



Insects and other invertebrates are often beautiful and fascinating. They provide valuable services such as pollination, and are food for many birds and mammals.

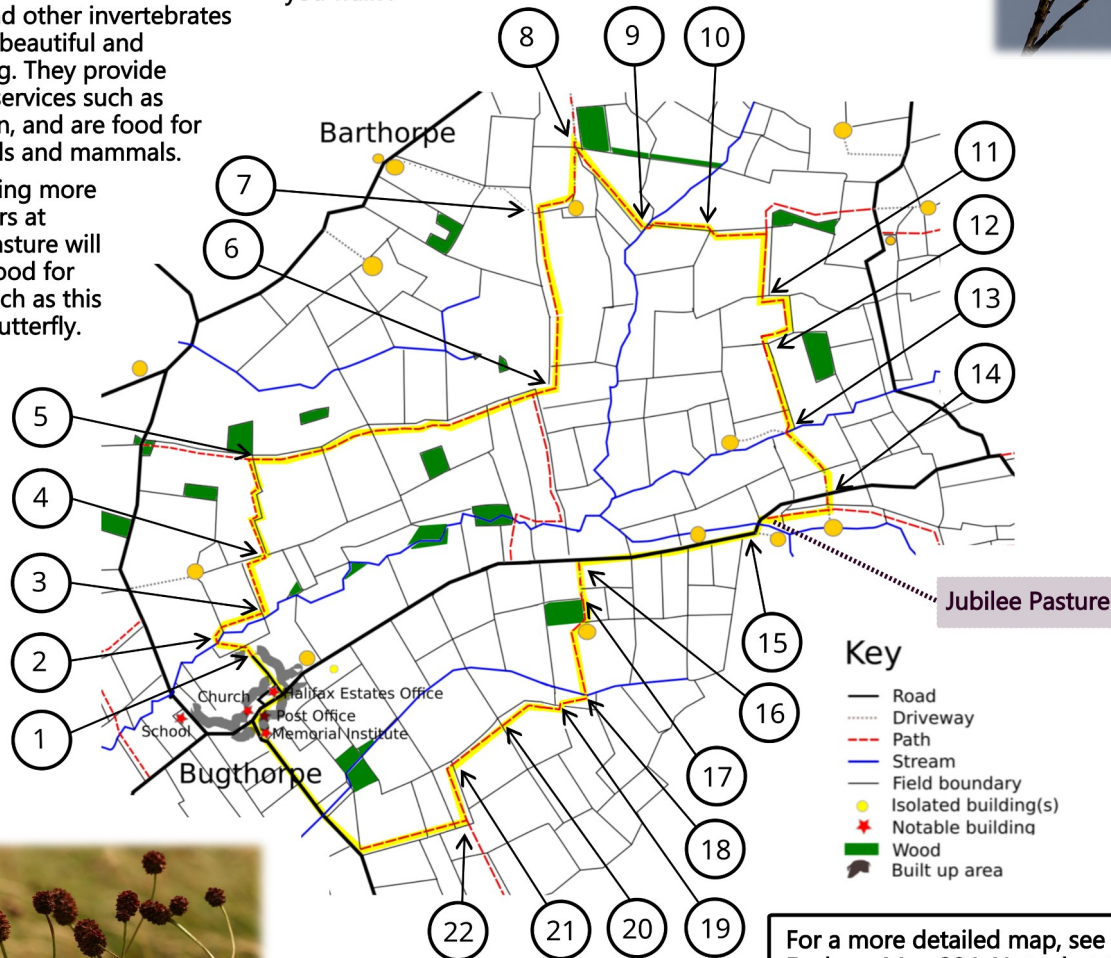
Encouraging more wildflowers at Jubilee Pasture will provide food for insects such as this comma butterfly.

Jubilee Pasture will be managed to enrich our natural heritage. However, much of the wildlife found there is affected by many other factors, from management of the surrounding countryside to national and international policies.

The national population of yellowhammers has declined substantially in recent decades but they haven't been lost from our parish. Listen out for them singing in the hedgerows as you walk.



Bugthorpe to Jubilee Pasture Circular Walk



The deep red globes of great burnet are characteristic of wet meadows. This habitat is increasingly rare due to drainage and other activities to increase farm productivity. Great burnet is one of several wet meadow species found at Jubilee Pasture.

For a more detailed map, see OS Explorer Map 294. Note that the footpaths are across fields and may be uneven. There may be sheep or cattle so for the livestock's welfare and your safety, keep dogs on a lead unless you are chased by cattle. Please follow the Countryside Code.

Jubilee Pasture is a community project to create a special place for people and wildlife in the parish of Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale. It commemorates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee of 2022.

The project is supported by the National Lottery Heritage fund. This is one of two walk leaflets produced to help inspire appreciation of our natural heritage and history.

This 6.3 mile circular route follows footpaths from the village green in Bugthorpe to Jubilee Pasture. It leads walkers through beautiful countryside, with views across the Vale of York and up to the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds.

Please park with consideration in the village. Note there is no parking in Beck Row.

1. Starting at the village green in Bugthorpe, walk down to the end of Beck Row (at the other end of the village green to the church). Follow the narrow path between the trees and the back of the sheds to a kissing gate. Go through the gate and follow the worn path across the field to another small gate. Go through the gate and over the bridge. Go through another small gate at the top of the bank.
2. Turn right and follow the hedge running parallel to the stream. Go through a field gateway and continue straight on. At the end of the second field there is another kissing gate. Go through the gate.
3. Walk up the hill along the field edge. At the top of the field turn right along the track until the hedge ends at the remains of a large tree stump where there is a footpath marker sign.
4. Turn left and continue with a hedge on your right. Follow the field edge in a zigzag until you reach a T-junction of paths.
5. At the T-junction turn right through the hedge. Continue to walk through five fields along clearly worn field margins.
6. At the sixth field, the hedge bends left. Follow the hedge. Go through a small gate and continue straight ahead along the edge of a large field.
7. At the corner of the field there is a metal farm gate on your left and a gap in the hedge straight ahead. Go through the gap and turn immediately right. Walk down the hill along the edge of the field towards Lower Sleights house. Go through a small gate, follow the path that runs between the field fence and the garden hedge, then turn left to follow the house drive.

8. After a short distance there is a footpath sign pointing right, next to a pen constructed of dual carriage way barriers. Follow the sign and go through the gate. Now walk straight ahead keeping the wire fence on your right. It will take you across the field and then down to a bridge crossing a stream at the bottom of the field.

9. Cross the bridge, bear left across a muddy patch and through a gap. Turn right then, keeping the hedge on your right, walk uphill along the edge of the field until you reach a small gate and stile.

10. Climb over the stile. Walk around the upper edge of the field to the gate that can be seen diagonally opposite.

11. Go through the gate. The path turns left and around the edge of the field to a gate, bearing a footpath sign, directly opposite the one you just came through.

12. Go through the farm gate with the marker and walk downhill with the hedge on your left. Continue until you reach the farm track.

13. Follow the track over the cattle grid and stream, and continue until you meet the road.

14. Cross over the road and up the track towards Glebe Farm. Just beyond the hedge there is a small gate on your right. Go through the gate and walk straight ahead with the hedge on your right. At the end of the field, go through the small gate into Jubilee Pasture. Here you can enjoy a rest on the bench and read the interpretation board.

15. Follow the road back towards Bugthorpe. You will immediately pass Pasture Farm on your left and then Gorman Castle Farm on your right, before reaching a footpath sign pointing left up a track leading to Primrose Hill Farm.

16. Turn left up the track and walk until you reach a wood on your right.

17. At this point there may be signs for an alternative route to the right of way, allowing walkers to avoid grazing cattle. If you follow these signs, you should rejoin the right of way at step 19.

To follow the right of way, continue along the track with the wood on your right. At the end of the wood turn right and go through a small hand gate. Turn immediately left and go down the hill keeping the house fence on your left. Keep walking straight ahead down the field to a small bridge over a ditch.

18. Cross the bridge then turn immediately right. Walk towards a field gate in the corner diagonally opposite. Go through the gate.

19. (The alternative route now re-joins.) Walk straight ahead to follow a large hedge, keeping the hedge on your right. You will come to a hand gate marked with a footpath sign.

20. Go through the gate and walk straight ahead following the edge of the field until you reach a gate on the right. This leads across a bridge with a gate at either side.

21. After crossing the bridge, turn left and follow the field edge to the corner. Turn right in the corner.

22. Walk along with a hedge on your left through three fields, following footpath signs, until you meet a gate that leads onto Barf Lane. Go through the gate and turn right to follow the lane back to Bugthorpe village. You will pass Bugthorpe War Memorial Institute on the right and see St Andrew's Church straight ahead. Turn right for Bugthorpe Shop and Post Office.

Jubilee Pasture is owned by Halifax Estates and under the care of Bugthorpe and Kirby Underdale Parish Council.

For more information about the project, and additional walking routes in the area, visit www.bugthorpevillage.co.uk.

