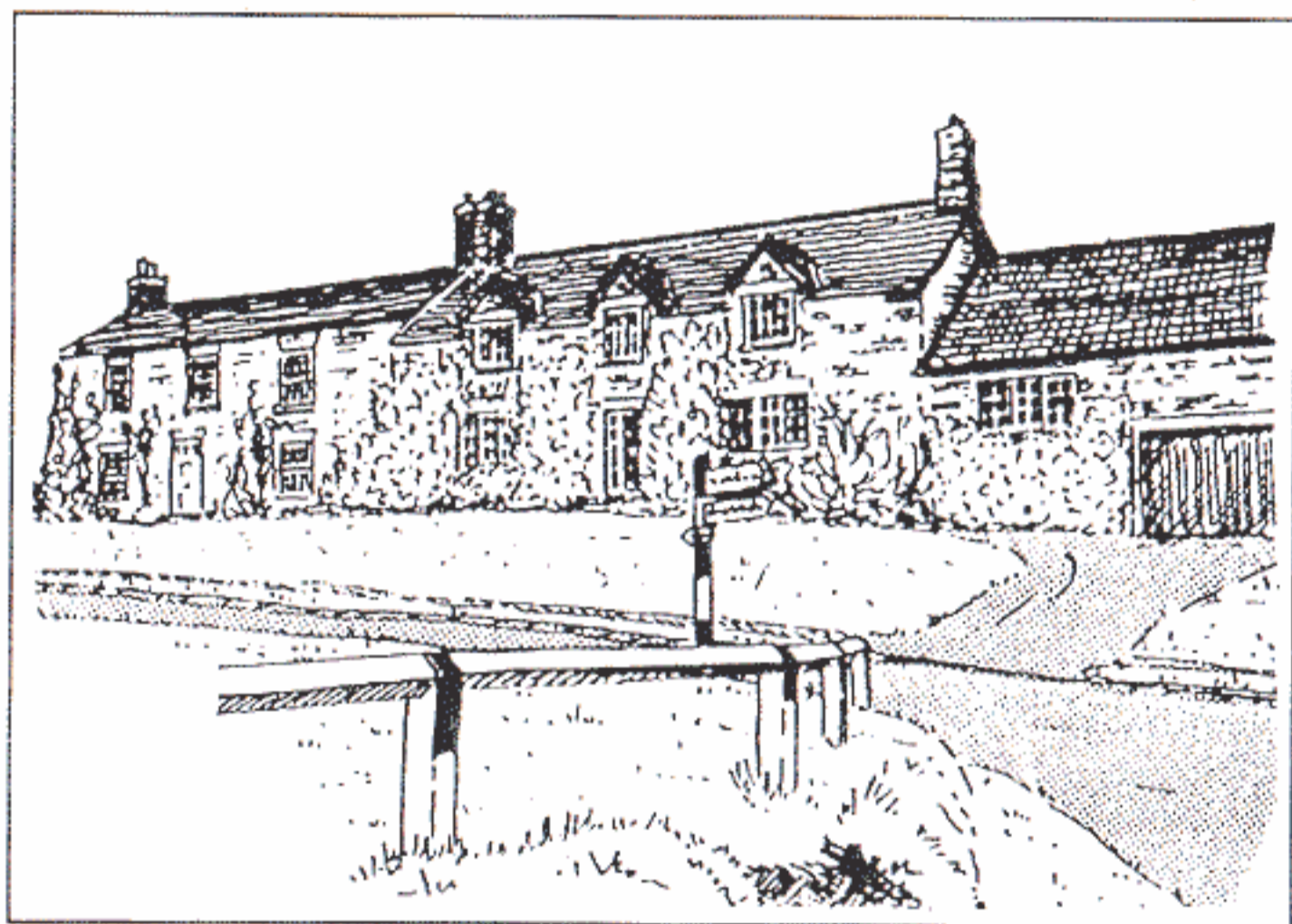


Walking in the Howardian Hills from Terrington



Situated about 15 miles north of York and 8 miles west of Malton the village of Terrington lies within the Howardian Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The magnificent stately home of Castle Howard is only 3 miles away to the east, drawing many visitors to this part of North Yorkshire.

This is excellent walking country with a good network of public rights of way. From the many circular routes available in the area, this leaflet (the first of a pair describing walks from Terrington) details just two which are to the north and east of the village.



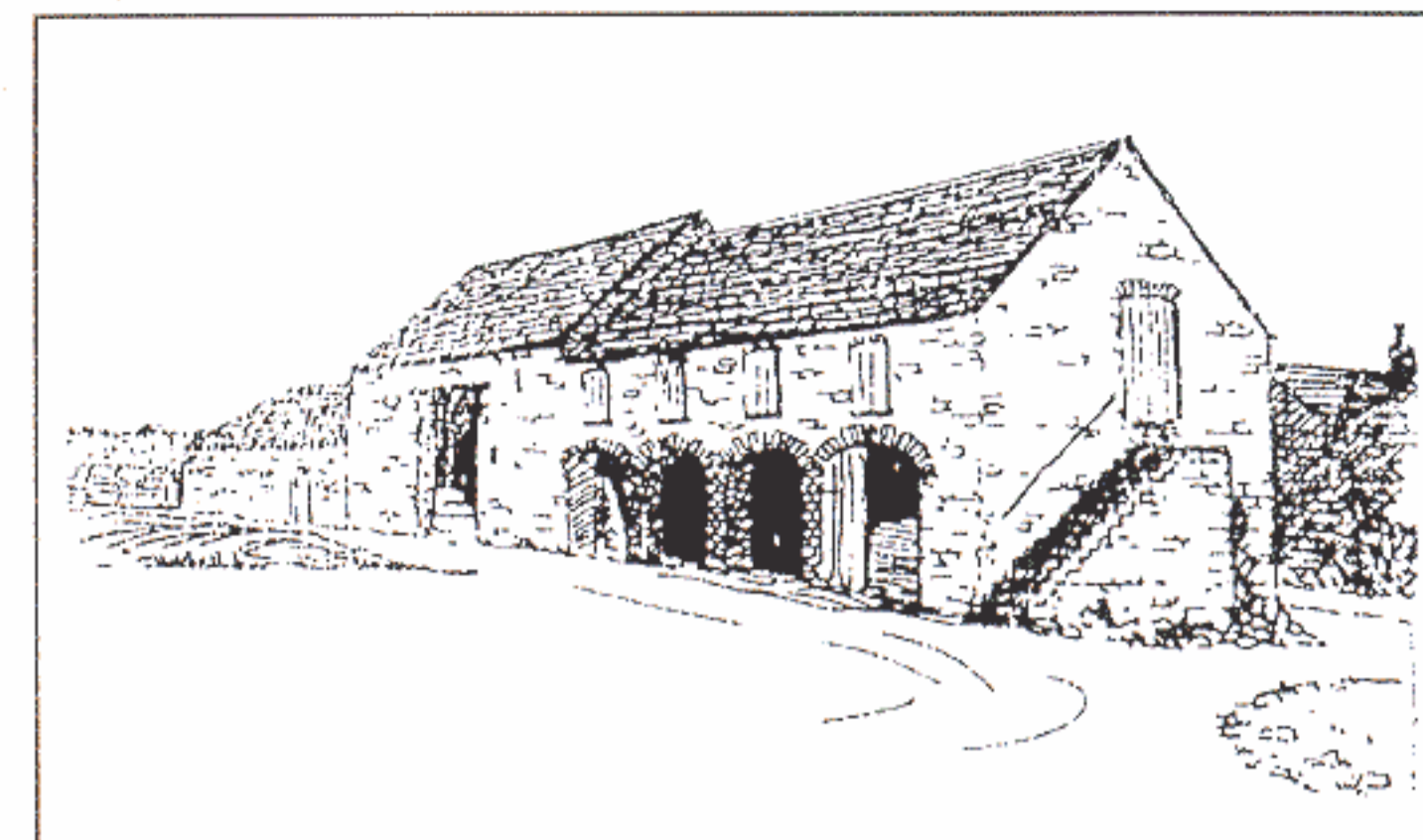
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WALK 1

Starting from the main village street in Terrington, turn northwards up Church Lane (Terrington Hall Preparatory School is situated on the right-hand side) and pass by the Parish Church of All Saints. Ahead stands a stone house with a grassy track to the side of it. Proceed along this grass path and turn right, following the wall around the school sports field. Exit the field via a gap with a handrail in the boundary fence; turn right and then almost immediately left around the edge of an arable field.

At the end of the field, a marker post in the hedge indicates the footpath turns off to the left. With the hedge now on the left-hand side, continue on this headland path for just over ½ mile. Across the field to the right can be seen a sheltered man-made pond. After crossing a small bridge which spans a stream there is a waymarked stile in the fence about 20 yards ahead. Pass over this and for a short distance walk to the right of a few ancient trees from an old boundary line (may be bracken-covered in summer) until the definitive route rejoins the field-edge path by means of another stile. Keep the fence to the left and climb up to meet a track - turn left along this, steadily climbing uphill. At the brow of the hill another good track (a bridleway) joins in from the right. Turn sharply onto this - there are splendid views from this point, overlooking the rolling Howardian Hills and beyond to the North York Moors. The track passes along the northern edge of Lord Morpeth Plantation.

After walking slightly over a ¼ mile, look out on the left hand side for a farm access track (which is also a bridleway) and turn onto this - initially there is a small wood alongside it to the right. ****Note: At this point a shorter route may be taken, approximately 3½ miles total distance, by continuing on the track through the woods rather than turning left as the main route (see map), meeting up again with the described route as it comes out of Thurtle Wood close to the Coneysthorpe Road - see next to last paragraph for Walk 1.** Follow the path to Low Baxtonhowe Farm, keeping to the left of the farm buildings and continue on towards the next farm, High



Farm buildings, Low Baxtonhowe

Baxtonhowe, this time passing to the right of the farm. Carry on ahead following the same good track, gradually ascending and entering into Fryton Woods.

At the top of the hill there is a junction of paths at the woodland edge and there are fine views from this point. The lane straight ahead leads to Fryton, which can be seen below, but our route is to the right (signposted as Centenary Way) on a very good bridleway which follows the ridge - there are some quite deep furrows amongst the trees on the right, ancient earthworks. Before the woods thicken out on the other side, glimpses of the castle ruins at Slingsby can be seen through the trees. These woods (as several others in this area) are very attractive, having many varieties of trees, both coniferous and broad-leaved.

Keep on the track for about ½ mile until you can see the end of the wood some 100 yards in front. Turn off to the right here onto a narrower path (waymarked) down through the trees, crossing the earthworks after a few yards. Descending quite steeply, the route crosses several other minor paths which are not public rights of way. At the bottom of the bank the path comes out of the shelter of the woodland. There is a junction of bridleways at one point, but our route continues ahead, following the waymarks. Cross an open field following wheel tracks and once over a small stream, head towards a gate into Thurtle Wood, where a good wide track winds its way through the trees.

Keep to this main path (it is well-waymarked), ignoring other ones which come in from right and left. Eventually the path climbs up and then levels out to join a surfaced track at the edge of the wood. Turn left onto this, a continuation of the bridleway which was used briefly earlier in the walk.

After about 200 yards there is a waymarked post on the right side which indicates a short length of path through the woodland to the Coneysthorpe Road (if you miss this you can join the road a little further on). Turn right and cross over the road and then almost immediately turn through a bridle gate on the left into a field. Now the route follows the outside edge of Cum Hag Wood, passing through another gate after about 300 yards - on top of the rise to the right Terrington can be seen.

Continue following the western boundary of the woodland along the field edge until you meet a post and wire fence with a gate in it. Pass through the gate and turn right to follow the field side. Turn the corner of the field, keeping the fence (and a dike) on the right. Shortly the path veers away from the line of the dike and heads towards two metal gates. Pass through the right hand one which is waymarked. This brings you to the edge of a small copse just north of Ganthorpe. Our route turns off to the right in front of the trees - cross over the stile next to a metal gate and then over the dike, keeping on the field side of the wood. Shortly the path passes into open fields where it continues in the same direction along the field edge. When you reach a waymarked stile in a fence to the left, cross over and continue between the hedge and fence. The path shortly widens out, with hedges on either side, into Broats Lane and this grassy track soon meets the Coneysthorpe Road. Turn right along here and walk along the roadside - although it is not a very busy road, there are several bends so please take care. Soon the right hand verge becomes a wide one, and so it is easier (and safer) to walk on this. After about half a mile you will be back at the eastern end of Terrington.

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WALK 2

This second much shorter route, as Walk 1, starts at Church Lane at the eastern side of the village. Pass by the church and head for the track at the left side of a stone house situated at the top of the lane, emerging from this onto the edge of school sports fields. Instead of turning right here as in Walk 1, continue straight ahead on the level grass terrace which lies between two playing fields. This leads directly to a stile in a fence, the footpath now leaving the school grounds behind and entering into farmland. Continue in the same direction to another stile - *note that at the time of writing there is what looks like a 'temporary' wire fence along this field, so keep on the left side of it to meet up with the stile.* From this second stile, cross an arable field to join a well-defined farm track; Cotril Farm is over to the left.

Now follow the track ahead, ascending steadily away from the farm. At the brow of the hill the track ends at the corner of an ancient hedge line and our route bears half-left diagonally across the field towards its northern corner, meeting up with a junction of two streams at the bottom of the field. There is a waymarked post directing you over a planked footbridge which straddles Sawmill Beck before it runs into Wath Beck. Just after the bridge, cross over a stile and follow the left-hand side of Wath Beck. Shortly you meet a dike and fence and here you turn left away from the beck with the dike on your right.

After about 40 yards, cross over this and continue uphill on the wide grassy headland path keeping a fence to the left side. On a clear day some lovely views can be appreciated from this higher level.

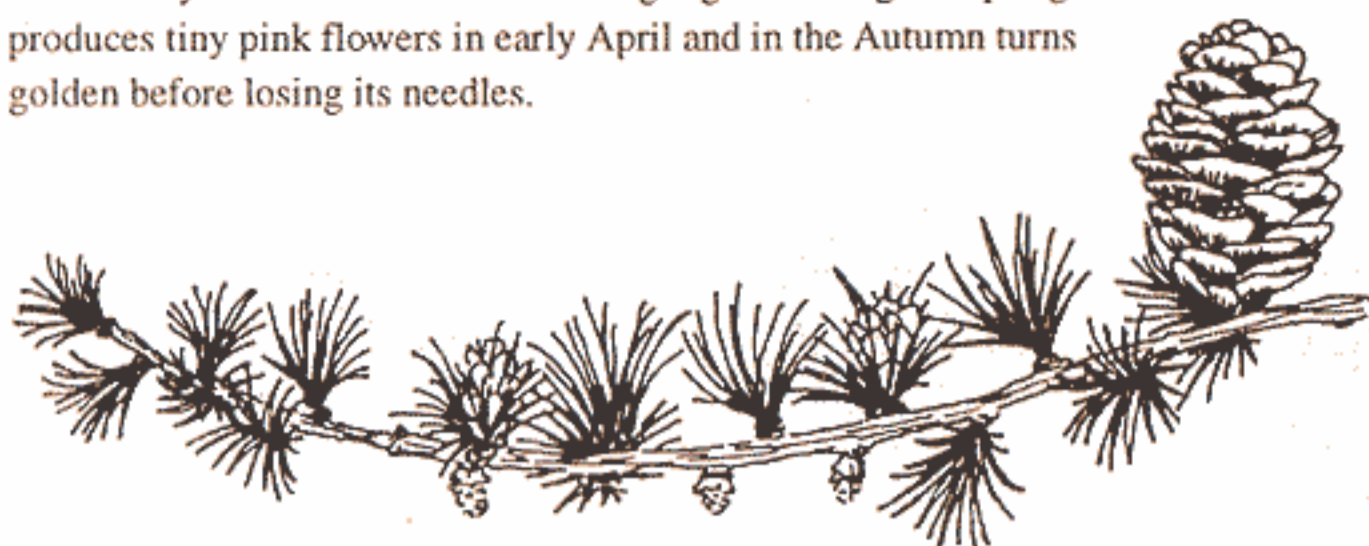
The path curves to the left as it reaches the top of the hill and a metal gate can be seen ahead, alongside which is a stile. Cross over this (please make sure that dogs are on leads as there are usually animals grazing) and then continue in roughly the same direction over the field, heading generally towards Rose Cottage Farm which can be seen over to the left. At the bottom of the field you will join a track which runs alongside a stone wall. Turn left onto this and pass through a steel gate, following the path as it curves round between the buildings and then out the other side, once again having a stone wall on the right. As you descend away from the farm the bridleway runs close to Low Water, which can be seen through the trees. The lake is in private grounds, belonging to nearby Wiganthorpe Hall.

Shortly the track develops into a minor road and you continue on this until reaching the western edge of Terrington, where you turn left back onto the main village street to finish the walk.

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EUROPEAN or COMMON LARCH (*Larix decidua*)

One of the many species of tree in the woodlands of this area is the graceful larch, the only European conifer which is deciduous. Particularly attractive with its fresh bright green foliage of spring, it produces tiny pink flowers in early April and in the Autumn turns golden before losing its needles.



Two popular "distance" walks pass through Terrington and you may notice the signs for Centenary Way and Ebor Way - short sections of the routes are followed in the two walks described in this leaflet.

The **Ebor Way**, approximately 70 miles in length, starts at Helmsley and finishes at Ilkley in West Yorkshire. It links the Cleveland Way and Dales Way, making possible a long distance route of about 310 miles! The Ebor Way guide is published by Northern Leisure Publications, 52 Gillygate, York YO3 7EQ.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Terrington is situated about 8 miles west of Malton and is combined with the parish of Wiganthorpe. Surrounded by the undulating countryside of the Howardian Hills, the village is very attractive, stone houses lining its main street and two parallel back lanes. At the western end of the main street is a triangle of green with a circle of large trees in it known as The Plump and there are also neat grassed areas fronting many of the houses. Terrington at one time had a village pond but in 1860 this was filled in - it was situated in the area where the Post Office and shop stand now. Terrington Hall Preparatory School has been in existence since 1921, originally built in 1827 as a rectory for the neighbouring church. All Saints is of very early origin (about 1100 AD) although many alterations and additions have been made through the centuries. It is thought that there was a church on this spot for long before that, probably built of wood in the 7th or 8th Century.

Walk 1	
Distance:	Approx. 6½ miles (or 3½ miles short option).
Time:	Allow about 3 - 3½ hours (or 2 hours).
Terrain:	Farmland, open pastures and woods. Mostly well-defined tracks, plus about ¾ mile on minor roads. Some areas (especially through the woodland) can be very muddy at times - suitable footwear advised. Easy walking with a couple of gentle ascents.
Walk 2	
Distance:	Approx. 2½ miles.
Time:	Allow about 1½ - 2 hours.
Terrain:	Mostly farmland; becksides for short distance. Good tracks, steady climbs.
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Start:	Both walks start from Terrington Main Street.
Parking:	Limited roadside parking in the village (please do not inconvenience local residents).
Refreshments:	Bar meals at Bay Horse Inn, Terrington. Tea Rooms at the Village Stores.
O.S. Maps:	Landranger 100, Malton & Pickering. EXPLORER 300, Howardian Hills & Malton

FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.
- Guard against all risks of fire.
- Fasten all gates.
- Keep your dogs under close control.
- Keep to public paths across farmland.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- Take your litter home.
- Help to keep all water clean.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Make no unnecessary noise.

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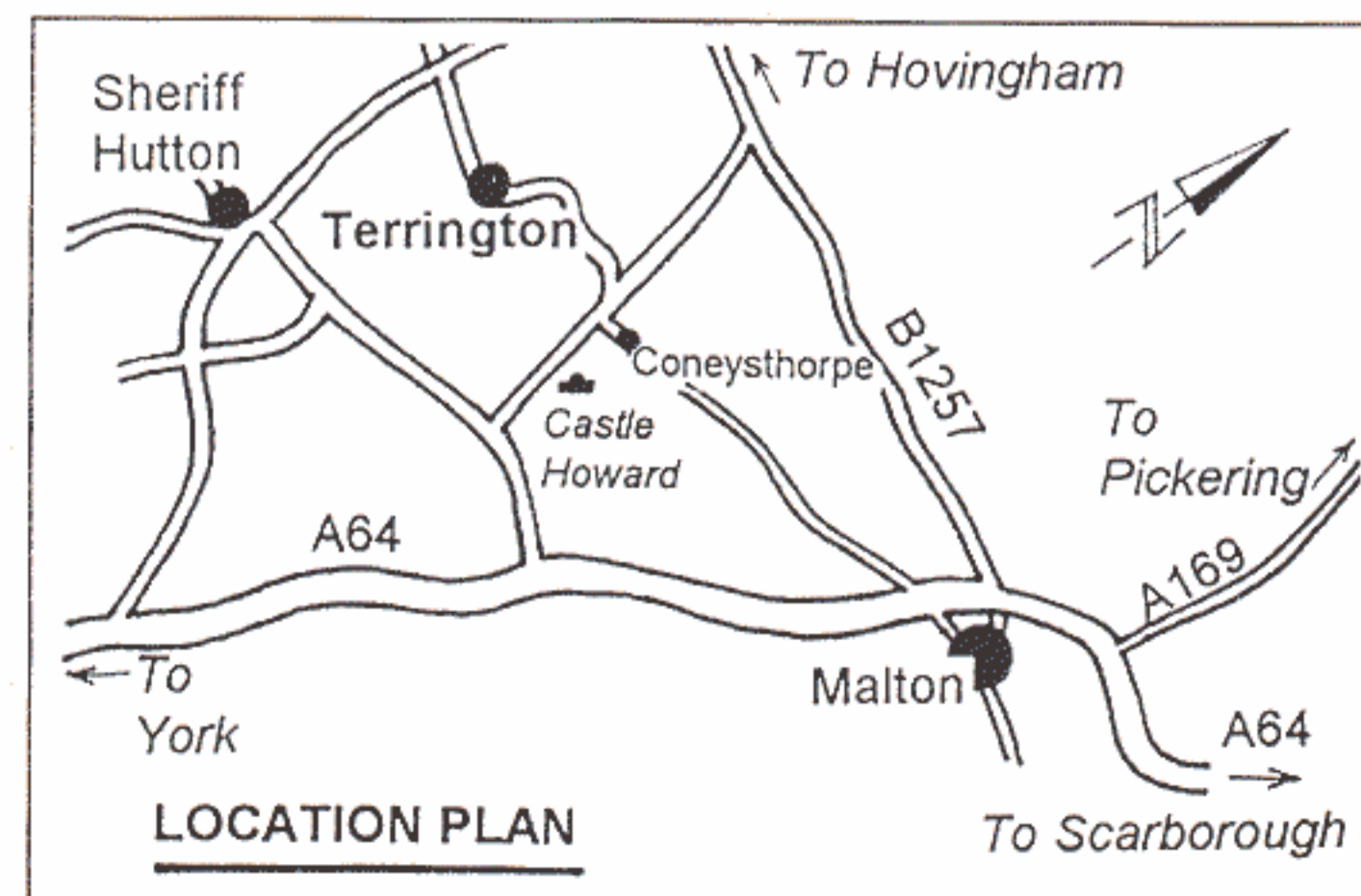
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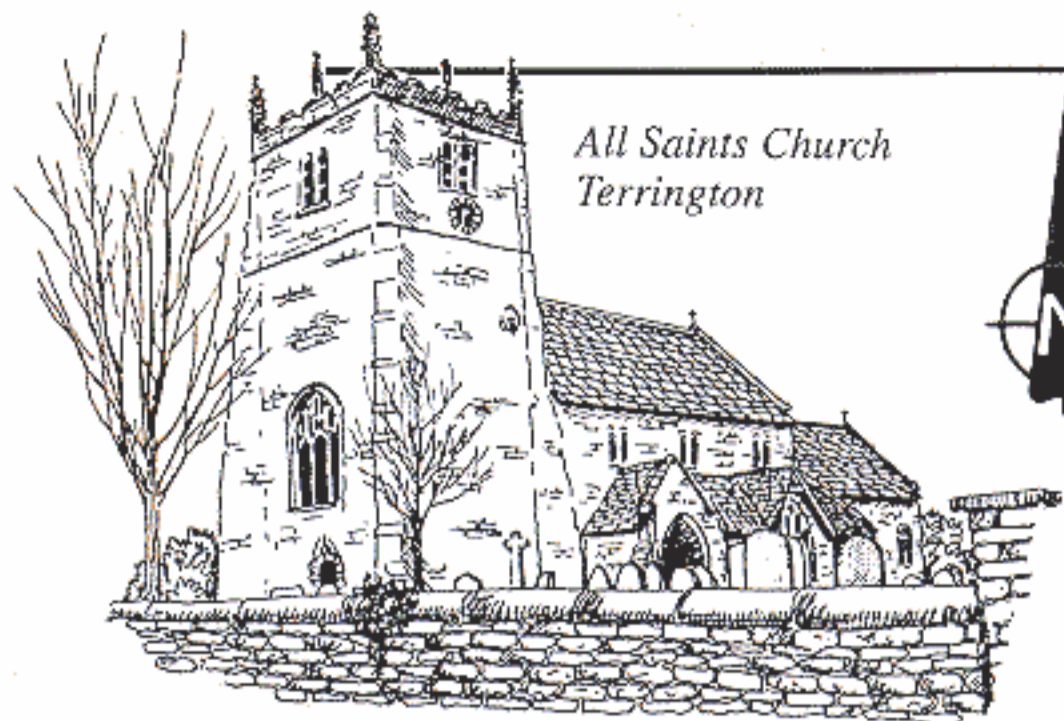
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North Yorkshire County Council has produced a series of similar leaflets which describe short walks in several areas throughout the county outside the boundaries of the two National Parks. For a list of other leaflets available in the series, send a S.A.E. to the Northallerton address above.







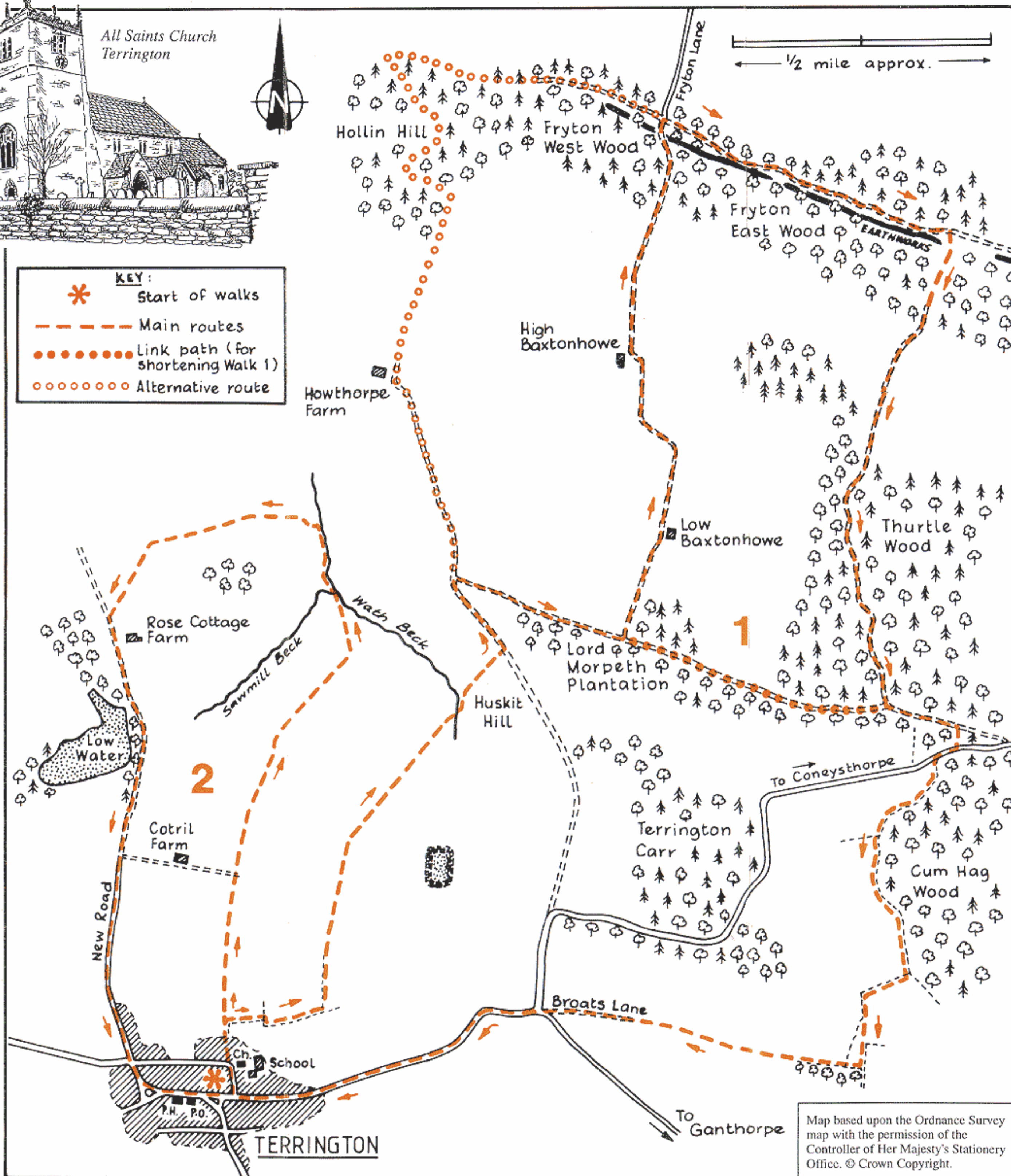


All Saints Church
Terrington



← 1/2 mile approx. →

- KEY:**
-  Start of walks
 -  Main routes
 -  Link path (for shortening Walk 1)
 -  Alternative route



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