

The Wherryman's Way

Chedgrave Staithe Circular Walk



Route Summary

A 1 mile surfaced section of the Wherryman's Way atop the flood bank of the River Chet. An optional circular route back will be more challenging for some.

Route Description

This walk has been audited to support people accessing the countryside. The walk audit checked for potential accessibility difficulties such as inclines and steps along the route. Together with useful facilities the locations of the potential difficulties are shown on a map. Photographs are used to show what was found along with key measurements.

The route follows the river Chet near Loddon and boasts views over Hardley Flood and the river Chet. There are plenty of opportunities to spot wildlife along the way. This area is habitat for herons, kingfishers, marsh Harriers, woodpeckers and otters which can all be seen if you are lucky.

The path surface along this stretch of The Wherrymans Way is mostly firm and level as has been made recently from compacted aggregates (2017). Other routes shown by the dotted line on the map are less accessible as they use unsurfaced footpaths, roads with no pavement or tracks with many potholes.

Start at the car park of the All Saints Church. Exit through the recreational area known as The Pits and follow Pit street south until you reach the boat club where you will find a surfaced path that follows the River Chet east. Continue along the flood bank (surfaced in 2017) until you reach the staithe at Chedgrave Common. From here you can either return the way you came or cross Chedgrave Common to join the potholed track known as Common Loke to return to the start via Hardley Road. There is also an optional extension of the route to view Hardley Flood which is not wheelchair accessible due to the bridges having steps.

General information



Start point: At the car park near All Saints Church, Hardley Road



Distance The accessible path measures 1½ miles from the church to Chedgrave Staithe and back.

The less accessible circular walk including the spur to view Hardley flood is 2¼ miles long.



Accessible facilities: The nearest accessible toilets are at Loddon Staithe car park, Bridge



By car: The Pits car park.TM362993



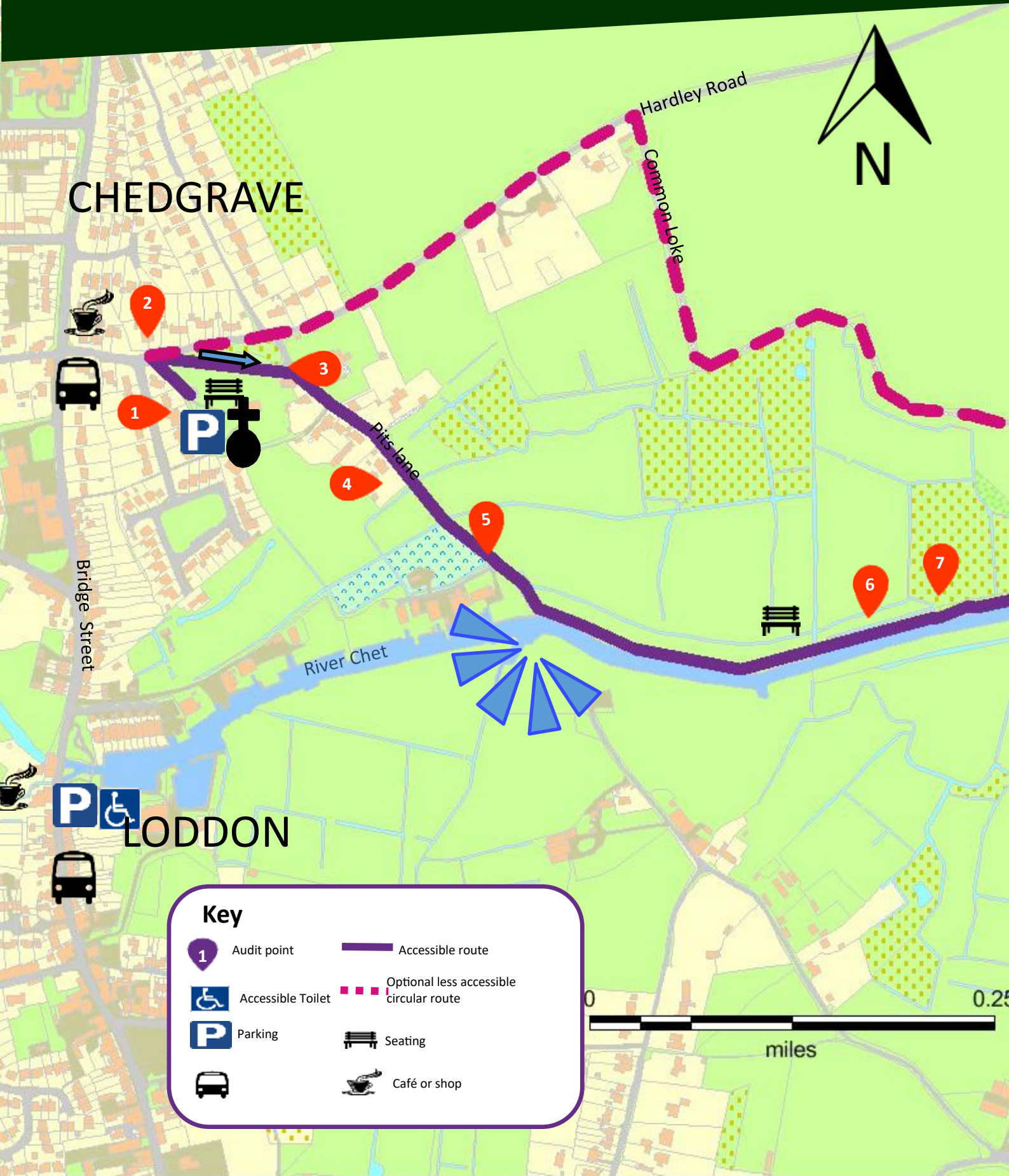
By bus: *The nearest bus stop is on Hardley Road. Catch the X2 X21 or X22 between Norwich and Lowestoft*

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Location map of Chedgrave Staithe Circular walk



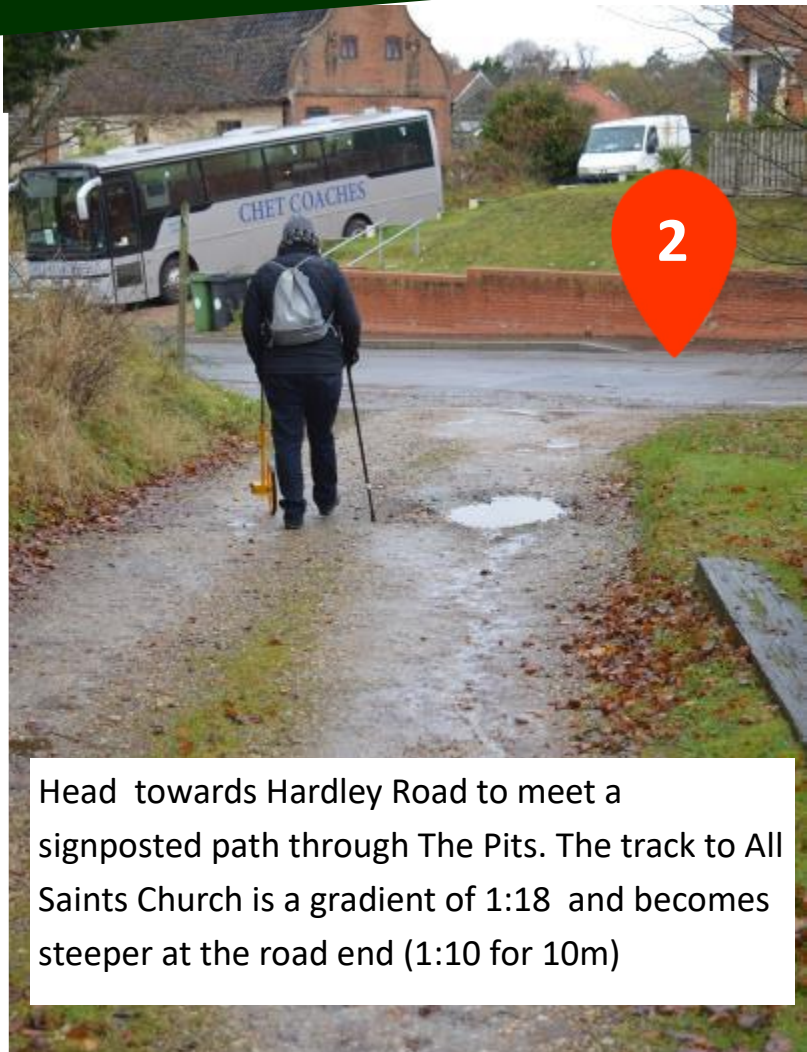
Pits Lane to Hardley Staithe via riverside path



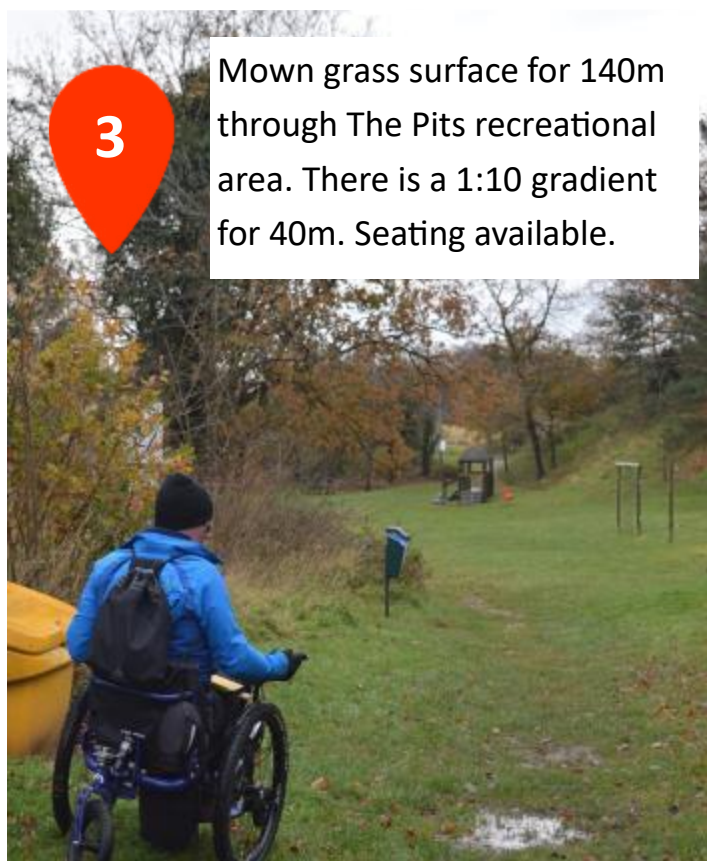
All Saints Church to Pits Lane



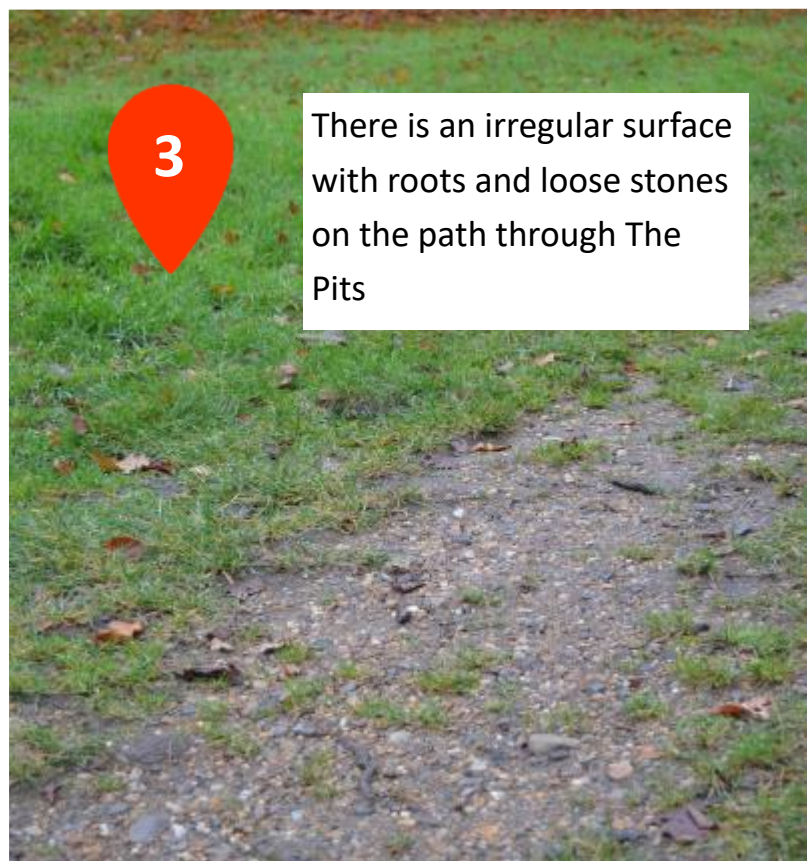
Start at All Saints Church car park which has a surface of compacted gravel. Seating is available



Head towards Hardley Road to meet a signposted path through The Pits. The track to All Saints Church is a gradient of 1:18 and becomes steeper at the road end (1:10 for 10m)



Mown grass surface for 140m through The Pits recreational area. There is a 1:10 gradient for 40m. Seating available.



There is an irregular surface with roots and loose stones on the path through The Pits

Pits Lane to Loddon Foot Path 3

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There is loose gravel where the Wherryman's Way joins Pits Lane

The road camber here presents a 1:12 cross gradient on the road for 40m

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Pits lane meets the footpath on the flood bank near the Boat Club. There is a latched one way opening gate here.

Bench with views over the river. The surface is firm and 1200mm wide

Loddon Foot Path 3 to Chedgrave Staithe

1200mm wide firm surface.

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Take care when opening the gate as the banks drops off sharply. A able bodied assistant is recommended to open the gate for wheelchair users

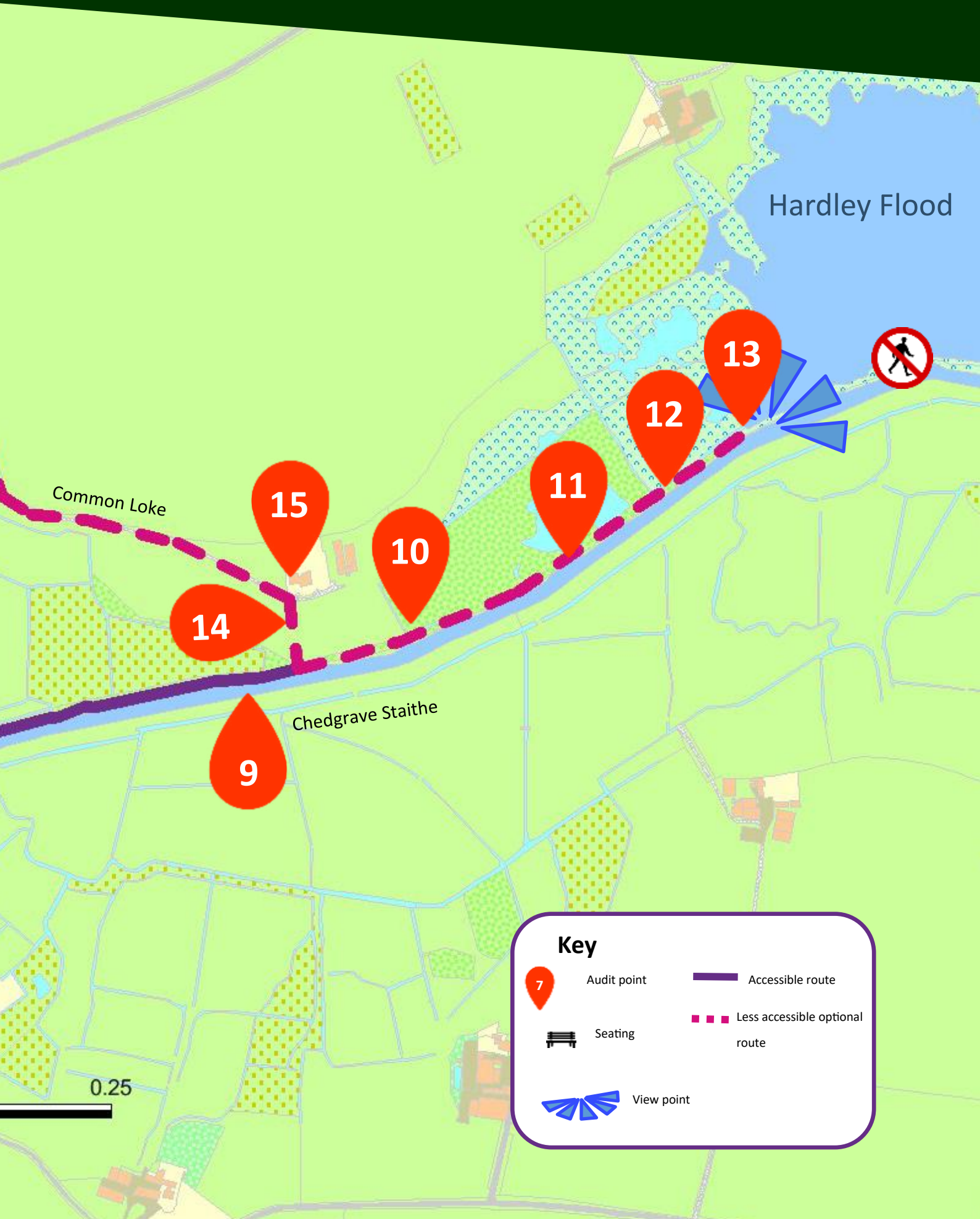
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The path is cambered to a 1:24 cross gradient and at the edge of the path bank slopes off steeply.

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The most accessible part of the route ends here at Chedgrave Staithe. Return the way you came or via Chedgrave loke for a pleasant but less accessible route back to the start

Chedgrave Staithe to the viewing point over Hardley Flood



Chedgrave Staithe to Hardley Flood view point

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Head north through the 2 way opening gate to take the optional circular route back. Alternatively continue along the river to the view point or return the way you came



The path to the view point of Hardley Flood is uneven and seasonally wet and/or overgrown with steps up to the bridges. The path is closed beyond the second bridge

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The first bridge has 4 steps that measure 80mm at one end and 1 step of 80mm at the other.



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Between the bridges trees large trees restrict the width of the path to 800mm



Chedgrave Staithe to viewing point over Hardley Flood

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Hoggin aggregates have been added to the surface of the path here . The roots and stones make the surface uneven presenting steps of 40mm

5 steps of 120mm to the viewing platform. The Wherrymans Way is closed past this point and is diverted onto Hardley Loke

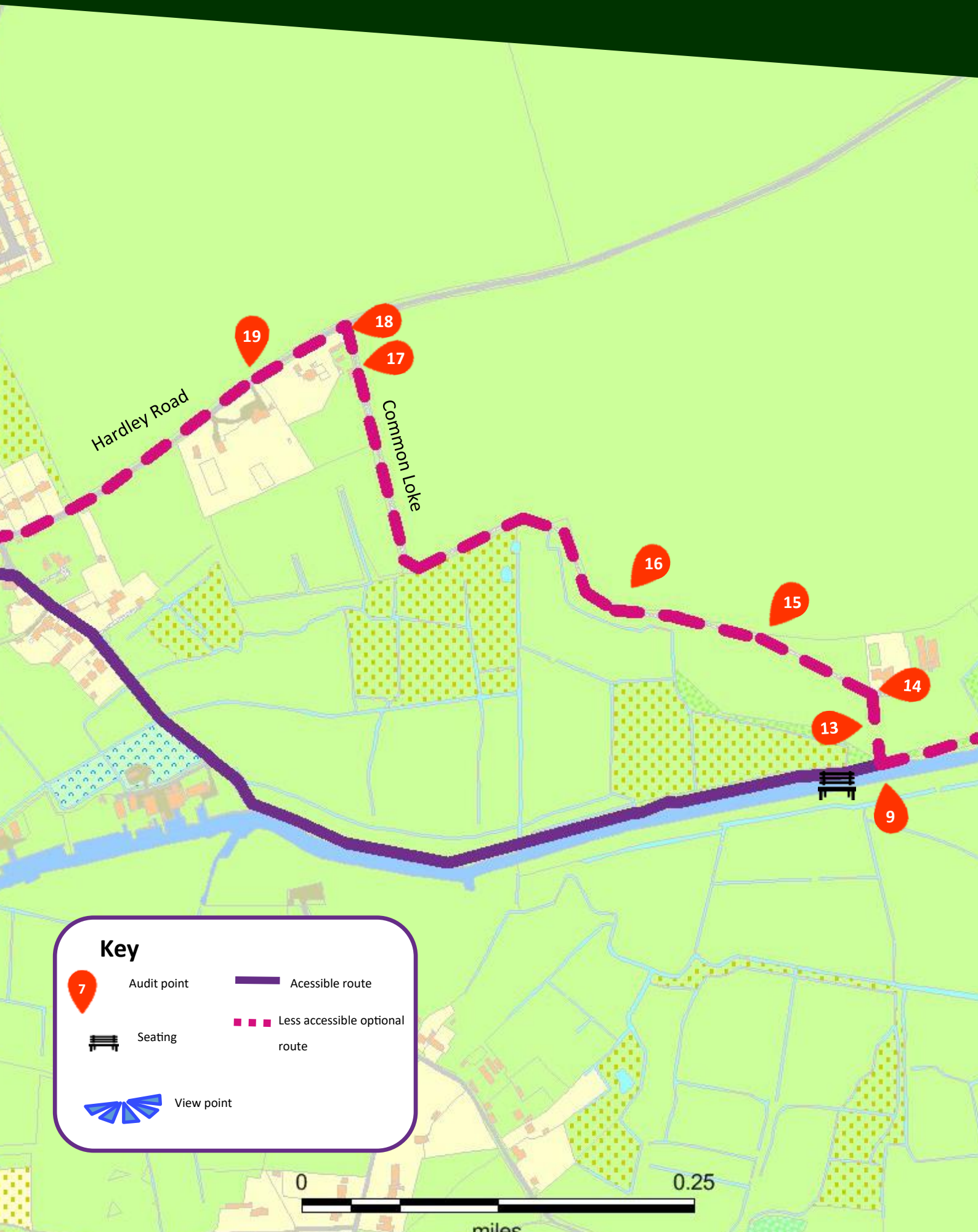
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View point over Hardley Flood



Chedgrave Staithe to Hardley Road



Key

-  Audit point
-  Seating
-  View point
-  Accessible route
-  Less accessible optional route



Chedgrave Staithe to Common Loke

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2 way opening pedestrian gate the latch of which may be hard to operate for people with limited dexterity

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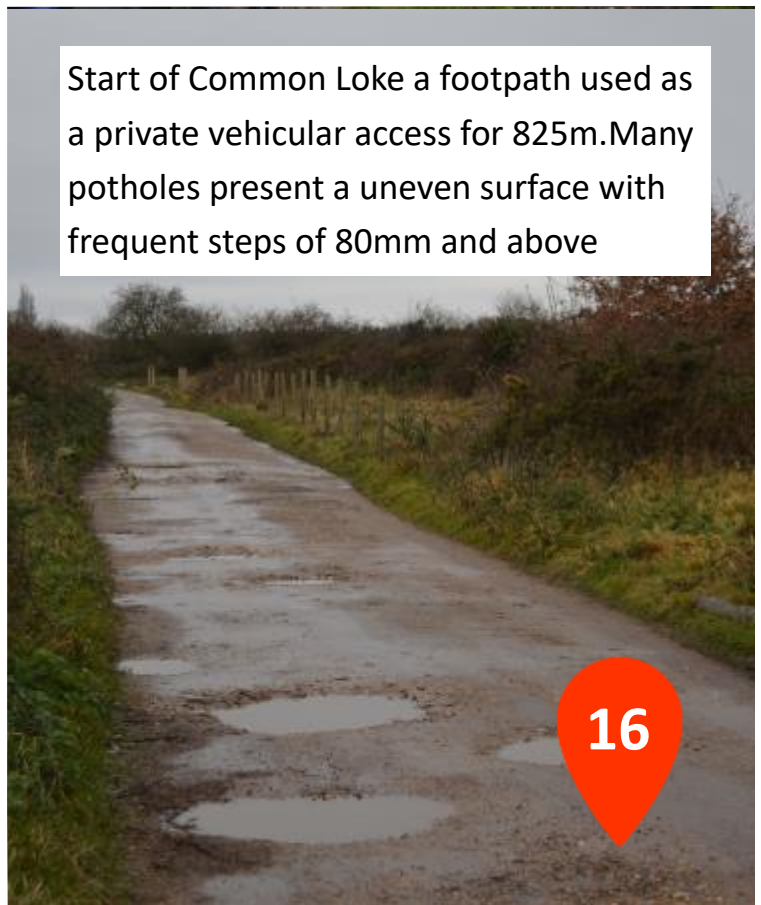
Unsurfaced grassy track across Chedgrave Common for 60metres

A another 2 way opening pedestrian gate the latch of which may be hard to operate for people with limited dexterity



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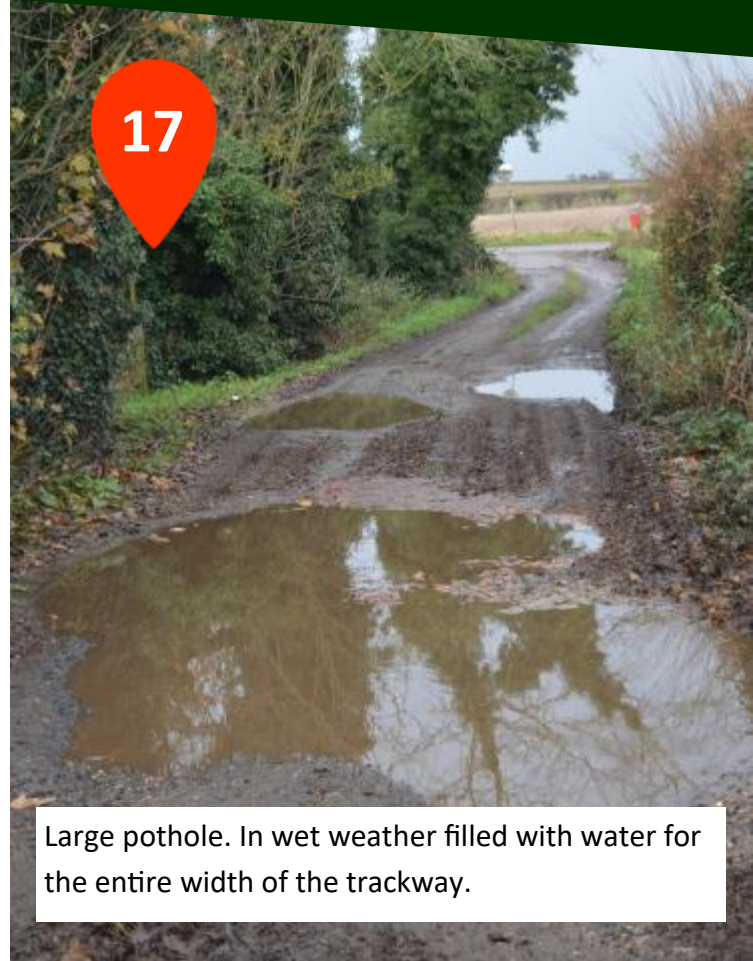
Start of Common Loke a footpath used as a private vehicular access for 825m. Many potholes present a uneven surface with frequent steps of 80mm and above



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Common Loke to Hardley Road

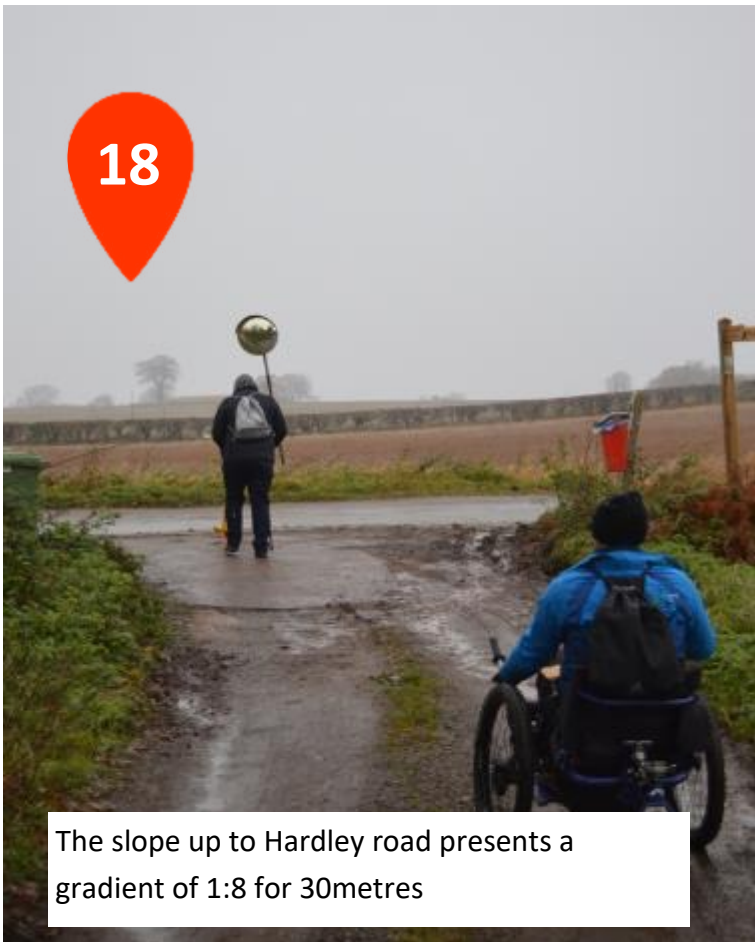
The condition varies with along the length and potholes are patched on a adhoc basis. Standing water often



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Large pothole. In wet weather filled with water for the entire width of the trackway.

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The slope up to Hardley road presents a gradient of 1:8 for 30metres

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Head back east along Hardley Road which has no footway. Take care as use is shared with motor vehicles

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Accessible paths on The Wherryman's Way can be enjoyed at Rockland Broad at Rockland St Mary and Whitlingham Park near Norwich

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