

This secluded 'green lane' follows the line of an old Roman road. The whole area is rich in Roman history, as evidenced by significant finds of pottery and coins from the period. The hamlet of Brough, 2 kms to the south, stands on the site of a key military station. Potter Hill, just to the left, is believed to have been a smaller outpost. As for the road beneath your feet, its east/west line suggests it may have linked the main Fosse Way to a crossing point on the Trent near Cromwell.



**Turn** right onto a bridleway just in front of the embankment. Continue for approx 350 metres, keeping parallel with the A46 (4 km point).

**Turn** right at another bridleway sign to follow a track for approx 1½ kms, eventually passing new farm buildings on your left.

**Turn** left opposite the entrance to Wheatley Grange. Take the first turn on the right to go along a tarmac lane that descends the gentle slope of Wheatley Hill.

**Turn** right again at the next junction into Hewson's Lane. Continue ahead for just over ½ km to where the lane bears sharp left and a track comes in from the right - rejoining the two routes (6 km point).

**Follow** the lane round to the left. After approx 250 metres turn right onto an ill-defined path (not signed) that runs along the left-hand edge of the field. Keep the dyke and a tall hedge immediately to your left.

**In** the field corner, by a yellow way marker, go through the wide gap on your left into another field and continue ahead to reach a kissing gate by the railway line. Cross the line **with care**.

**Follow** a narrow path for a few metres and then bear right to walk along a field edge. After approx 100 metres bear diagonally left to follow the path across the field towards the village.

**Continue** ahead on a footpath between houses. On reaching the road, turn right and then almost immediately left to follow an old sign 'public footpath to Station Road - ⅛ mile'.

**Continue** ahead on the footpath at the end of the cul-de-sac, ignoring another path that goes off to the right, until you emerge onto Station Road. Cross the road and retrace your steps to the car park.

## THE ROMAN TRAIL



## COLLINGHAM WALKS

**One in a series of circular walks produced by 2020 Green Vision\* and supported by the Parish Council**

\*'Working towards a greener future for Collingham and its communities'

## Walk information

### General description:

This walk takes you through farmland to the south east of Collingham. It includes a delightful 'green lane' that follows the line of an old Roman road. There are fine views across the Trent valley on the way back to the village. The route makes use of field paths, tracks and minor roads, and is fairly level throughout. **It can be muddy in places in wet weather, particularly along the old Roman Road near Potter Hill. Boots are recommended.**

### Walk length:

7½ kms (4¾ miles). At a leisurely pace it will take about 2¼ hours. The shorter route is 3½ kms (2¼ miles).

### Starting point:

Car park at the Medical Centre on Collingham High Street. Grid ref: SK 831 617. Ordnance Survey maps: Explorer 271/Landranger 121.

### Refreshments:

Choice of pubs and shops in Collingham.

## Walk directions

**Go** to the rear left corner of the car park. Walk along the edge of the field. At the far end, in front of the football ground, turn right onto a footpath.

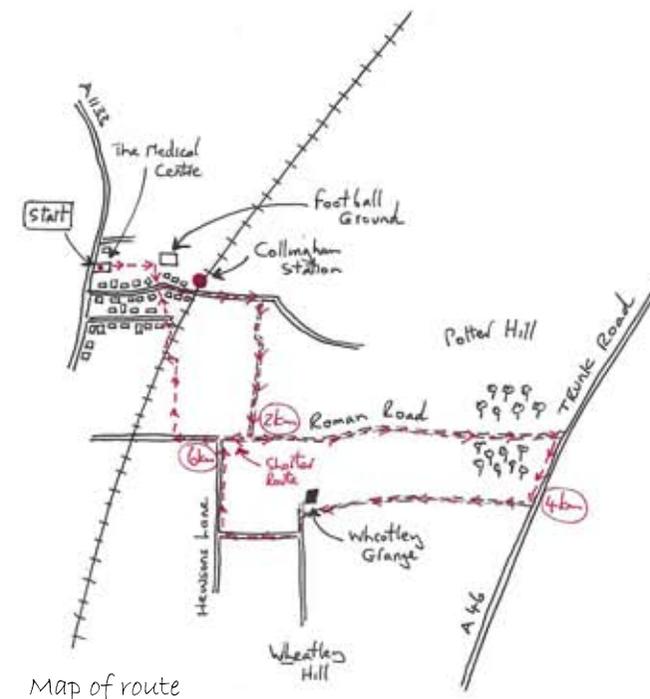
**Continue** along the tarmac drive to the junction with Station Road. Turn left and continue ahead to reach the level crossing on the edge of the village.



The first passenger train travelled along this line, from Nottingham to Lincoln, on the 3rd August 1846. Church bells throughout Lincoln were rung on its arrival there, and shops were closed for an official holiday. The number of passengers using Collingham Station declined dramatically towards the end of the 20th century, with even a proposal to close the line in 1963. However, thanks to the efforts of the local campaign group 'Friends of Collingham Station', numbers have now increased to over 30,000 a year.

**Continue** along the road for approx 300 metres. Turn right onto a track opposite the third dwelling on the left. Continue ahead for approx ¾ km to reach a T-junction.

For the **shorter route**, turn right here towards Hewson's Lane and the point at which you rejoin the main route.



Map of route

For the **longer route**, turn left at the T-junction and continue ahead for nearly 2 kms, until you reach the embankment carrying the A46 trunk road.