

Explore

NORTH HYKEHAM TRAIL

Discover the rich heritage, green spaces and local landmarks that make North Hykeham a wonderful place to live, work and explore.



2 SCENIC ROUTES



HERITAGE & LANDMARKS



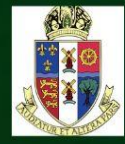
BEAUTIFUL PARKS



EASY TO FOLLOW



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NORTH HYKEHAM
TOWN COUNCIL



A celebration of our community,
our history and our environment.

Introduction

Welcome to the start of the North Hykeham Heritage and Parks Walking Trail.

The aim of this trail is to introduce to the walker some of the heritage of North Hykeham and the parks for which the Town Council have responsibility.

The walk is approx. 4 miles in length with an expected time to complete of approx. 2 hours – depending on stops along the way. The walk is mainly on paved areas but there are some grassed pathways through the parks that can be avoided if the surface is unsuitable.

Please Note:- There are no public toilets on this walk.

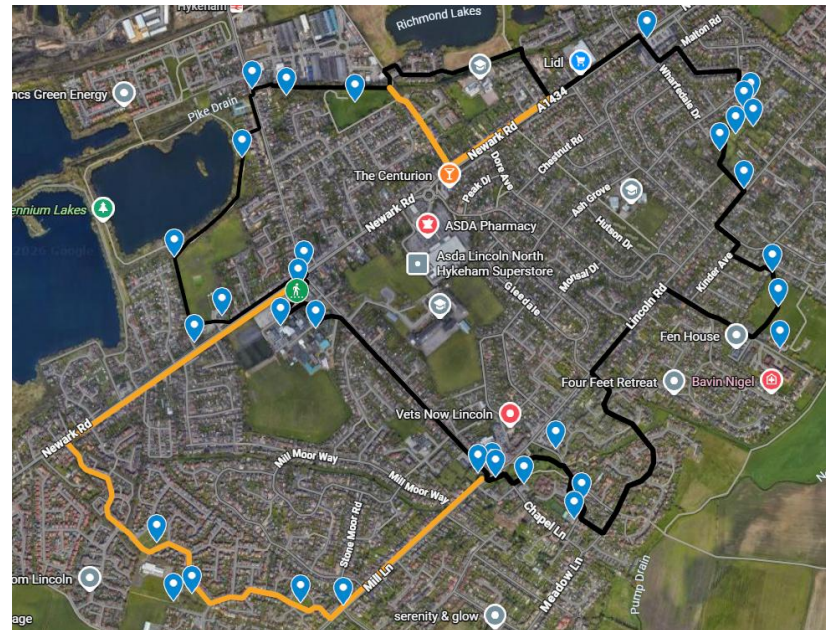
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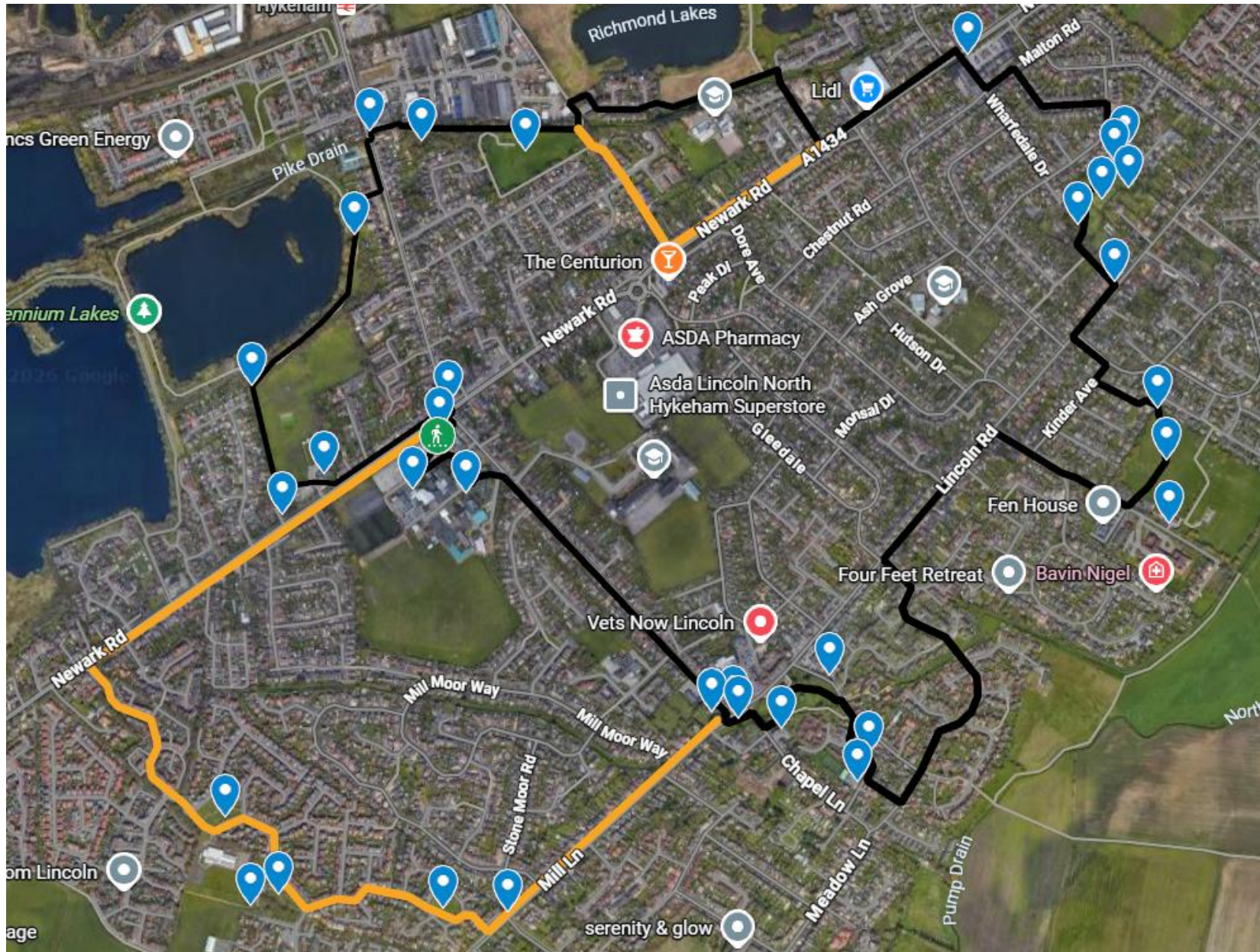
The black lines indicate the primary route

The orange lines indicate either the extended walk (along Mill Lane) or a temporary alteration (St Aidens Park)

The blue markers indicate a point of interest or a point where additional information is available.

The route is also available on-line via the North Hykeham Town Council web site.





Start

The start of the walk is at the OneNK carpark on Moor lane. This has been chosen primarily due to the availability of access/parking. The walk can obviously be started at any point along the route.

Within the ground of the NK Academy there are two sculptures. The ballerina sculpture is viewable from the main entry into the school and the totem poles are located adjacent to the entrance to the OneNK sports centre.

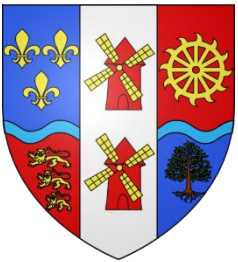


On leaving the carpark onto the junction of Newark Road and Moor Lane, the town coat of arms is visible outside the Richmond Medical Centre.



Here we can see the coat of arms at the junction of Newark Road, Moor Lane and Station Road. Situated outside the relatively modern Richmond Medical Centre with an example of the Hykeham In Bloom planting in the same space.

North Hykeham's coat of arms features two windmills, symbolizing the two historic manors that once existed in the town, each with its own mill, a key aspect of its heritage.



In the 12th Century, one manor was given to the King of France and the other to Christ College, Cambridge. This association also explains the inclusion of the Fleur De Lis and the three Lions

The town also has a motto. The Latin motto “audiatur et altera pars” usually translated as “One should listen to the other side and not assume one is always right”

Key Elements of the Coat of Arms:

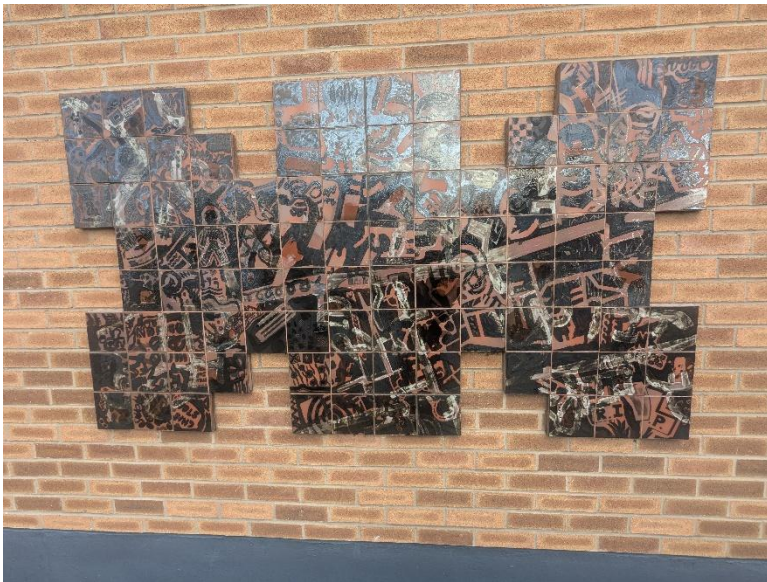
- Two Windmills: These are central to the design, representing the historical presence of two distinct mills for the two manors of North Hykeham.
- One mill, Ladds Mill (brick-built), stood on Mill Lane, preserving its memory in the town's crest and street names.
- The other windmill shown on the North Hykeham coat of arms was on what was then referred to as Hykeham Moor. It was alongside the A1424 Newark Road (historically the Fosse Way), at number 361. A mainly wooden superstructure on a brick built base, it was already in a state of disrepair in the 1930s, with the roof having caved in and two of the four sails missing.

- Millstones from both mills are preserved at the front of The North Hykeham Memorial Hall and are included as part of our trail around North Hykeham.

Waterwheel: The inclusion of a waterwheel, along with the windmills, highlights the town's industrial and milling heritage.

Oak Tree: A mighty oak on a coat of arms symbolizes strength, endurance, stability, tradition, and longevity, representing families or entities that stand firm, offer protection, and possess deep-rooted values, drawing from ancient Celtic reverence and Roman honours for valour, embodying resilience through hardship. It's a significant heraldic charge signifying heritage, power, and unwavering character, often linked to the idea that great achievements come from humble beginnings (like an acorn to an oak).

The coat of arms serves as a visual link to North Hykeham's past, highlighting its unique development with its two ancient mills.



Making our way diagonally across the junction on Newark Road to Station Road, we see a ceramic mural which was created as part of a Parish Maps project for artsNK by local artist Pete Moss.

A project inspired by the arts and environment group Common Ground is one of many Parish Maps produced in communities around North Kesteven. This side of Newark Road was historically known as Hykeham Moor.

See if you can find your way round the map?

Crossing Station Road opposite the mural and walking back along Newark Road towards South Hykeham, we pass Langley Road.



Langley Fletcher ran the Fox and Hounds from 1892 until 1908 building a clubhouse there for one of the Hykeham football teams. He was also responsible for having the red bricked houses built on Langley Road.

Carrying on along Newark Road, we quickly reach the Memorial Hall. The Memorial Hall was built in 1969, replacing a circular tin roof building which served as the Parish Council office from 1948. The original structure was built in 1906 as the clubhouse for the Hykeham Rifle Club.



There are 3 millstones set into the ground at the front of the building. These are reminders of the two mills that used to operate in North Hykeham.

There is a French Burr Millstone from the Post Mill (Newark Road) built in 1753.

The post Mill was located between the Memorial Hall and the Fox and Hound Inn.

There is also an English Peak Millstone from the Ladds Mill (Mill Lane)

Additionally, a time capsule was buried here in 2000.



The Memorial Hall served as the Council Offices from 1969 until 2006 when it moved to the current offices in Fen Lane. A ceremony is carried out each Remembrance Sunday in honour of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.



Walking along the road, or through the carpark, we come to Memorial Park. The first of the council maintained play parks on this walk.

With the Memorial Hall on our right we walk through the park, taking care to avoid the cricket pitch, we enter Millenium Green.



Millenium Green is part of Witham Valley Country Park and was one of a number of former gravel pits and lakes put to recreational use in the area. There is no boating nor fishing allowed resulting in an abundance of water birds.

If we go left, we go round approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the lake. If we go right, we cover approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the lake. There are numerous benches for a rest or to enjoy watching wildlife.



On leaving the Millennium Green, onto Station Road, turn left and head towards the railway station.

The station links Lincoln to the Grimsby and the east coast with Leicester/Nottingham and the Midlands. Just before the rail crossing there is a small housing development on the left side of the road. This was the site of the Leys Malleable Casting Co (Later George Fischer). A major employer in the town for many years. The development honours the history of the site in its road names (Ferrous Way, Crucible Close and Forge Way)



Before reaching the station, we will cross the road and join the pathway alongside the Pike Drain.



Walking along the pathway and crossing the bridge we enter St Aidens and pass the remains of an old orchard. This is home to a variety of apple, damson, cherry, elderberry and other fruit and nut trees. Take a moment to walk round the old orchard.

Continue straight on through St Aidens with the park equipment on your right.

St Aidens is one of the main parks maintained by North Hykeham Town Council. The others are at Fen Lane, Glebe Park, Manor Farm and Village Green. There are also a few other smaller play areas that the town council has responsibility for.

Cross the small bridge and exit the park left onto Heather Gardens. Continue on Heather Gardens, past Ling Moor Primary School and turn right on Richmond Drive to Newark Road and turn left.

Due to maintenance on the bridge, an alternate route to Newark Road is as follows.

Follow the park round to the right and exit onto St Marks Close to the right. Carry straight on onto Johnson Lane past the metal gate. At the T junction, turn left onto Newark Road.

Newark Road follows the route of the Roman Fosse Way.

Behind you and across the road, the ASDA superstore was built on the site of Hykeham Manor Hall.



Follow Newark Road to the Forum shopping Centre. A pedestrian crossing is available here to get across Newark Road.



Keeping to the right of the centre and exit out the rear of the Forum turning left Malton Road, then right onto Bolton Avenue.

Follow to the T junction and then right onto Harewood Crescent.

First left onto Ripley Drive.



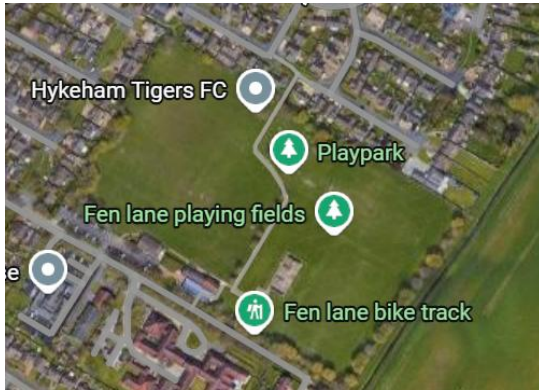
From Ripley Drive, turn right between house number 4 and number 6 into Glebe Park.

The next of the Town Council parks, Glebe Park offers a quiet area for dog walking, exercise or just having a seat.



Walk through Glebe Park, perhaps trying out the outdoor fitness apparatus, the BMX cycle track, the all weather sports area, the play park or just enjoying the walk.

Crossing the play park we exit left onto Lincoln Road. Cross the road then turn right, taking first left onto Windermere Avenue.



Turn right onto Kinder Avenue, then left onto Wroxham Close. At the bottom take the pathway into Witham Fields.

If the ground is wet, entry into Witham Fields is available farther down Derwent Close.

The largest of the town council parks, Witham Fields is an expanse of football parks very popular with dog walkers. There is also a play park with inclusive play equipment, as well as the skatepark and the BMX track.



Walking across the park takes us to the carpark and the Fen Lane Council Offices. This has been the home of North Hykeham Town Council since the move from Memorial Hall in 2006. Exit the park into the carpark and turn right, heading back up to the T junction onto Lincoln Road.

On Lincoln Road turn left and continue to Elizabeth Avenue.

All the roads on this estate are named after Queen Elizabeth II or major parks with royal connections.. (Windsor, Belton, Burley, etc)

At the end of Cross Lane (left side), the building is the former Pea Picking Rooms owned by Albert Wingfield Hall, Family Grocer, Tea and Provision Merchant of Lincoln. In the 1800's this was a major employer of women in the area, employing around 50 seasonal workers. The building went out of use in WW1.

Opposite is the North Hykeham Youth Centre.



Operated by Lincolnshire County Council, this centre provides youth activities for the local community.

Turn right onto Middle Street and follow to Water lane. You will pass a small lane on your right.



The short alleyway was known as Muck Alley in the inter-war years. The path originated as a medieval lane separating two farms and until 1911 was regularly used by trade carts and others cutting through Middle Street to Water Lane. The passage of cows and their droppings led to the local name.

Continuing on Water Lane (merges into School Lane), the Green will now be on your left.

Looking right onto School Lane you can see the old Primary School, now a nursery. Schooling had been provided in the village since around 1709. This was the provision of Charity schooling for sixteen poor children. The school building on School Lane was not built until 1864. At that time the school had only 14 pupils on the roll.



Cross the drain and enter the Green through the pedestrian gate.

A focal point in the Town, the Green is home to the annual Summer Sunday events as well as other community orientated activities. The playpark, gardens and bandstand, as well as the seating, make this a great place to meet, especially in the summer months.



Cross the bridge inside the green and turn right exiting through the pedestrian gate you will see the Methodist Church on your left.



North Hykeham's first Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was built in 1838. It was replaced in 1881 by the current building, the foundation stone being laid on 8th Aug 1881.

Turning back away from the Methodist Chapel with the green to your right head to the crossroads, cross to the left and take the path straight onwards underneath the Sculptural Arches.

Commission by North Hykeham Town Council, the arches house plaques detailing aspects of North Hykeham life both past and present. There are representations of scenes from Roman times, the towns farming history and a celebration of the twinning with Denzlingen.



With the arches behind you cross the road towards the All Saints church.

Rebuilt in 1858 the Parish Church of All Saints is a Grade II listed building.



The front gate is inscribed “In memory of Fredrick G & Kate B Grinter” head teacher at the village school from 1924 – 1954.



Across the road clockwise again you will see the Harrows Inn.

The building date of the Harrows Inn is unknown with early mention starting around 1841. It is one of the older buildings in the town and has continued to serve its customers to the present day.



We now offer a choice of pathways.

Carry on to with All Saints Church to your left down Moor Lane, passing the Ark. Continue until you reach a large crossroads with OneNK to your left. Enter the car park and return to the start of the instructions if you wish to continue the route from here.

This walk is approx. 4.5 miles.

Alternatively, for a longer walk, head along Mill Lane with the All-Saints Church to your right. Passing the part time fire station, we carry on until we reach the millstone outside what used to be the entrance to the Ladd Mill.



The Ladd's Mill had four sails and worked by wind for almost 100 years.

The brick built windmill was in Mill Lane, North Hykeham. Richard Ladd had the mill from about 1888 until his death in 1934. The mill was partially demolished in the 1920's and the engine removed in 1928.

In 1977 it was being photographed as a 'stump,' the height reduced to just above the original doorway. Saved from complete demolition by the current owners, that stump is now roofed and serving as a garden outhouse.



Turning right into Dorchester Way, we see one of the smaller playparks in the council inventory.



Walking through the park, we cut through to Livia Avenue and keep left onto Severus Crescent. Severus Crescent takes us to Tiber Road and another of the newest of the council parks.



A relatively recent development, Manor Farm expands the town towards South Hykeham.

Chapel Fields is home to the North Hykeham Community Hub and with Manor Farm Academy on one boundary. Adjacent to both is Mill Park.

Literally round the corner is Grange Park. This area being very well served with play equipment and walking space.



Follow Tiber Road to the junction with Newark Road.

Turn right on Newark Road to return to OneNK passing the Fox and Hounds pub on the left.

This walk is approx. 5.5 miles.