



walk 10: Yaxham to Dereham - 5 miles, allow 2 hours



Before starting this walk, please read the general leaflet

This walk starts from Dereham Railway Station, catching a service on the **Mid-Norfolk Railway** to Yaxham. Note that the station car park is locked shortly after the last train of the day arrives in Dereham.

A slightly shorter version can be started from Yaxham village: catch the Konect service 4 outside Barclays Bank.

1 Leave the train at Yaxham. From the station, turn right across the railway and walk down to the main road. Turn right for 100 yards, then cross over when safe. *This is where you would start the walk if coming by bus.* Pass the village sign and turn left up Church Lane. Follow the lane round to the right, now also the route of **Yaxham Footpath 4**, and when it turns left, continue ahead through the gate and into the recreation ground. Keep to the left of the field, and just before the end, go through the hedge and continue in the same direction as the path crosses two fields.



At the lane, turn left and walk up to the farm. When the farm track swings left, continue ahead on a green lane - first **Unclassified Road 35008** then **Yaxham Restricted Byway 8**. It emerges onto Cutthroat Lane: turn right and follow it for a bit over ½ mile, and pass The Cottage (displaying the date 1852) on the right.

2 Turn left on **Yaxham Footpath 1** (follow the power cables) which veers a little to the left to cross the River Tud on Mouse's Bridge and enter Dereham. Join **Footpath 4**, a little to the right. Walk up the path (again following the power cables) and turn left where it meets the track, which is **Footpath 26**. Follow this track for almost a mile; it keeps mainly the same

course, at one point turning sharp right then left, then passes **Footpath 35** (signed to **Badley Moor Common**). Continue until you reach a crossroads in the path: this path can be very muddy, even after fairly dry weather.

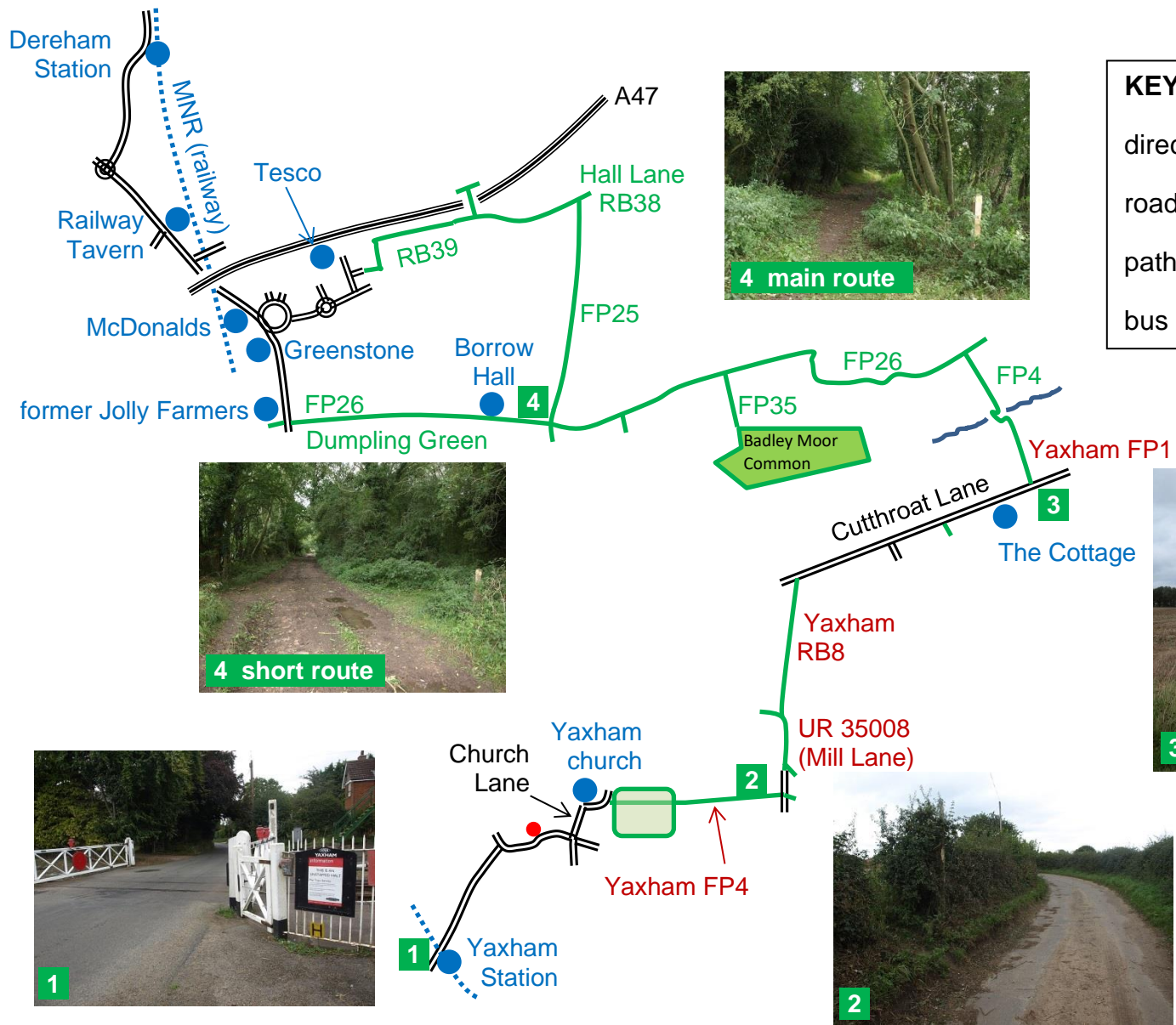
4 *To slightly shorten the walk, continue along the track (now called **Dumpling Green**), passing **Borrow Hall**, to reach the road. Cross the road towards the thatched house (the former **Jolly Farmers** pub) and turn right along Yaxham Road. Go past **The Greenstone** and **McDonald's**. Cross the railway under the A47 and continue to the second set of traffic lights. Cross to the **Railway Tavern**, and rejoin the main route.*



Turn right up **Footpath 25** and follow it to the track: this is Hall Lane - **Restricted Byway 38**. Turn left and follow the track up to the bridge across the A47. Continue ahead without crossing the bridge, and at the end of the track, turn left and soon right and then join the road. At the end of this short road, turn left, then at the end turn right.



Staying on the right hand side of the road, go ahead at the mini roundabout and then cross the A47 slip roads. Continue under the A47 bridge to cross the railway and walk on to the **Railway Tavern**. Continue to the mini roundabout, then turn right up Station Road and back to Dereham Railway Station.



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