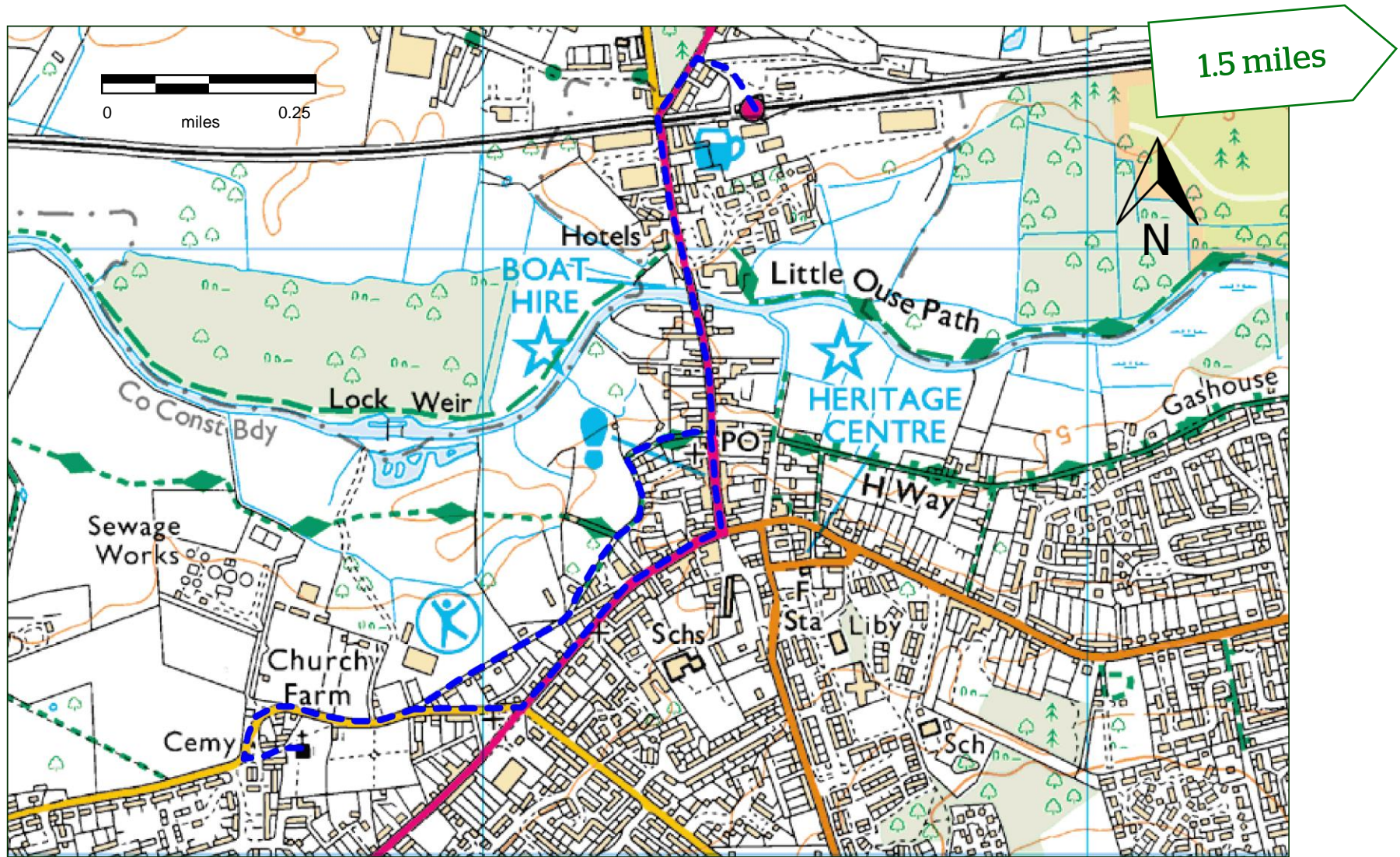


Circular Walk

The Flint Trail, Brandon



Along the way

Brandon was once the flint capital of Britain, and this trail highlights an industry that provided employment for many of the town's men. Brandon's architecture, and that of the Brecks generally, was traditionally defined by the use of flint and examples of decorative brick and flintwork can be seen at Brandon Railway Station.

St Peter's Church stands at what was the centre of early medieval Brandon, but the focus of the town later shifted nearer to the river and along Ferry Street (now the High Street). The earliest surviving parts of the current St Peter's probably date from the late 13th century, while some of the oldest buildings are found near the town's main bridge, which crosses the River Little Ouse, including The Ram pub, which has been in business since at least 1517.

For a much longer walk you can follow the Little Ouse Path along the riverbank to Santon Downham (signed from Brandon High Street) or alternatively, for something less strenuous, you can join the Weeting History Trail via Fengate Drove near Brandon Railway Station.

Walk summary

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Getting started: This linear trail starts at St Peter's Church (TL7767 8617) or Brandon Railway Station (TL7843 8725).

Getting there: Brandon is well served by good bus and rail links. Free parking is available at Bury Road and George Street (long stay), as well as adjacent to the Brandon Leisure Centre on Church Road.

Maps and guides: Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 229, Thetford Forest in The Brecks.

What to expect: Surfaced roads and pavements.

Facilities: This walk begins and ends in Brandon where you will find good facilities, shops selling local produce and local cafes. Toilets are located in Brandon Leisure Centre where you may also be able to purchase refreshments (please note the Centre cannot cater for large groups).