**Walk instructions**

1. Start at the car park on the corner of Crown Road and Neatherd Road and head East on to Neatherd Moor past the duck pond which will be on your left. There will be houses on your right.
2. Continue straight on following the track across the grassy area with the trees on your right.
3. Follow the track as it bends through the trees and follow straight on. The track continues for a little over half a mile before arriving at Etling Green.
4. Follow the public right of way to the left past the houses. You will come to a sign on your left saying “Meadoway”. Follow the footpath to the right of this sign and at the end, turn left on to Back Lane.
5. Follow Back lane until you come to a fork and bear left. Keep walking along this track until you come back to Neatherd Moor.
6. Turn right taking the track around the outside of Neatherd Moor keeping the houses on your right before arriving back at the car park.

**Neatherd Moor and Etling Green**

Neatherd Moor and Etling Green are two important areas of common land on the north-eastern fringes of Dereham. The areas were once much more extensive, playing an important part in the local economy as the land would have been used for grazing and sourcing different types of raw materials. Such areas were typical of mid to south Norfolk until the early 1800s and to a lesser extent, until the agricultural intensification of the 1950s and 60s.

Both sites support a varied mosaic of wildlife habitats including open grassland (semi-improved grassland and species-rich marshy wet grassland), hedgerows and trees, woodland and scrub and ponds and ditches which in turn provide a home for a range of plants, birds, animals and insects. These include some rare protected species such as great-crested newt, bats and plants which are locally important and are rarely found in the open farmed countryside.

**Did you know?**

- Neatherd Moor was formerly known as Gallow Tree Moor suggesting that this was the site of the town gallows before a new gallows was built in the post medieval Market Place on the site of the later Assembly Rooms.
- This area was one of prehistoric activity; Bronze Age hearths and flints have been found here.
- In 1945, during World War Two, Italian prisoners of war were kept at a camp at Etling Green.
- It is thought that there was a former medieval deer park north of Etling Green (mentioned in a survey of 1251 A.D.). The part of Back Lane that follows the course of the deer park’s southern boundary is a very old road, embanked and ditched.
Neatherd Moor and Etling Green

A quiet and relaxed walk on the edge of town linking Neatherd Moor and Etling Green, two of Dereham’s much-loved and valuable open green spaces.

Look out for...
- Ducks
- Barn owls
- Green woodpeckers and song thrushes
- Great crested newts
- Common knapweed
- Common bird’s-foot-trefoil
- Common spotted orchid

Listen out for...
- The willow warbler particularly between April and September. Their song is a high pitched melodic rippling sound that rises quickly before slowly dying away.

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