observing both the wildlife and its many historic buildings.

Stoke Ferry has prospered from development over the years: from the beginnings of its civil parish and from the time of its now departed railway the village exudes character. Scattered throughout the village are buildings dating from the 16th to the 19th centuries – The 16th Crown House to the Tower Mill of 1870. Much of the architecture in Stoke Ferry has a story.

Did you know?

Stoke Ferry is referenced as *'Stoches'* in the Domesday book.

In this guide the many different walks surrounding Stoke Ferry are mapped so that you will know where each begins and ends, and how long each one is.

***Please be advised that a lot of the pathways referred to in this guide can become very muddy in the winter months. Boots are recommended!**

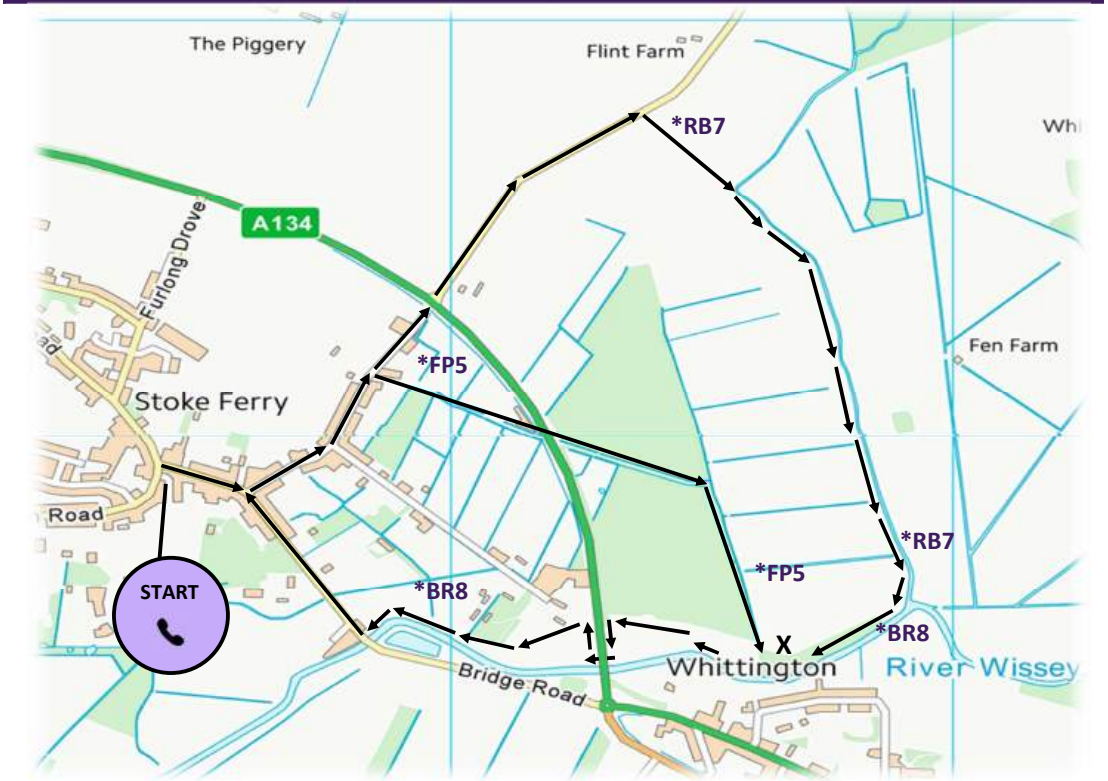
Route One

Spiral Shortcut

Route Description

1. Start your walk at the War Memorial (Phone Box) and walk East down the High Street to the Corner Shop. Turn Left into Oxborough Road.
2. Head North along Oxborough Road, passing Greatman's Way and Littleman's Way on your right. (Should you choose to shorten your route, follow the plan at step 8 below going South East down Littleman's Way.)
3. Upon reaching the A134 bypass. Cross over the main road taking great care. Continue North along Oxborough Road.
4. Walk approx. 10 minutes until you reach a field track on your right. This is marked with a finger post showing the start of RB7, where there are two telegraph poles either side of the road. Walk along the track, going through the large gate keeping left through the field. This is now Stringside Drove.
5. Continue walking along Stringside Drove until it meets the River Wissey bearing right to BR8 on the North Bank of the river. Continue walking along, passing FP5 at **(Point 'X')** you will pass through a small gate as the path begins to move slightly inland until you reach the A134 by-pass. **Do not cross** the main road but turn South and follow the path down to the bridge passing under the road and bearing right along the path for approximately 55 meters.
6. Turn left through the small gate and walk along the river bank past the narrow boats, through several gates until you come to Bridge Road. You will see the WWII Spigot Mortar Mount on the path to your right.
7. Turn Right walking up Bridge Road to the corner shop.
8. **Shortcut -** Turn right down Littleman's Way. Cross over the A134 by-pass, taking great care, and continue South Eastwards along the track until you reach a gate. Once in the field turn right and follow the boundary line until you reach BR8 (follow **Point X** onwards).

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Distance:

3.6 Miles

Approx. Duration:

1 Hour 30 Minutes

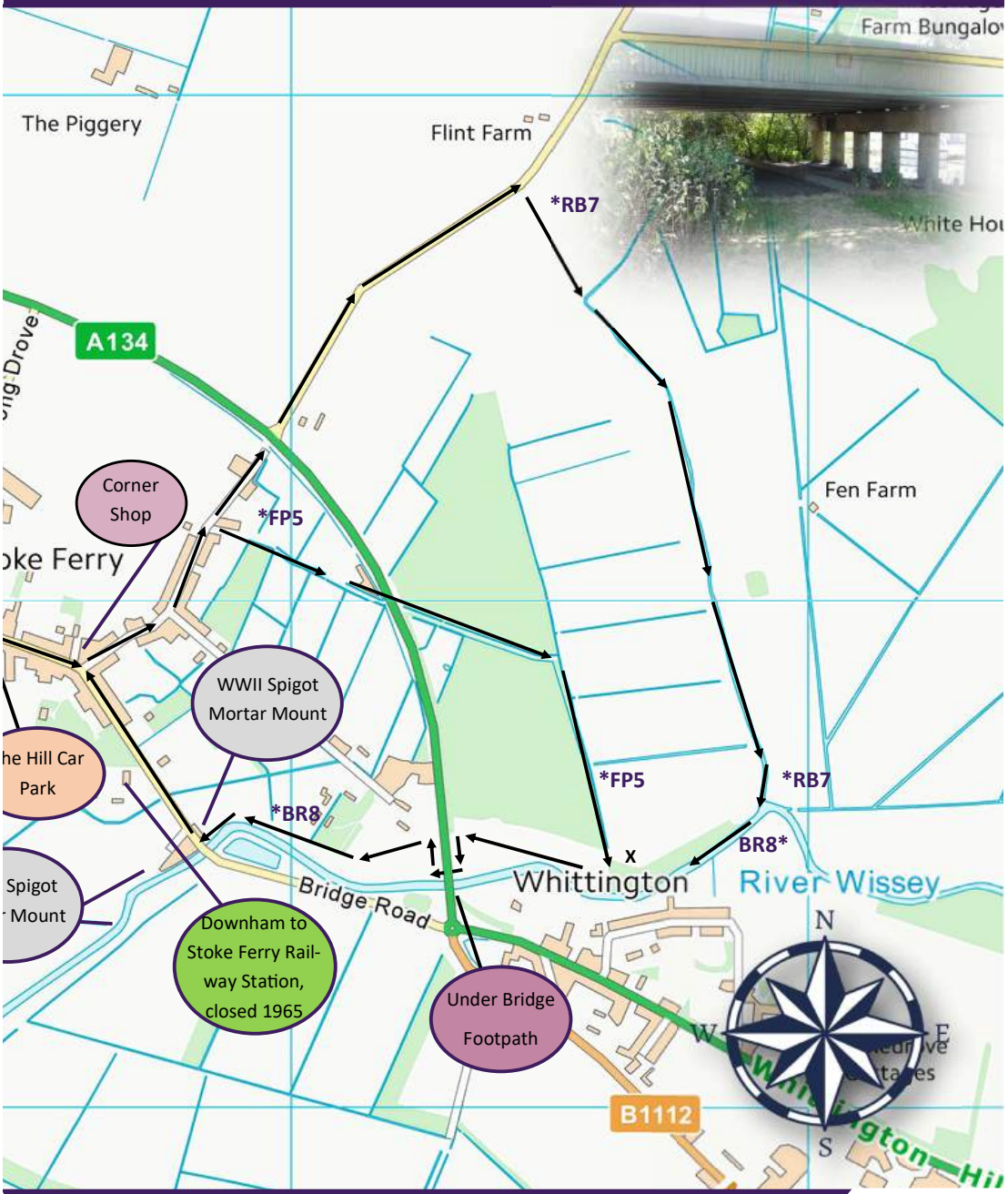
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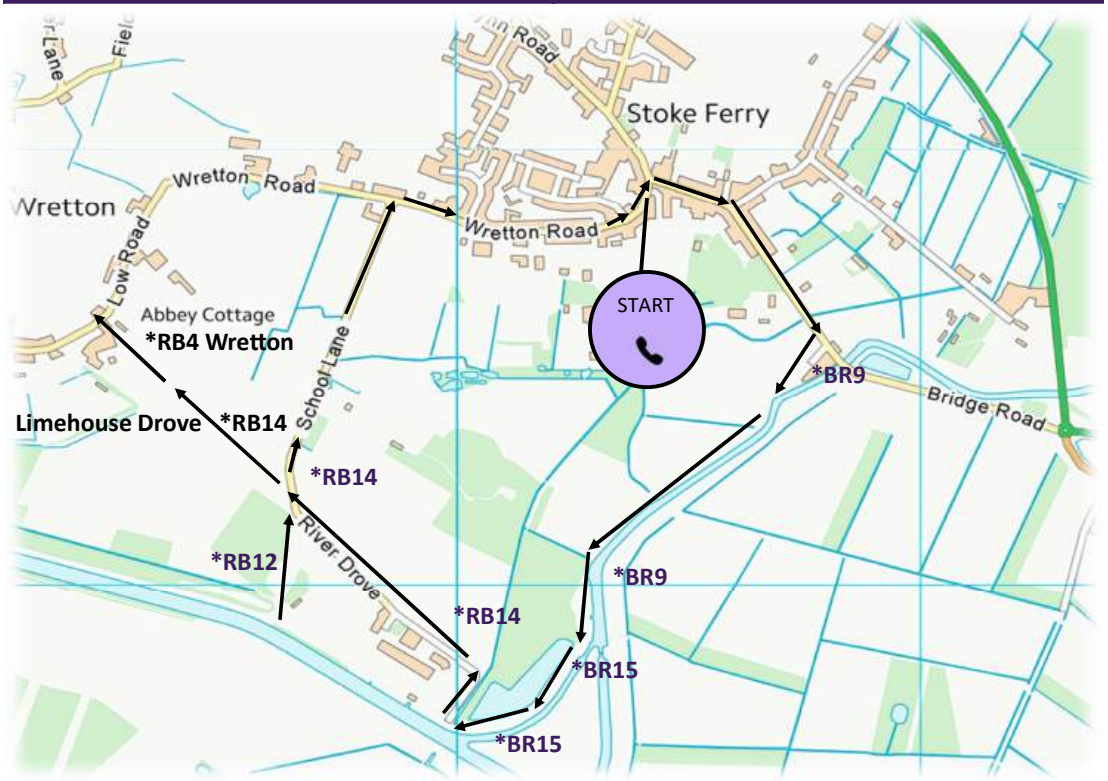
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Route Two

Back to School Lane

Route Description

1. Start your walk by the War Memorial (Phone Box) and walk East down the High Street to the Corner Shop. Continue South down Bridge Road until you reach The Moorings on your right just before the bridge over the river Wissey.
2. Cross the road to the sign post marked "Public Bridleway BR9", walk along the grass verge, keeping the trees to your left and the fence to your right.
3. Follow the path as it bears to the right. Just before you reach the small gate, you will see a WWII Spigot Mortar Mount on your right and as you pass through the small gate and look left you will see another. **Please take care as livestock may be present. Dogs should be on a short lead.**
4. Continue walking along the path for 10 minutes and you will pass The Pumping Station (red bricked building) on your left followed by the Sluice Gates.
5. Keep right, follow BR15 and continue walking along the track. This is a great place for observing wildlife, most especially birds of all kinds. You will see the cut-off channel in front of you but follow the track around to your right.
6. This is now RB14 and you will see the Water Treatment Works to your left. The track is the start of River Drove, bending to the left around the pumping station and continuing to School Lane. (Alternatively RB14 leads in to Wretton RB4 which arrives at Low Road. Turn right following Low Road, then Wretton Road, back into Stoke Ferry).
7. At the cross roads turn right along school Lane to the junction at Wretton Road. Turn right and follow the road past the school and back to your



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Distance:

2.4 Miles

Approx. Duration:

1 Hour

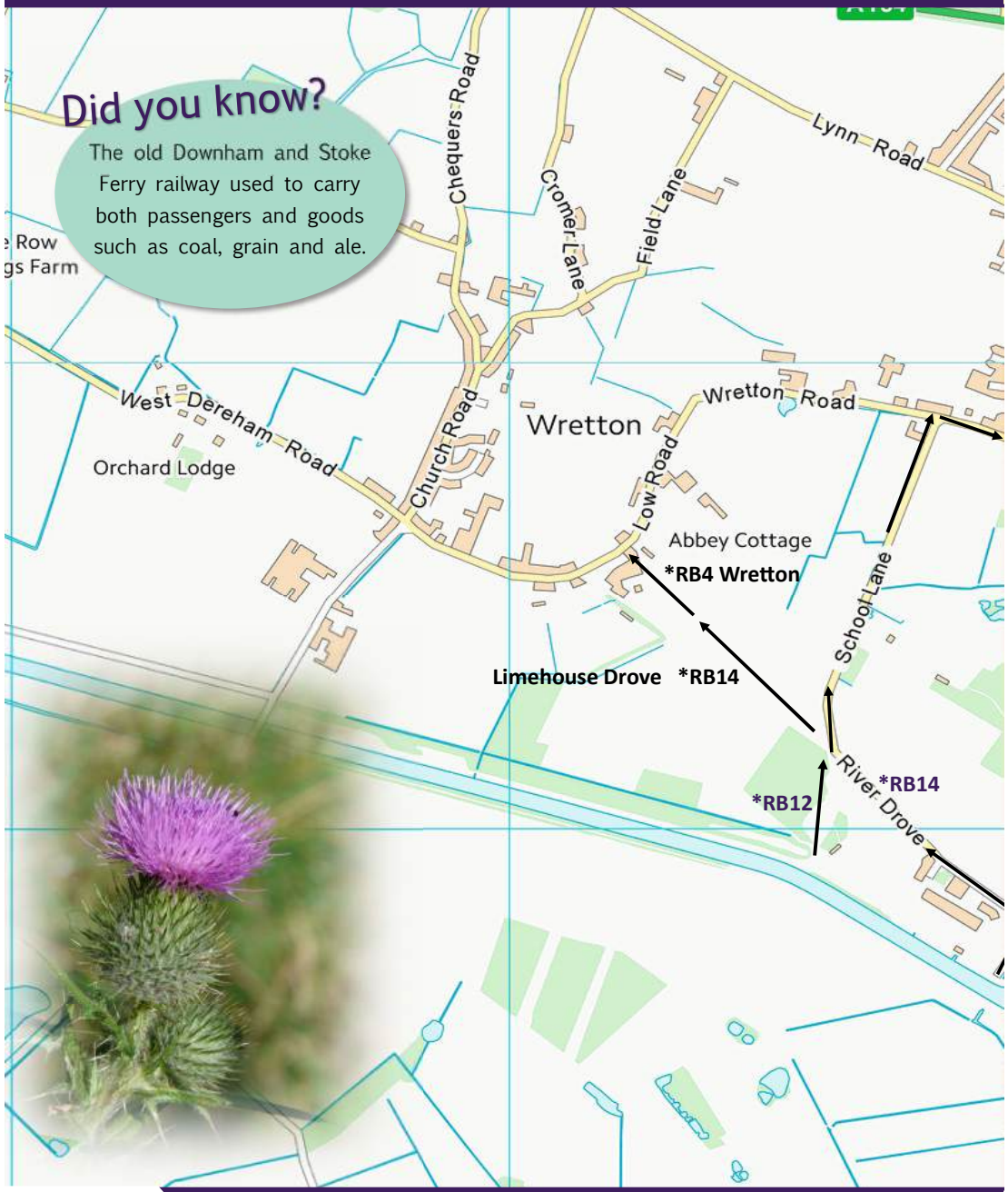
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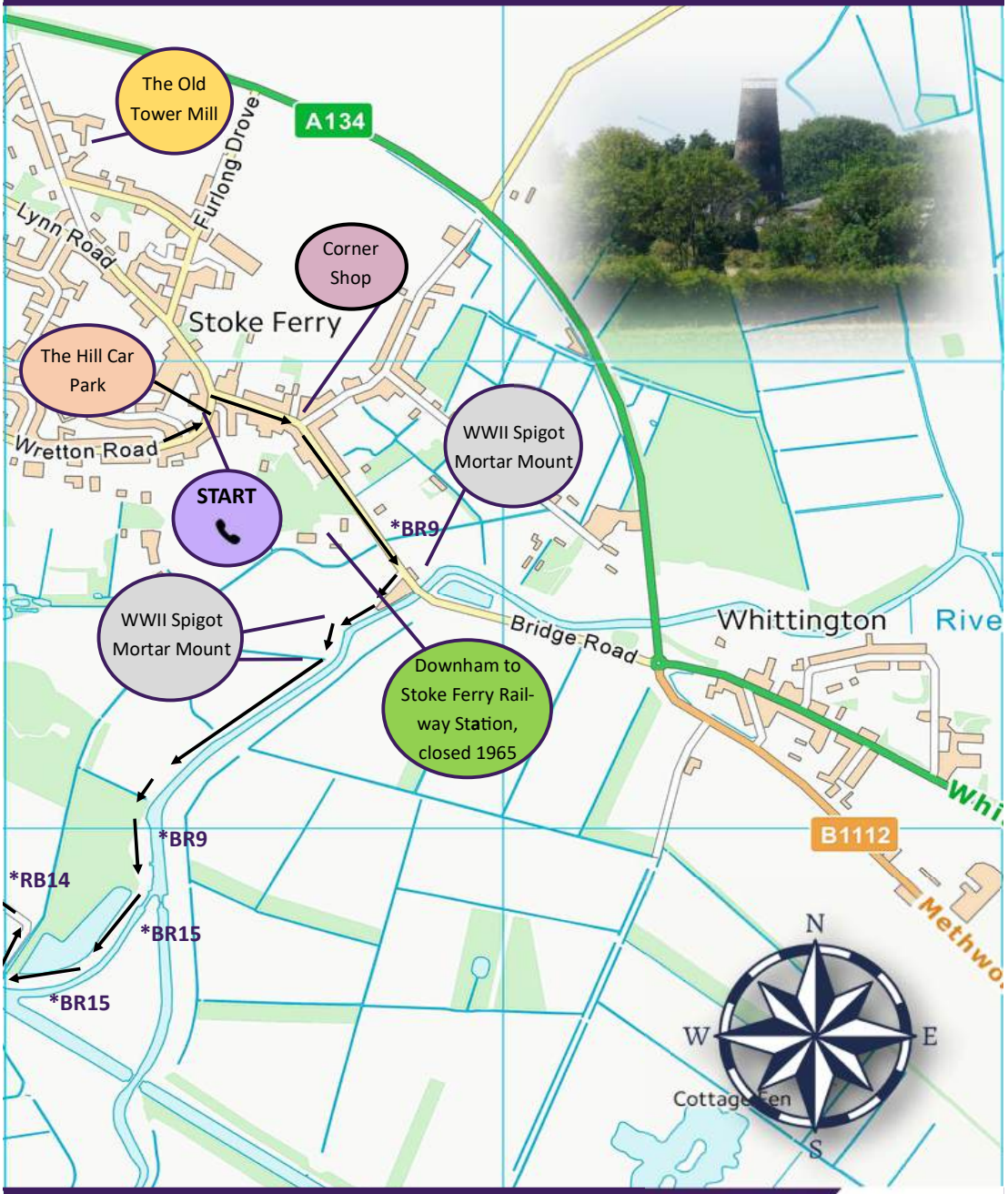
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Did you know?

The old Downham and Stoke Ferry railway used to carry both passengers and goods such as coal, grain and ale.



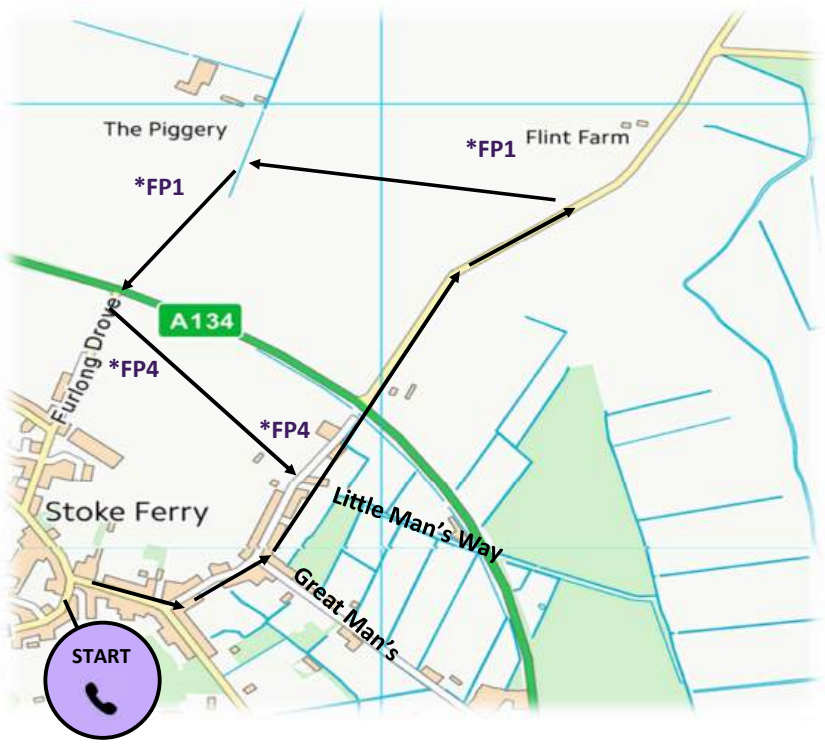


Route Three

Romer Farm Track

Route Description

1. Start your walk by the War Memorial (Phone Box) and walk East down the High Street to the Corner Shop. Turn Left into Oxborough Road.
2. Head North along Oxborough Road, passing Greatman's Way and Littleman's Way on your right.
3. Upon reaching the A134 bypass cross over the main road taking great care. Continue North along Oxborough Road.
4. Walk approx. 10 minutes until you reach an opening in the hedge to your left (opposite RB7 to your right). Walk through the opening aiming for the farmhouse behind conifers, across the field, as there is no defined track.
5. Upon reaching the farmhouse track turn left and head for the A134 by-pass. Cross over the by-pass taking great care.
6. FP4 starts at the bottom of Furlong Drove on your left. Walk directly across the field. If the path is difficult to see, aim for the white farmhouse. You will walk along the track to the left of the white house reaching Oxborough Road.
7. Turn right and follow the road back into Stoke Ferry, turning right at the Corner Shop.



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Distance:

2.9 Miles

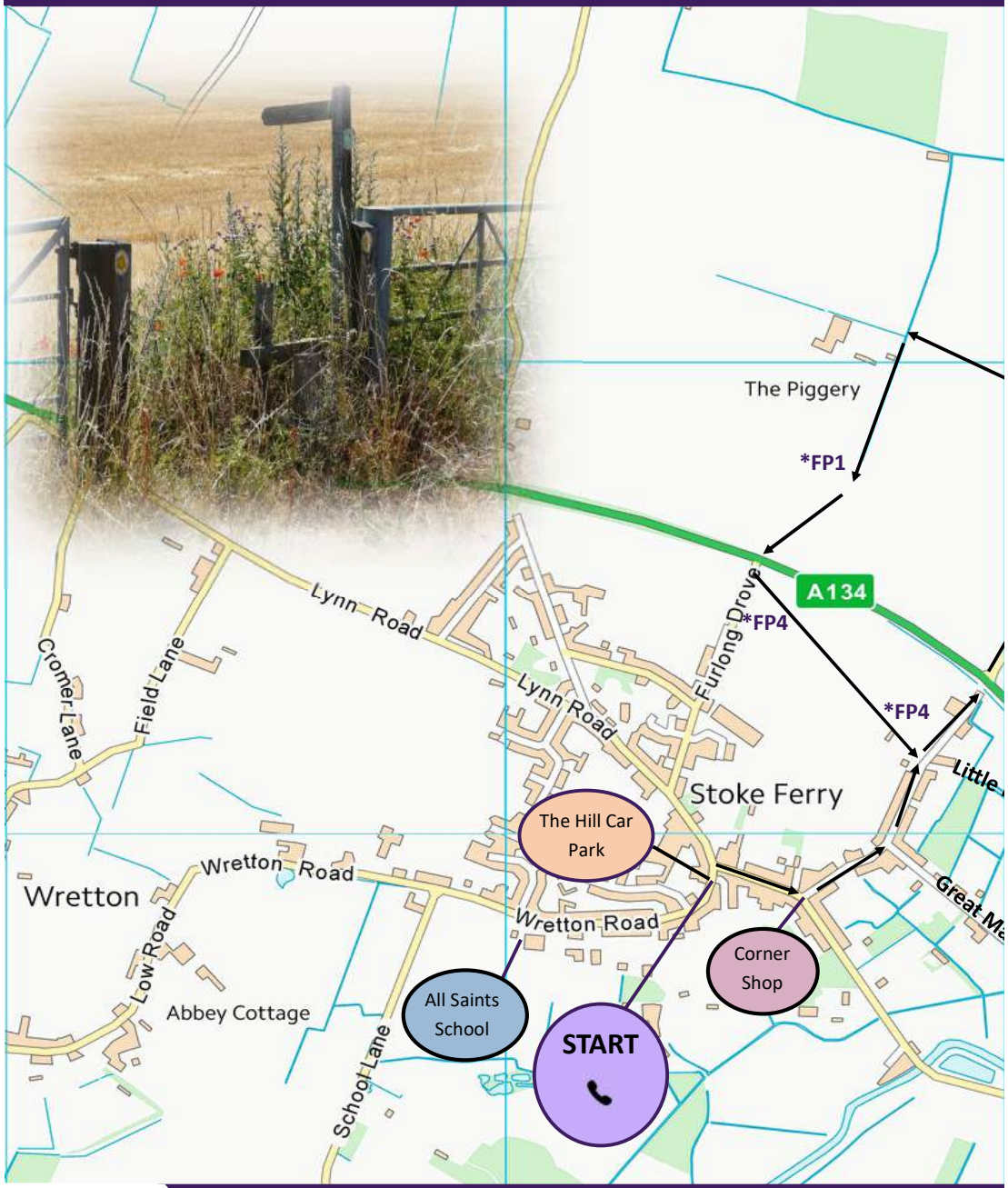
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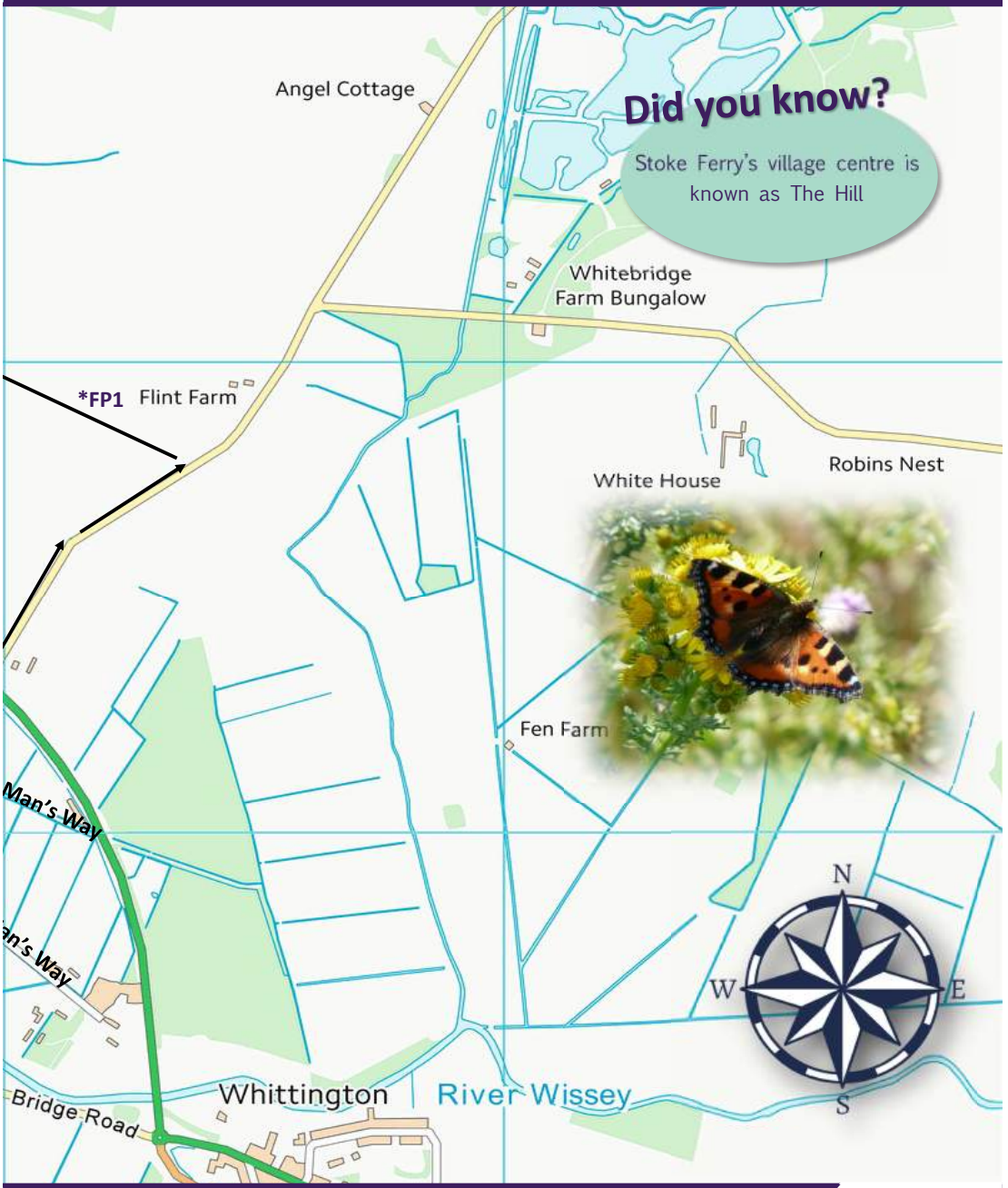
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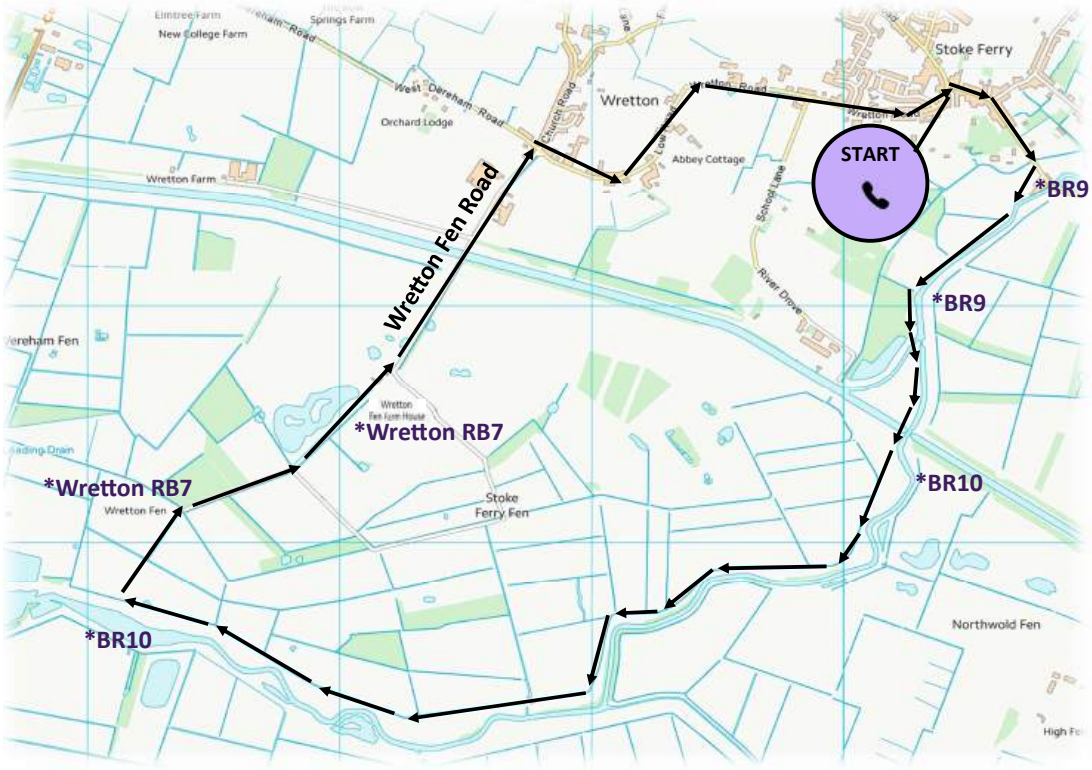


Route Four

Wissey Riverbank Walk

Route Description

1. Start your walk by the War Memorial (Phone Box) and walk East down the High Street to the Corner Shop. Continue South down Bridge Road until you reach The Moorings on your right (just before the bridge over the river Wissey).
2. Cross the road to the sign post marked "Public Bridleway BR9", walk along the grass verge, keeping the trees to your left and the fence to your right.
3. Follow the path as it bears to the right. Just before you reach the small gate, you will see a WWII Spigot Mortar Mount on your right and as you pass through the small gate and look left you will see another. **Please take care as livestock may be present. Dogs should be on a short lead.**
4. Walk along the path (passing through a large gate) for 10 minutes. You will pass The Pumping Station (small red bricked building) on your left followed by two Sluice Gates.
5. Walk behind the Sluice Gates crossing the footbridge (this is the start of BR10) and turn right along the metalled track. This is a great place for observing wildlife, most especially deer, otter and birds of all kinds.
6. Continue walking along the track crossing the bridge over the cut-off Channel with the River Wissey aqueduct on your left. After the bridge follow the track for 100 meters until you should see a raised bank to your left. Turn left onto the bank.
7. Walk along the bank for approx. 2.5 miles. After 1.4 miles you will pass two buildings; the Wretton Fen Pumping Station. Immediately after these buildings, look out for two, steel based, Spigot Mortar Mounts to the right-hand side of the track.
8. Continue along the bank a further 1.1 miles until you reach the partly concealed wooden bridge to your right. Cross the bridge, you are now on Wretton RB7. (**Note:** - if you reach the Wissey Sugar Factory you will have missed the bridge. Walk back a quarter of a mile and you should see it on your left).
9. Walk along Wretton RB7, straight ahead across the fields, (**Tip: -** head North towards middle of the large copse in the distance) the path will become a metalled track,



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Distance:

6.7 Miles

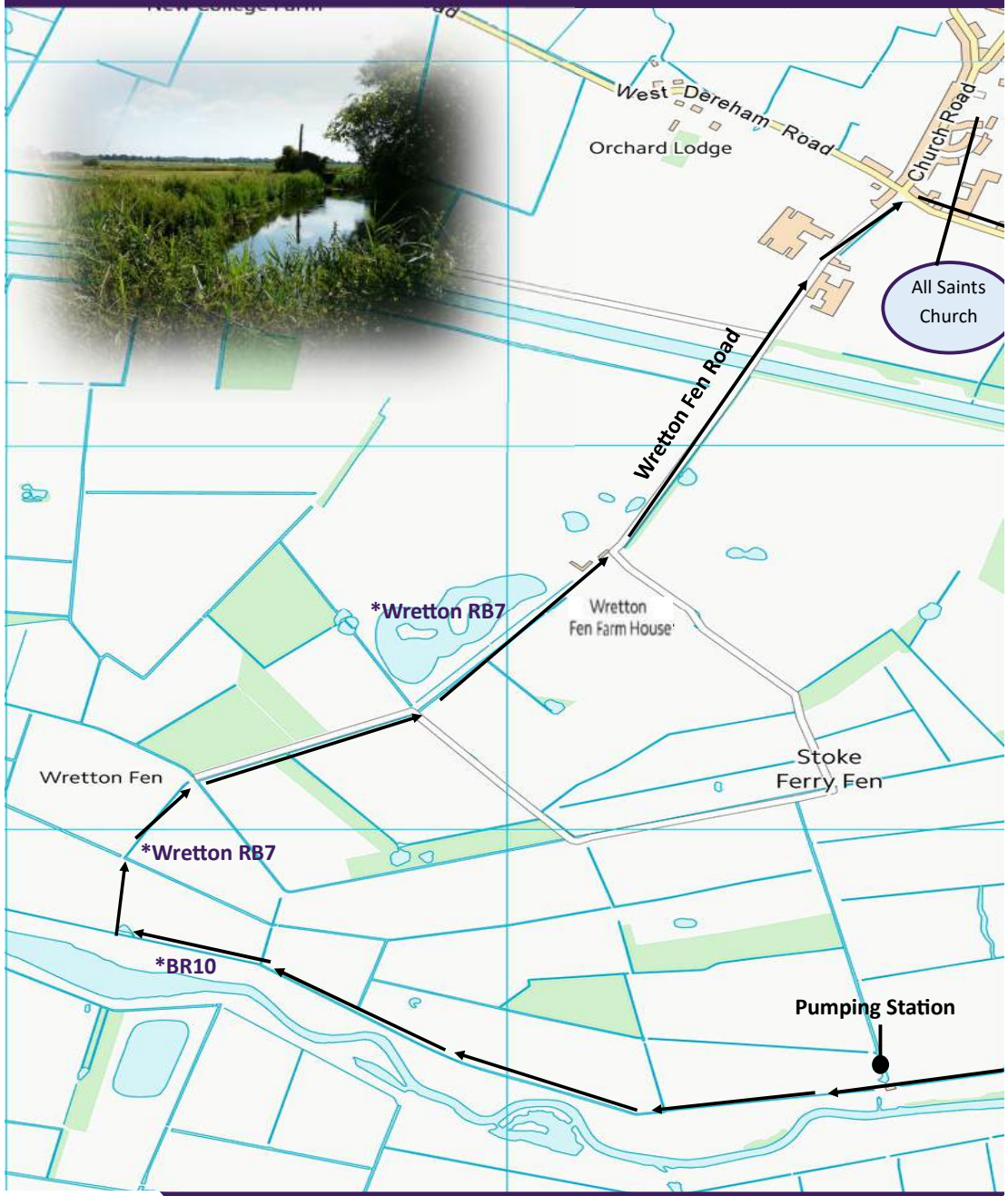
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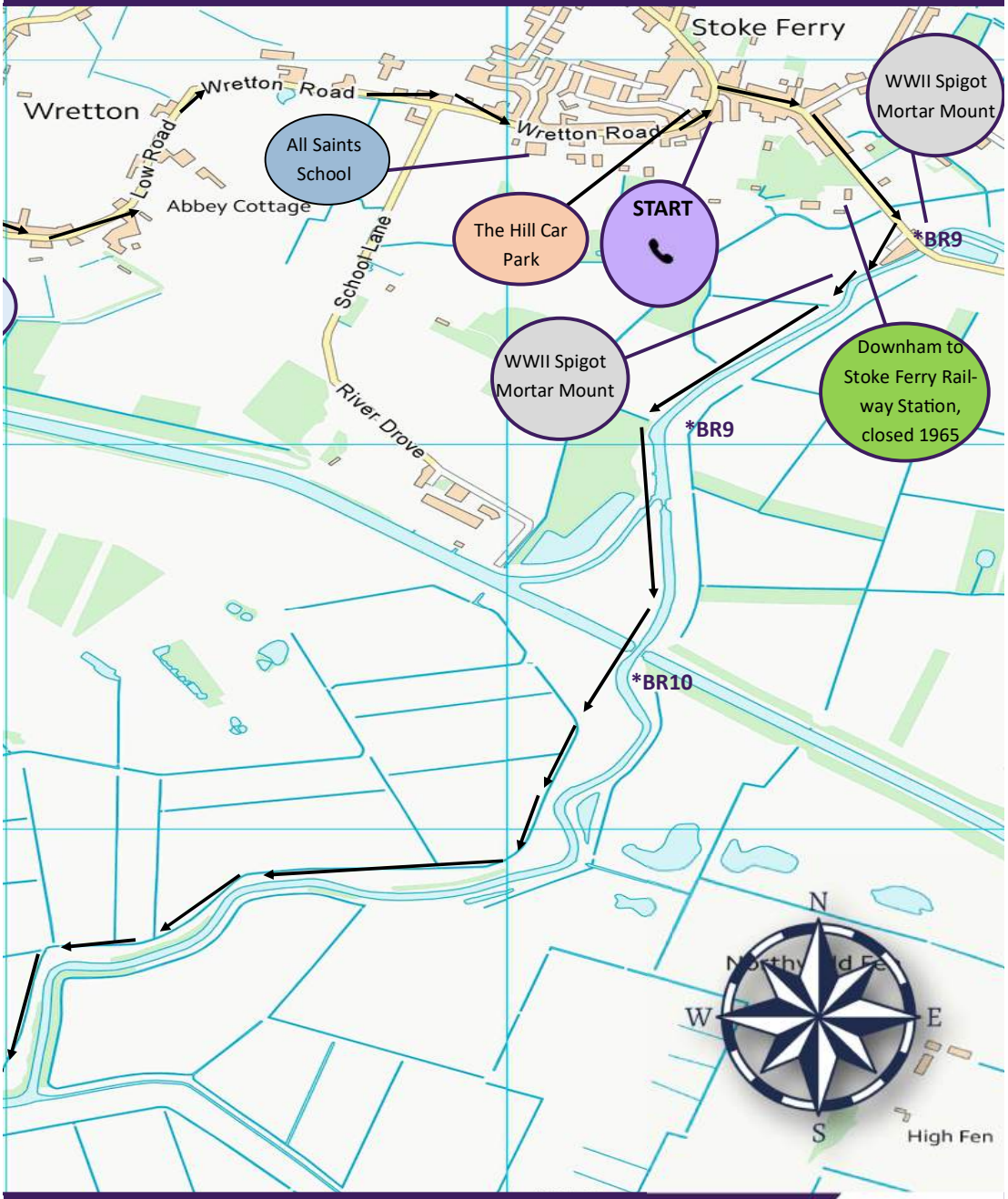
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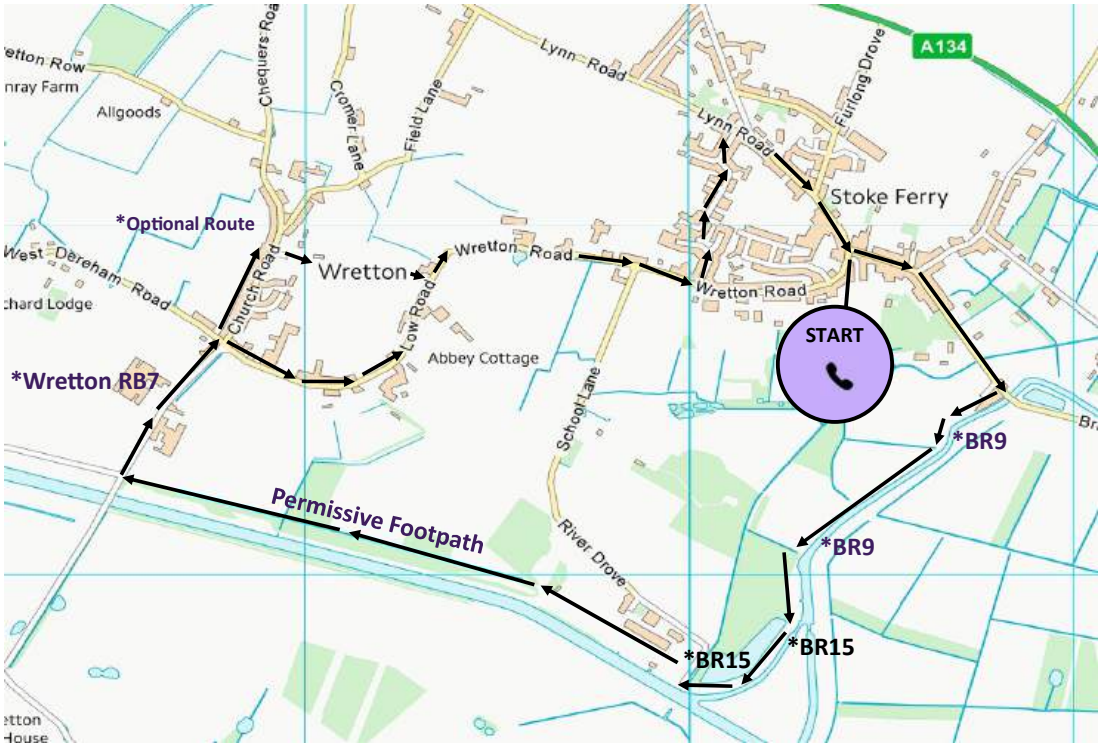


Route Five

Village Trail

Route Description

1. Start your walk by the War Memorial (Phone Box) and walk East down the High Street to the Corner Shop. Continue South down Bridge Road until you reach The Moorings on your right (just before the bridge over the river Wissey).
2. Cross the road to the sign post marked "Public Bridleway BR9", walk along the grass verge, keeping the trees to your left and the fence to your right.
3. Follow the path as it bears to the right. Just before you reach the small gate, you will see a WWII Spigot Mortar Mount on your right and as you pass through the small gate and look left you will see another. **Please take care as livestock may be present. Dogs should be on a short lead.**
4. Continue walking along the path for 10 minutes and you will pass The Pumping Station (small red bricked building) on your left followed by two Sluice Gates.
5. Keep right, following the gravel track marked BR15, along the side of the Relief Channel. This is a great place for observing wildlife, most especially deer and birds of all kinds.
6. Continue walking along the track keeping the Relief Channel to your left. Continue walking along the Permissive Footpath until you reach the Wretton Fen Road bridge and turn right onto Wretton Fen Road.
7. Continue until you reach the junction and turn right onto Low Road. **Should you wish to take a 15 minute detour: -** Go over the Wretton Junction up to the church, follow the path through the churchyard and across the field, go straight on and keep the edge of the field on your left until you meet Low Road, then turn left back en route to Stoke Ferry.
8. Follow Low Road into Wretton Road until you reach the All Saints Academy where you turn left onto Oak Road. As the road bends to the left, you will see a small tarmac path between a grassy area on the right and two bungalows on the left.



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Distance:

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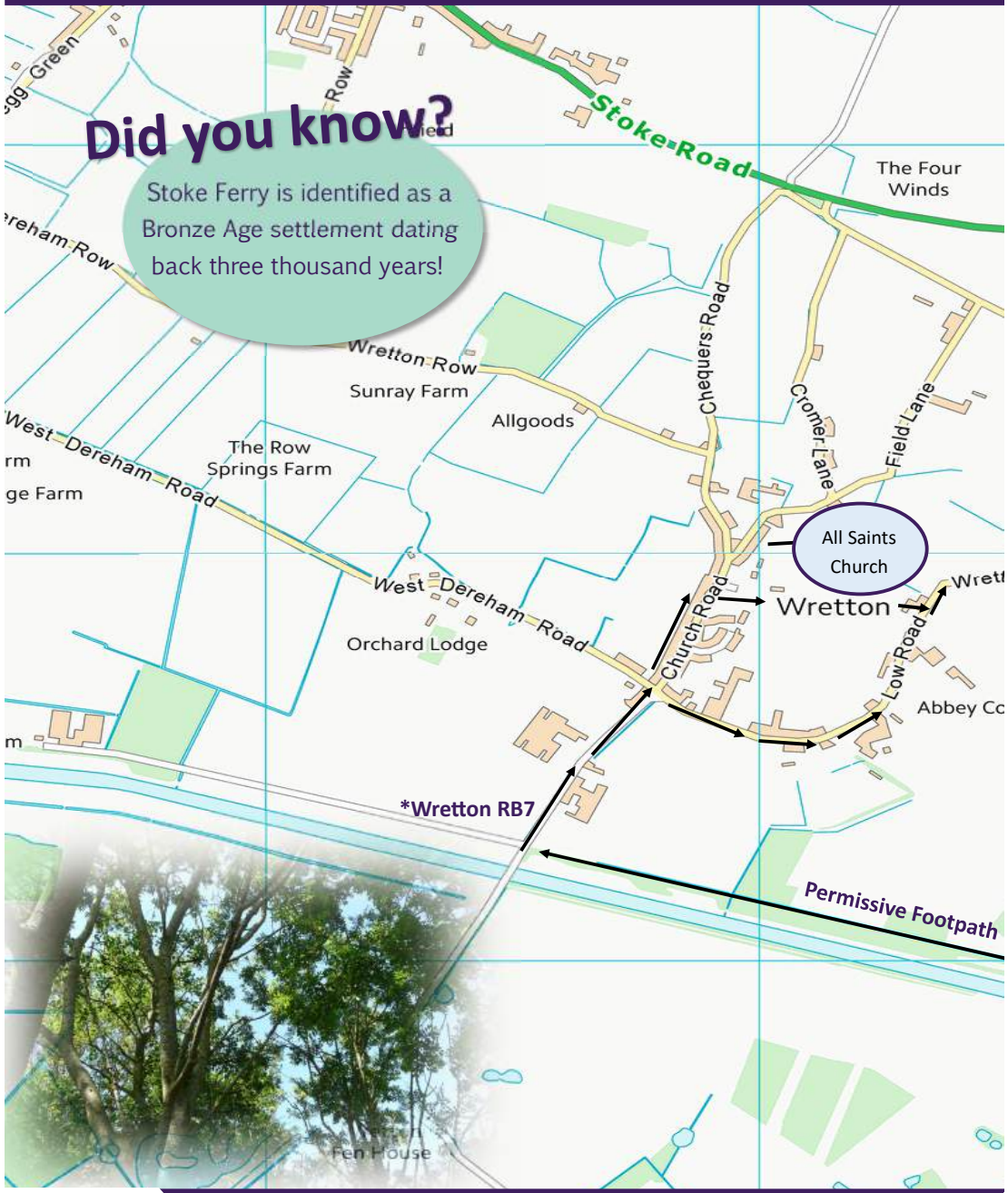
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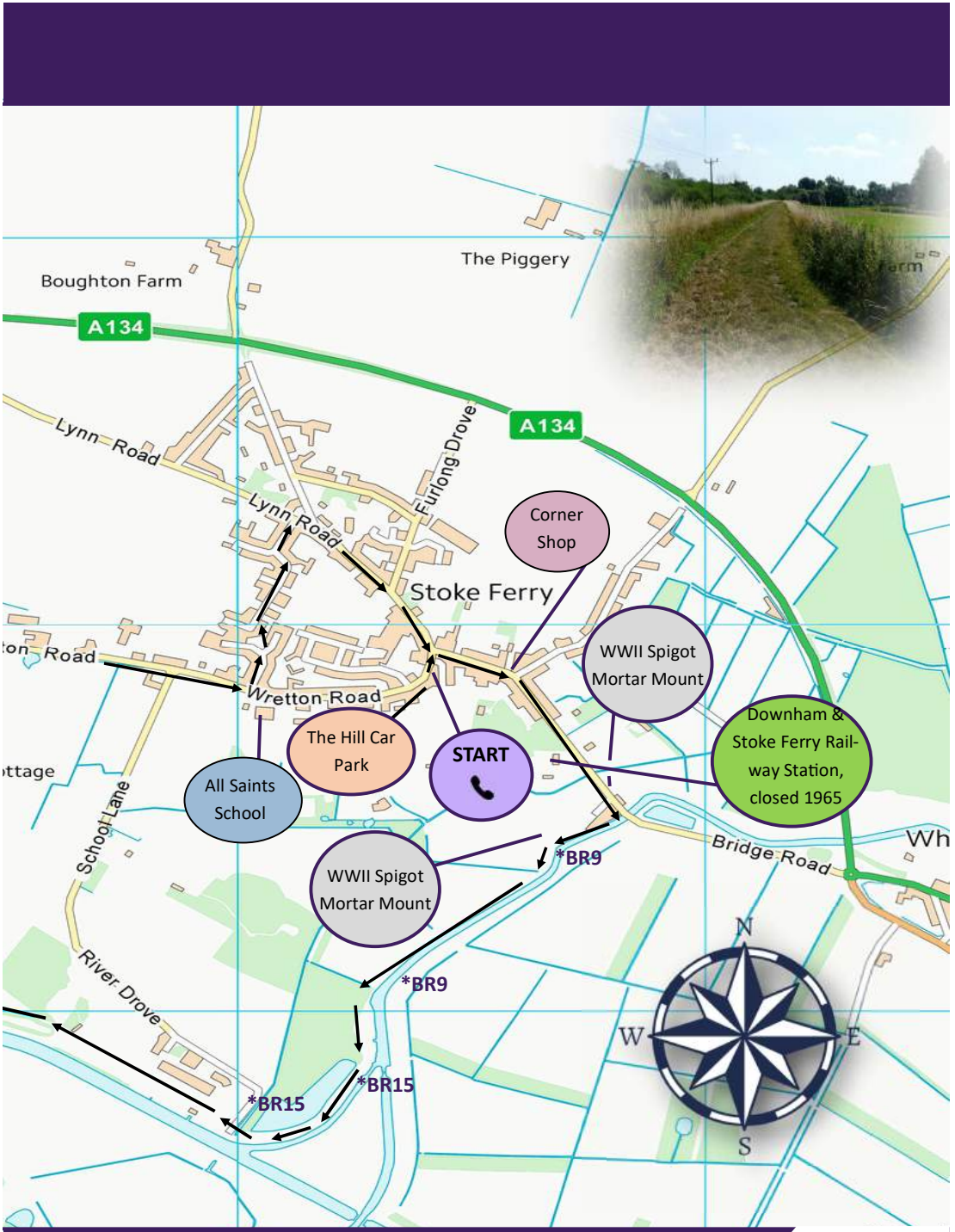
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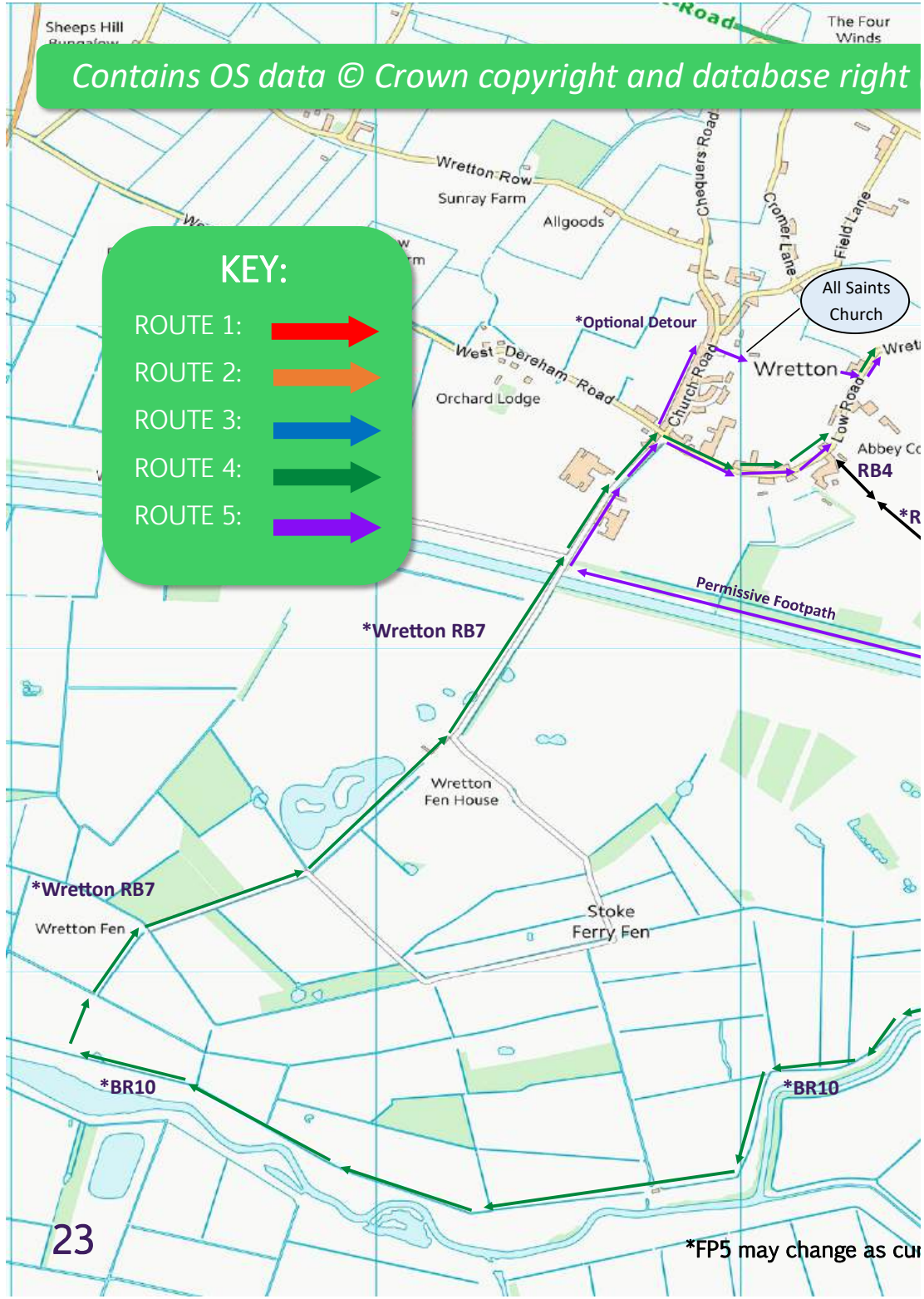
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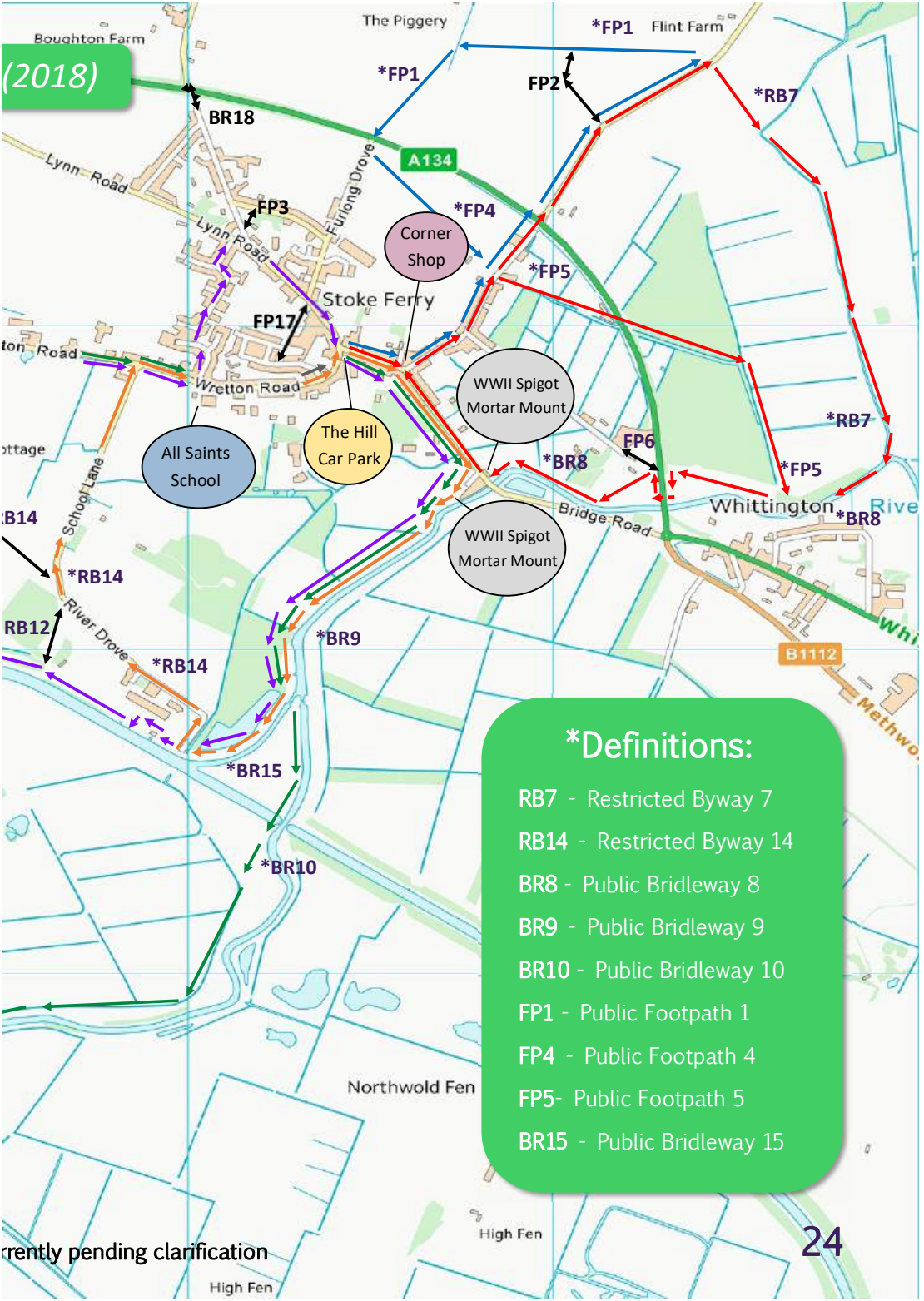
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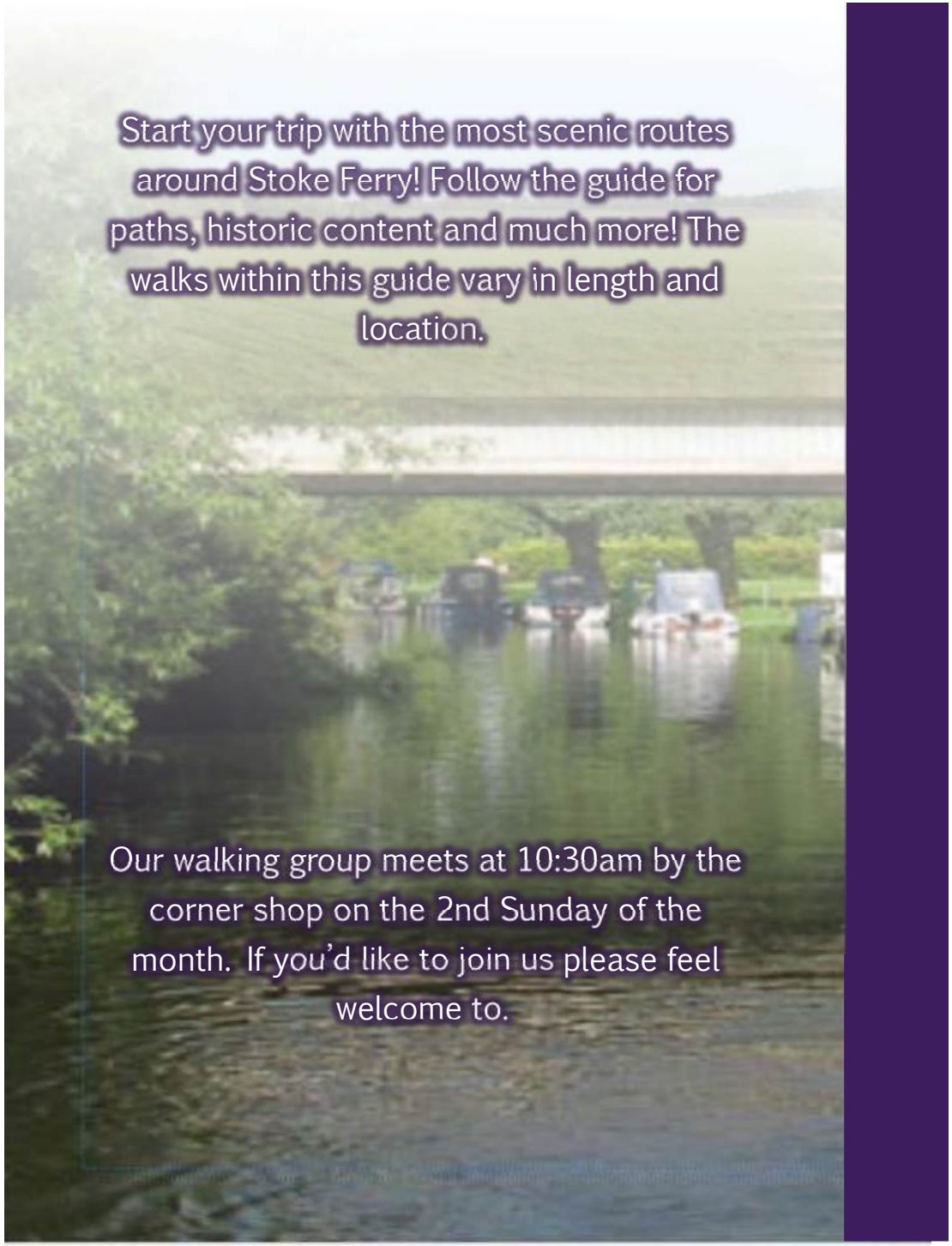
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