

Now only visible as bumps in the ground, archaeological digs have revealed that Hanging Grimston was once a thriving medieval village with unenclosed arable fields. There were 79 poll tax payers in 1381 but multiple factors led to depopulation by the early 1600s.

Wood Leys round barrow is one of many burial mounds in this area. There are Bronze Age round barrows from c. 2400-1500 BC and Neolithic long barrows from c. 3400-2400 BC. Some were reused by Anglo-Saxons.

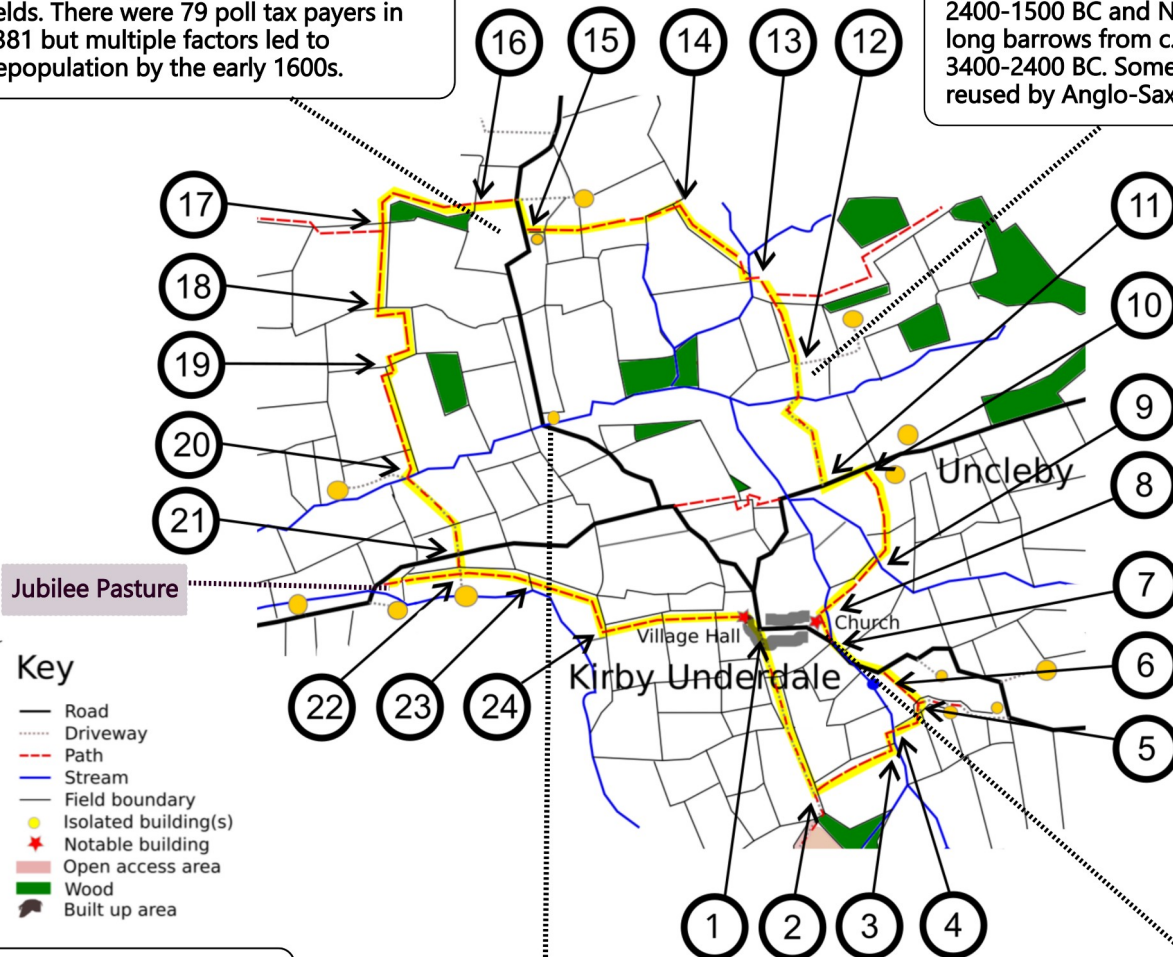
# Kirby Underdale to Jubilee Pasture Circular Walk



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 4.5 mile circular route follows footpaths from the village hall in Kirby Underdale to Jubilee Pasture. It leads walkers through beautiful countryside with views across the Vale of York, and it passes through several sites of historic interest.**



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.

The house called 'Salamanca' is one of several properties on Garrowby Estate with names linked to the Napoleonic Wars, which were being fought when Sir Francis Lindley Wood 2nd Bt purchased the embryonic estate. Over the last two centuries, the estate has been expanded and it is now owned by Sir Francis' descendant, the Third Earl of Halifax, and various Family Trusts.

Although the chancel was re-built in the 1800s, much of All Saints' Church dates from the 1100s and 1200s. Inside the church is a stone carving, variously identified as a Roman relief of Mercury or a Celtic fertility symbol. In the churchyard you can see the base of a medieval stone cross. This used to be at the top of Garrowby Hill and has been re-cut to form a seat.

Visitors are requested to park in the free village hall car park rather than on the road or verges.

1. Leave the village hall car park through the vehicle entrance and follow the track between the village hall and the cottages. Continue up the track and straight on through a farm gate into a narrow field. Where the narrow field opens up, walk up the hill bearing left to follow the track between a hedge and a row of hawthorn trees. Continue up this track until you get to a combined farm gate and kissing gate on your left.
2. Go through the kissing gate and follow the fence on your left downhill. There isn't a clear path so make your way down however you can, until you get to the kissing gate on your left, by a large oak tree at the bottom of the field.
3. Go through the gate by the oak tree and continue straight on. You will soon see a footbridge over the stream on your right.
4. Cross over the bridge. Continue straight up the hill to a farm gate into a wooded area. Go through the gate and follow the track for a short distance until you see a small gate on your left. If you get to a house then you've gone too far.
5. Go through the small gate and cross the field, heading for a kissing gate on the far side of the field near the pond.
6. Go through that gate onto the road and turn left. Follow the road around the bend to Kirby Underdale church.
7. Enter the churchyard. Take some time to look around and appreciate this special place, then follow the path worn in the grass which runs parallel to the stream. This takes you to a footbridge over the stream in the corner of the churchyard.
8. Cross the footbridge. Head across the field at an angle of roughly "11 o'clock". Once you get to the brow of the hill you will see a gate and another footbridge in the corner of the field. Continue down to the gate.
9. Cross the footbridge. Walk at an angle of roughly "10 o'clock". Once you gain a bit of height you will see a small gate ahead. Go through that gate and walk straight across the field to the road.
10. At the road, turn left and walk downhill until you reach the track signed Woodley Farmhouse on your right.

11. Follow the track with the Woodley Farmhouse sign. After crossing several cattle grids the track takes a ninety degree turn uphill. At this point, leave the gravel track and go through the gate straight ahead, signed with a footpath marker. Before you go through the gate, take a minute to look at the round barrow to the right of the track as it turns. This burial mound is indicated with an ancient monument sign.

12. Having left the track through the gate, continue straight across the field. Go through a farm gate into the next field. Continue straight ahead towards the far bottom corner of the field.

13. The gate to leave this field is behind a panel of solid fencing by a large willow tree and you can't see it as you are crossing the field. It is to your left, before you reach the fence running parallel to the gate you have just been through. You may have to jump the stream to get to it. Go through the gate and turn right. Walk parallel to the stream for a short distance and go through the farm gate. Turn left and follow the hedge up the hill.

14. Near the top of the field there is a short section where there is a steep slope to your right. Keep walking with the hedge on your left and you will get to a farm gate on your left. Go through the gate and continue straight on with the hedge on your right. Go through a small gate next to a farm gate and continue straight on. There is now no hedge to your right but you can see the buildings of Mount Pleasant farm up the hill. Continue straight ahead, heading slightly uphill towards a gate near the farm buildings. Halfway across this field you are in an area scheduled as an ancient monument due to the remains of the medieval village of Hanging Grimston described on the Historic England website. Go through the gate by the farm and cross the next field, heading slightly downhill to a gate near the edge of the paddock in front of the house downhill from the farm.

15. Go through the gate. Continue straight on until you reach the road. Turn right up the road. This area is also part of the medieval village. Walk for a short distance until a farm track crosses the road and take the left track away from the farm. Just before you get to the wood you could leave the track to your left and find the Sounding Well near the western boundary.

16. Go through the combined farm and small gate by the wood and follow the track downhill and round the bottom of the wood to the farm gate.

17. Go through the gate and walk straight across the field with the hedge on your left until you reach the farm gate on the far side.

18. Go through the gate. You leave the field by a farm gate on the other side of the field, directly opposite. However, the footpath goes to your left, round the top of the field and back down the other side.

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

20. Turn left along the farm track, crossing the stream. Continue until you get to the road.

21. Cross over the road and walk up the Glebe Farm track opposite. Just beyond the hedge there are small gates on your left and right. You will go through the left hand gate to return to Kirby Underdale but first turn right to visit Jubilee Pasture. Once through the right hand gate, walk straight across the field and through the gate on the far side. That will bring you to Jubilee Pasture where you can enjoy a rest on the bench and read the interpretation board. To return, go back to the gates either side of the Glebe Farm track.

22. Cross the track and go through the gate that is now opposite you. Walk along the edge of the field with the hedge on your left until you reach the far side.

23. At the far side of the field, go through the gate. The kissing gate you leave this field by is at an angle of roughly "2 o'clock" up the hill but the footpath runs around the bottom edge of the field and up the far side.

24. Go through the kissing gate and continue straight ahead with the hedge on your left. Cross two fields. In the third field you will see the chimneys of the village hall behind the brow of the hill. Head towards those and go through the small gate into the car park.

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](http://www.bugthorpevillage.co.uk).

