

The track becomes less distinct and curves right to a stile next to a gate. Over the stile and the footpath is straight ahead to the distant right hand field corner where hedgerows meet. Continue in the same direction through a gateway towards a clump of trees in the centre of the field surrounding a pond. Go forward, 50 yds left of the trees to a gap in the hedge. Cross into the next field where properties in Thorney Lanes come into view. You can turn right and follow the edge of the field if it is cropped, but the footpath aims diagonally across the field to the farm buildings to the right of the white house (Daisy Bank) in the middle distance and as you reach the hedgerow which comes into view on the right, follow it down, keeping it on your right to pass through a gate set back from the lane.

Turn left on the lane, up Holt Hill, past Holt Hall Farm on the right to Craners Lodge on the left and immediately past the house, go left over the stile next to the gate and into the field. Follow the hedge for 25 yds. then as it begins to curve to the left bear a little to the right across the field making for a solitary oak tree to the left of the woodland. At the field corner next to the oak tree, climb the stile next to the gate.

Go diagonally right between the corner of Dunghill Plantation and the first of the line of 3 electricity power poles and continue forward on rising ground making for the field corner over the brow. Cross the stile to the left of a gate and follow the hedge around to the right with the spire of All Saints Church coming into view away on the left. At the field corner climb the stile and make for the top of the rise and the stile to cross over the B5234.

Here climb a stile to the left of a gate and keep the hedge on your left as you walk down the field to a stile in the corner leading between houses. You emerge on to the road next to a converted house which used to be The Buffalo pub. Turn left into Yoxall Road to complete the 5 miles back to the village square.

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- Help to keep all water clean.
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- Take special care on country roads.
- Make no unnecessary noise.
- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.
- Guard against all risk 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.

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You may find the following maps useful:-  
O.S. Pathfinder Sheet: SK02/12  
O.S. Landranger Sheet: 128

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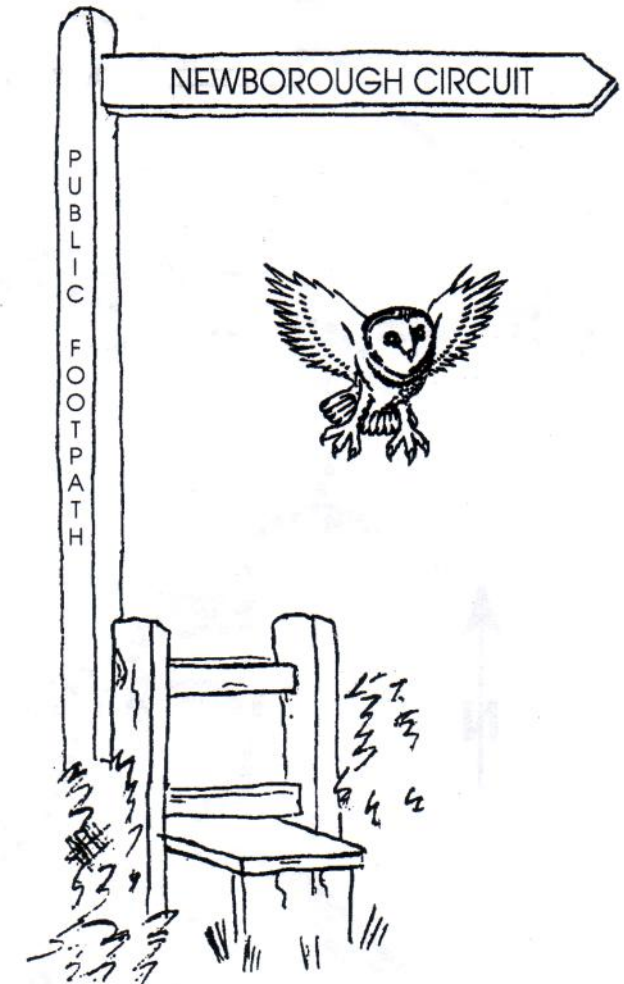
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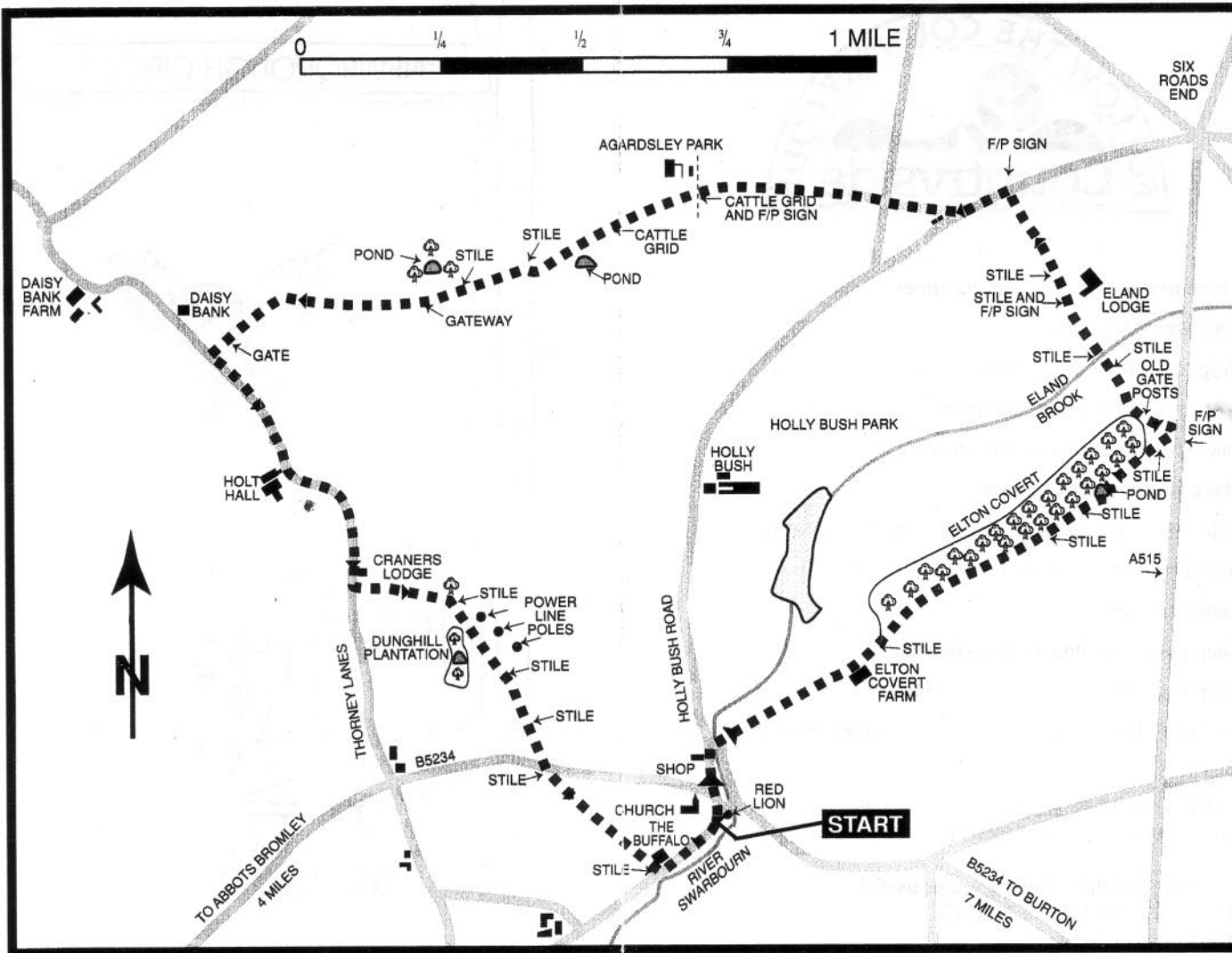
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## A FIVE MILE CIRCULAR WALK WITHIN THE PARISH OF NEWBOROUGH

**NEWBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL  
- WALK LEAFLET NO. 1**



## ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS FOR WALK 1

From the church in the village square, take care crossing over the busy B5234 Abbots Bromley to Burton road and go along Hollybush Road. Pass the shop and in 20 yds. take Elton Lane on the right, over the River Swarbour and turn left up the farm track with high hedges on either side to Elton Covert farm. Note the Duchy of Lancaster stone plaque set into the wall of the building, then climb the stile by the gate, from here you have a fine view to the left of Hollybush Park and its lake.

The path is straight ahead for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile hugging the edge of Elton Covert. Easy level walking through five fields with footpath signposts and stiles along the way, the path deviates from a straight line just once when it passes round a seasonal pond. Just before the end of the woodland, cross over the fence using a stile on your left, then head half right through the trees until you reach a wide path. The A515 is to your right but you turn left along the wide path with a faint line of an ancient ditch along the left.

At a junction of paths bear right down the field keeping the remains of a hedge on your right, behind which is an old brick kiln which is now surrounded by horse jumps.

Continue down in the direction of Eland Lodge, and just before the brook you may see on the right the brick base remains of an old windpump. At one time it pumped water from a spring to a reservoir situated above Eland Lodge and provided the farm with its water supply.

Cross the brook and go up the hill to pass the entrance to Eland Lodge, continue to the brow of the hill and straight on to a stile by a gate leading on to Hollybush Road where you turn left.

The walk may be shortened at this point by following the road back to the village  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles away but The Newborough Circuit goes left on the road for 150 yds. only, then forks right at two cottages, straight over a minor crossroads then ahead down a private road to Agardsley Park. Where the track turns right in front of the house, go left over a cattle grid with a footpath sign. Other footpaths meet at this point but the Newborough Circuit goes to the right, parallel to the field hedge and on the line of a well defined tractor track across the field. Go over another cattle grid into the next field with a pond just off to the left.

## WALK DESCRIPTION

The walk follows public rights of way throughout and the paths are well waymarked, however, you may find the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map No 245 - 'The National Forest' useful.

It can be muddy and strong footwear is recommended. Cars may be parked at The Red Lion where walkers are welcome. Please keep dogs under close control and follow the Country Code.

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