



Walk 7: Gressenhall - 9 miles, allow 3¼ hours

The walk can be shortened to 3¼, 4½, 6¾ or 7 miles (1½, 2, 2¾ or 3 hours)



Before starting this walk, please read the general leaflet

This walk does not start from the town centre, but a small informal car parking area in Quebec Wood. To reach this by bus from the town centre, catch the Konect service 21 (stop outside Barclays Bank): alight at the stop for Quebec Hall: cross the road and walk forward to the end of the footway, turning right into the small rough car parking area. In a car, leave Dereham by the B1146 Quebec Road to Fakenham. Pass Quebec Hall on the right, and follow the road as it turns sharply right past a road junction on the left; 100 metres on, enter the car park on the right.

1 Walk along the track (**Bridleway 21**), and where it turns right, continue ahead to the road. Turn right for 50 metres, **! taking care on this busy road**, then turn left on **Footpath 22**, a green lane. At the path junction, continue ahead. *Part way along here, the path crosses into Northhall Green; this last bit of path has not been officially recorded, though is indistinguishable from the rest.* Turn right along **Unclassified Road 35131** (a track), turning left a little before the track swings to the right. Follow this track to cross the **Mid-Norfolk Railway** and continue to the road. Go ahead to the nearby road junction.



2 Turn left along **Hoe Footpath 3** and join the **Wensum Way** (which you now follow to Gressenhall). Cross the railway again, then follow this path in the same direction as it crosses two country lanes and the busy Holt Road (becoming **Hoe Footpaths 4, 5 and 6**), to reach a staggered junction of paths (and temporarily re-enter Dereham). *A short walk can be ended here by turning left on **Footpath 20**; turn left again just before it enters woodland, then cross the road back to the car park. Or continue ahead on **Footpath 19**, turning left at Drift Farm then left again on to Gressenhall Road, rejoining the main walk just before the end.* Turn right onto **Footpath 19** which soon crosses into Hoe, becoming **Hoe Footpath 1** and then **Unclassified Road 35132**.



3 Turn left along Fakenham Road. **Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse** is a short way along the road; it has a café open seasonally. Otherwise, turn left and continue left along Litcham Road, now part of **Nar Valley Way**. Follow the road to the village, initially using the verge on the left side of the road **!**. Turn left in the village, past the green and over a stream to a road junction. *To shorten the walk, turn left here, then left again to pick up the alternative route in 2 above; **!** if using this route, be alert for traffic on these roads.* Turn right and follow the road past St Mary's church and on to another road junction. *A last opportunity to shorten the route can be taken by turning left here and joining the route described above.*



4 Follow the road round to the right, then take the next road on the left. Keep ahead at the next junction and the following one ¼ mile further on. Just after the next road on the right, turn left on the road (which is also **Scarning Footpath 9**) leading up to the sewage works,. Cross the stream here and enter Dereham once more.



5 At the gates of the sewage works, there is a choice. **Footpath 34** runs to the left of the works, following the stream through Rush Meadow to enter the woods across a ditch; the path then winds its way through woodland, initially on a boardwalk, to meet **Footpath 18**. Alternatively, follow the informal path to the right of the gates, as it runs by the stream, climbing to a path junction by a concrete structure, then continuing mostly alongside a fence and eventually meeting the junction of **Footpaths 34** and **18**. Whichever route has been used, go up the hill on **Footpath 18**, to join the **Wensum Way extension** by turning left on to Sandy Lane at the top. Turn right at the T-junction and follow this road to the junction with Holt Road. To reach the start point, **either** cross the road, turning left along the footway, **or** turn left through the wood on **Footpath 20**, turning right when you emerge, then cross Holt Road.

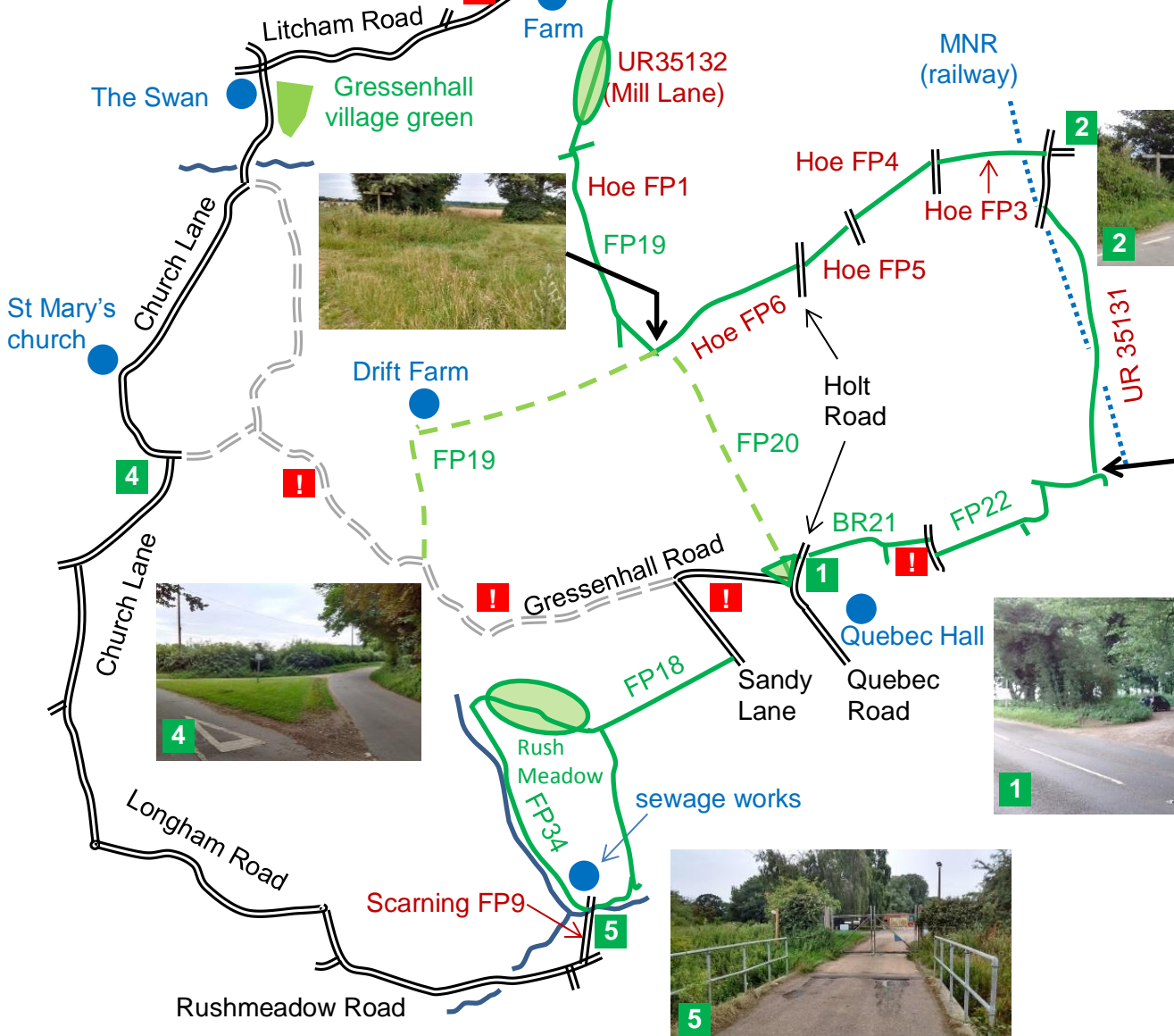




Gressenhall Museum
Fakenham Road

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path or track	—
shorter route	--- ---
woodland	○
care needed	!



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