

① Leave the car park and take the path down to the Riverside Café and picnic area. (Also the location of a disabled car park). The first part of this walk - up to stage ④ - is accessible by powered wheelchairs/scooters and may be accessible by manual wheelchairs with assistance.

② Turn left and follow the surfaced path along the riverbank. This path then slopes up away from the river bringing you out onto a farmac drive that leads to Henthorn Road (where it links up with Walk No. 4).

③ Turn right and follow this road, passing the household waste recycling centre on your left. Keep to the road and note the stunning riverside views to your right. Also views of Kemple End. Continue through where it is signed "Private Road - Footpath Only". You will pass Fishes and Peggy Hill Farm on your left as you approach Shuttleworth Farm. Access for wheelchairs is not possible beyond this point.

④ Take the kissing gate to the right of the main farm gates (signed Ribble Way) and continue via a second kissing gate and a gate, on a track that runs alongside the river. You will pass an aqueduct, carrying the piped water supply from Hawes Water, then come to a weir and flow measurement station.

⑤ Take a diagonal route away from the river across a field then over a small footbridge. As you approach Mitton you will glimpse its Medieval Church and Hall. The footpath brings you out on the Whalley-Mitton road next to the Aspsall Arms.

⑥ To continue the walk, turn left and go past Mitton Hall Hotel and Little Mitton Farm. When the road bends to the right look for a footpath going off to the left. This takes you through a copse and over a small footbridge then through open fields to a stone cross base (Handbill Cross) where you join the line of a roman road. - and link up with Walk 4.

⑦ From the cross, through a kissing gate into Standen Hey Community Woodland where you are welcome to wander and picnic. Just before the railway crossing, turn left and continue through the woodland along a tussocky ride. You will come to an old hedgerow/perceline that links with an existing footpath. Turn left away from the railway and exit the woodland.

⑧ Bear right across the fields to the tree-line then follow the path down to Fishes and Peggy Hill Farm. You will pass through two farm gates to a track that runs alongside the farm. This will bring you out onto the Private Road where you turn right to retrace your route back to Edisford Bridge.

CLITHEROE WALKS

Walk No 3

Edisford Bridge to Little Mitton

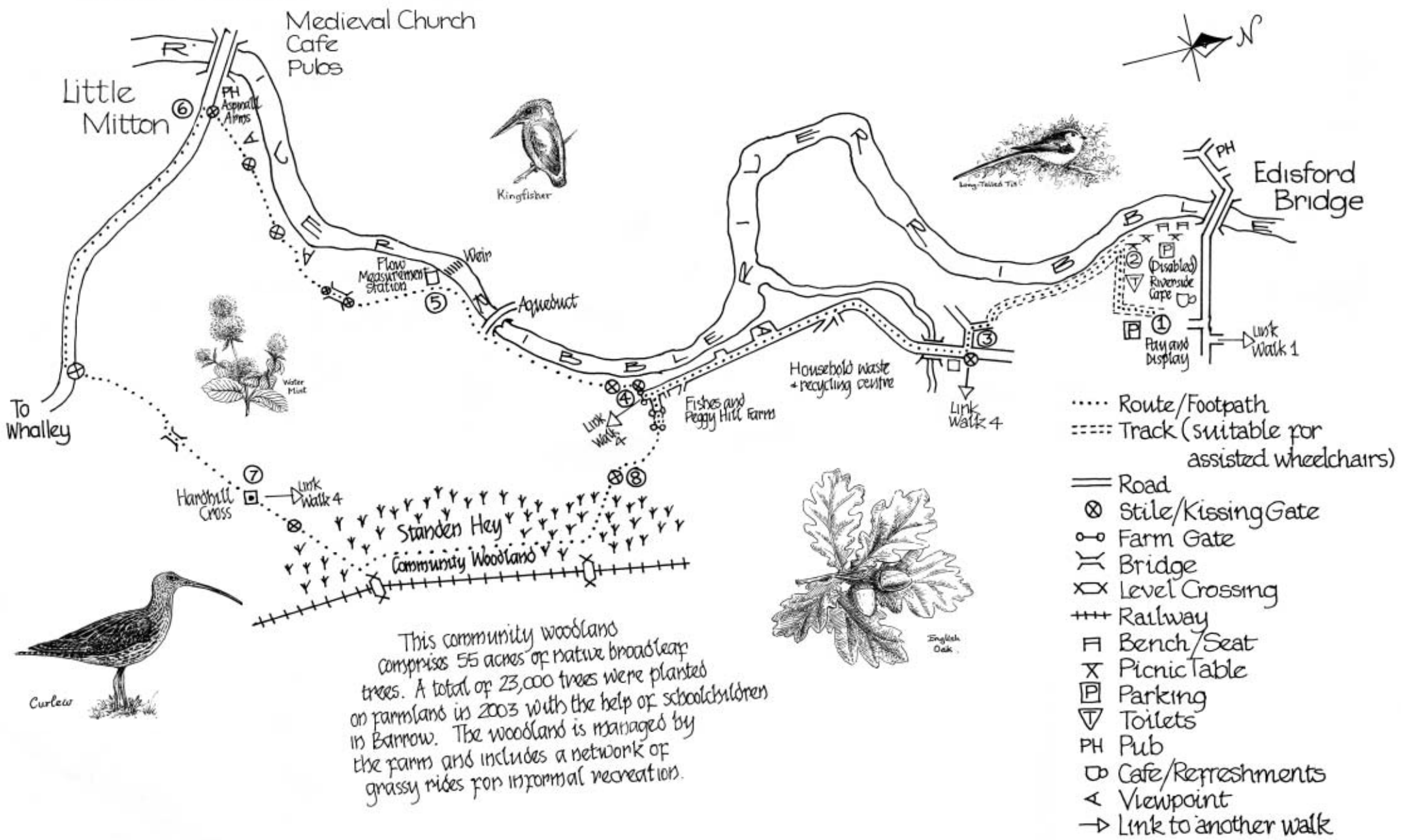
a circular walk of
4 miles ~ 7kms



Great Mitton Hall and Church from the River Ribble.

Great Mitton

NOT TO SCALE



- Route/Footpath
- - - - - Track (suitable for assisted wheelchairs)
- == Road
- ⊗ Stile/Kissing Gate
- ⊕ Farm Gate
- ≡ Bridge
- ⊗ Level Crossing
- +++ Railway
- ⌘ Bench/Seat
- ⊗ Picnic Table
- ⊠ Parking
- ▽ Toilets
- PH Pub
- ☺ Cafe/Refreshments
- < Viewpoint
- Link to another walk

This community woodlands comprises 55 acres of native broadleaf trees. A total of 23,000 trees were planted on farmland in 2003 with the help of schoolchildren in Barrow. The woodland is managed by the farms and includes a network of grassy rides for informal recreation.

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