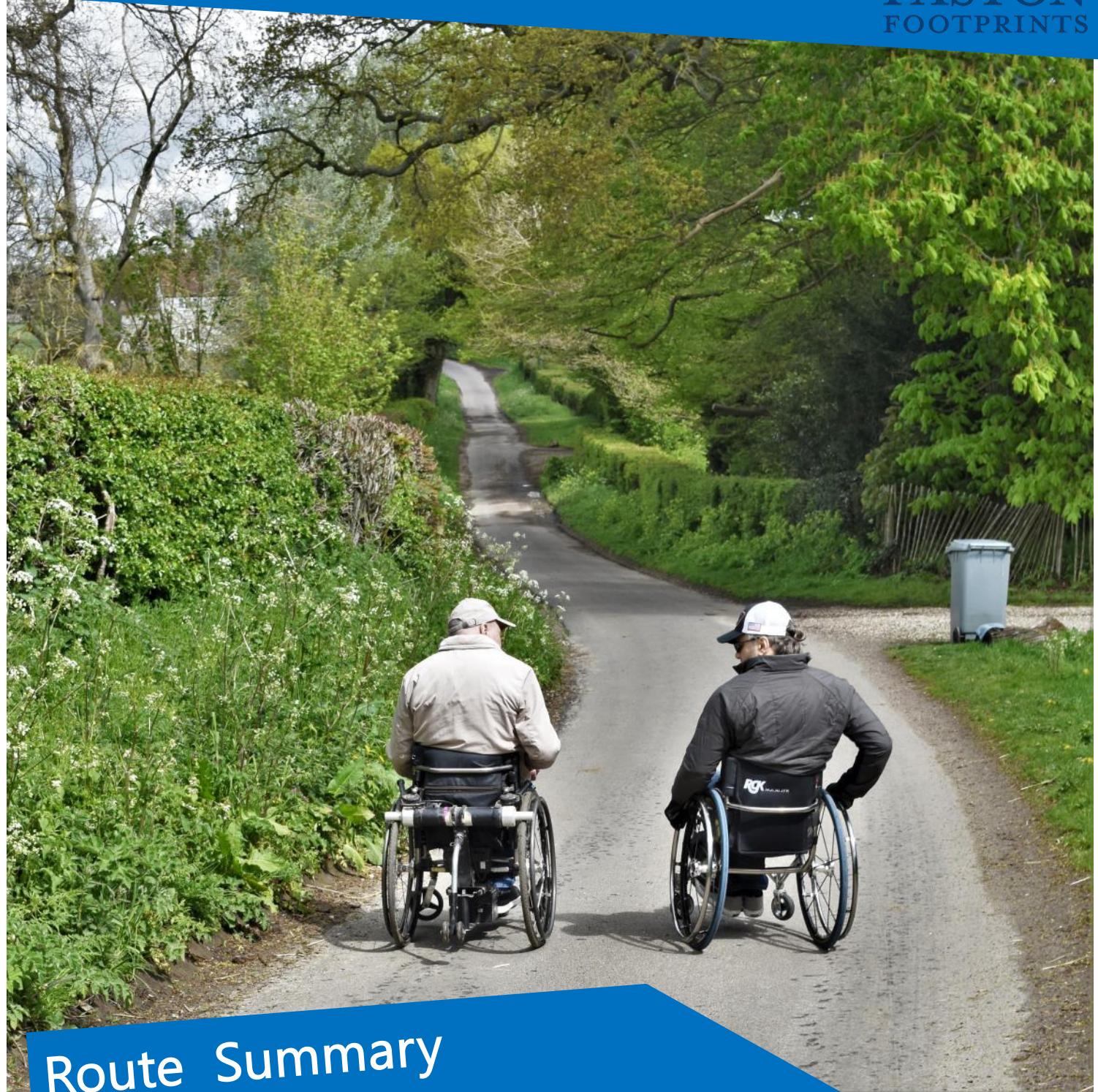


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Route Summary

A 3.5 km circular route, exploring
Paston History in Blofield



What is an access audit ?

An access audit looks at the suitability of a trail for people with mobility impairments. We measure 12 parameters that are relevant for people accessing the countryside. If these are exceeded they are detailed in these booklets.

Parameter	Standard threshold for recording
Surface condition	The path is not firm,stable and non slip
Barriers to wheelchair users	When steps or stiles present
Path width	The Path less than 1200mm wide
Restriction	Restriction to the path less than 815mm wide
Ramp Gradient	The slope along the path is steeper than 1:10
Rise of Ramp	Ramp sustained for more than 950mm without resting place
Cross Gradient	The slope across the path is greater than 1:35
Steps	Steps greater than 15mm high
Resting places	No bench or other seat after 300m
Passing places	Paths below 1200mm should have a wider passing place every 150m
Surface breaks	The path surface has a gap greater than 12mm wide
Clear Walking Tunnel	The path is clear to a width of 1200mm wide and to a height of 2100mm

The access audit shows the position and measurements where these threshold standards are **not met** as well as benches and other facilities.

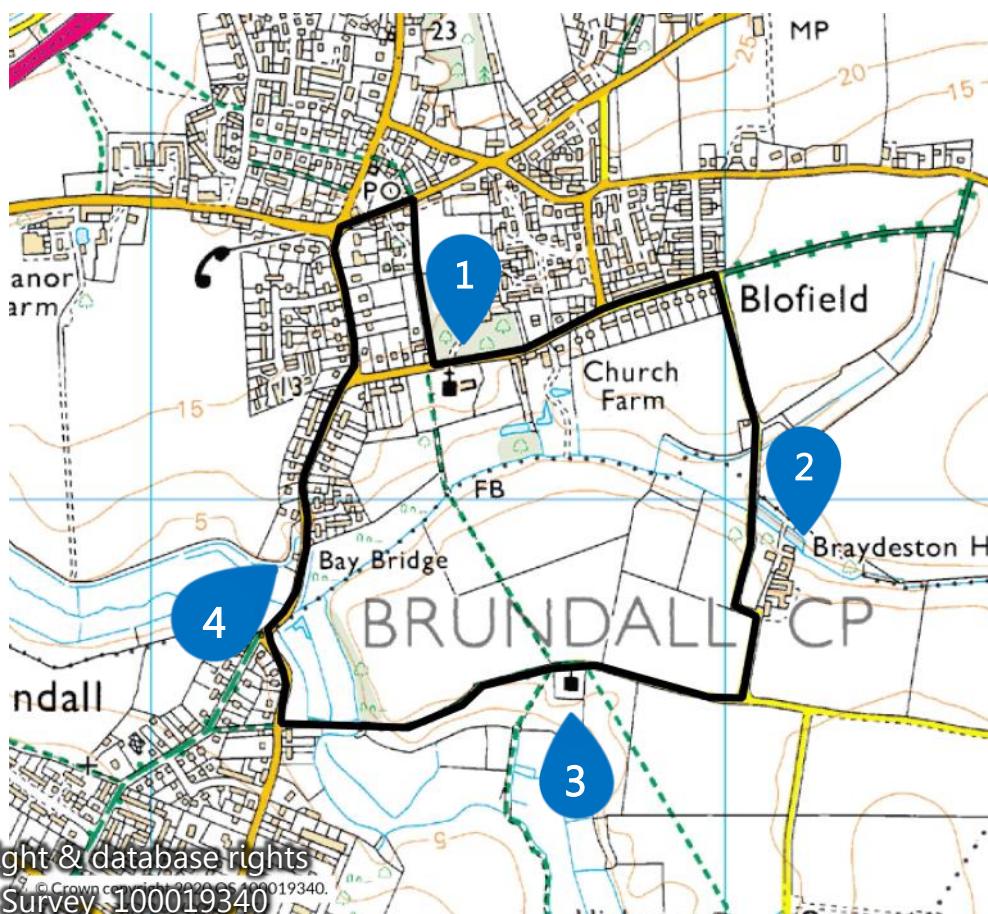
Points of Interest



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BLOFIELD Circular Walk—Points of Paston Historical interest

- 1 **St Andrews Church, Blofield.** The church, which has a fine tradition of hospitality and of supporting musical activities, contains a number of Paston tombs and memorials.
- 2 **Braydeston Hall.** This was the site of the original Berney owned Braydeston Hall and where on two occasions in the mid 15th century it was taken by force under the direction of Thomas Daniel, a supporter of the Duke of Norfolk.
- 3 **Braydeston Church.** The church was supported by the Berney family and Osbert Berney's brass memorial can be seen close to the font. Edward Paston's marriage to Margaret Berney in 1588 brought Edward many estates which included Strumpshaw, Buckenham, Beighton and Reedham.
- 4 **Blofield Hall.** The site of Blofield Hall is thought to be near where Brundall Road road crosses the stream at Bay Bridge. The Hall was once the Bishop of Norwich's residence and the important and wealthy manor of Blofield came into the possession of the Paston family following the Dissolution. Sir Thomas Paston was one of Henry VIII's Privy Councillors.



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This 3.5km walk can be started at Blofield Church, where there is parking available, and uses quiet country lanes and footpaths to cross the small valley of Run Dike to visit Braydeston Church. This walk is well served by public transport with a train station at Brundall and bus stops in Blofield at the Junction of Brundall Road and Church Road

The route is challenging for an unassisted wheelchair user without off-road adaptions, due to the nature of the route across the Braydeston Hills section. There is not a worn path here, and the ground is soft grass.

Sections of this route would be challenging for manual wheelchair users without a RGK Frontwheel adaption. Able bodied assistance would be recommended because of the two sections of 1:8 gradients (H5 & H8), and operating the gates (H4 & H6)

Power chairs and off-road chairs would need to be a maximum width of 800mm because of the width restriction at the Blofield Road end of the footpath (H3)

It should be noted there are no facilities on the route, no toilets, and no refreshments although there is a pub (opposite P2) and shops on Blofield High Street, via Stocks Lane

Both churches are accessible with ramps that can be put in place by an able bodied assistant. There are no benches or resting places along the route.



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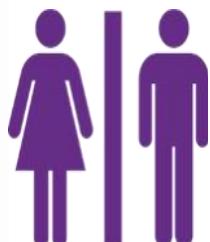
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Start point: Blofield St Andrew & St Peter Church .



Distance: 2.2 miles/3.5 km



Accessible facilities: Accessible toilet at Blofield St Andrew & St Peter Church.



By car: Blofield St Andrew & St Peter Church NR13 4NA TG335092



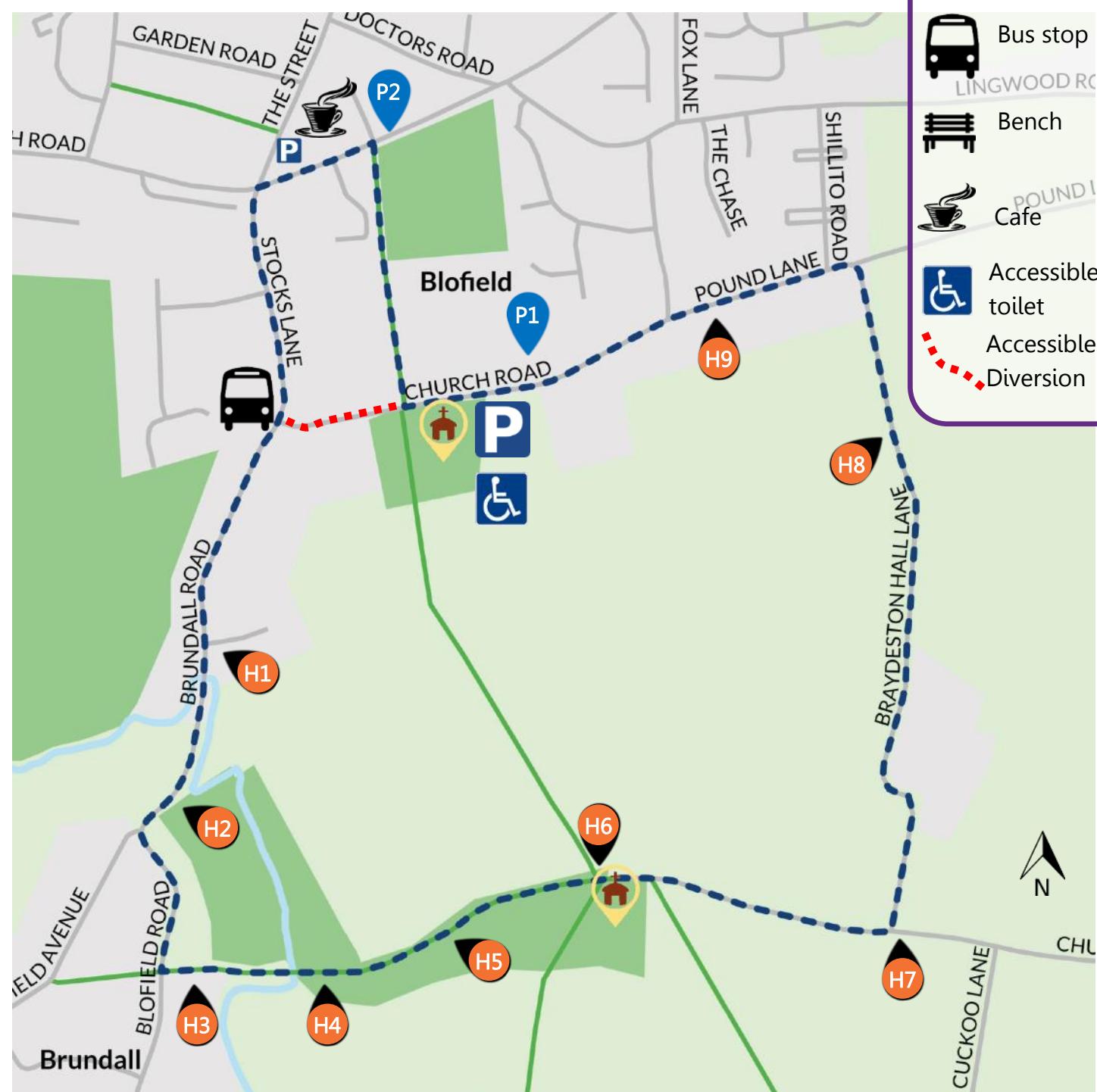
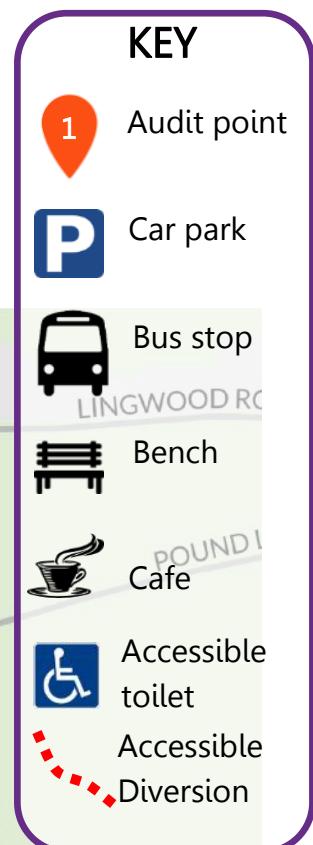
By bus: nearest stop at Stocks Lane/Church Rd. Bus numbers 14B/15/15B here.
: [Blofield – bustimes.org](http://Blofield - bustimes.org)

Audit Map :



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Accessibility Information



P1



Parking on Church Road in front of Saint Andrew and Saint Peter church is suitable (P2) the road is wide enough to allow for getting wheelchairs in and out of the car.

H1



No drop kerbs. Dropped kerbs can be found further down Langham Green.

H2



We investigated the idea of incorporating crossing Cremer's Meadow, but with no drop kerb here this isn't realistic.

H3



Width restriction - approx. 800mm. Less than 1 metre width here. There looks to be potential to widen the gate

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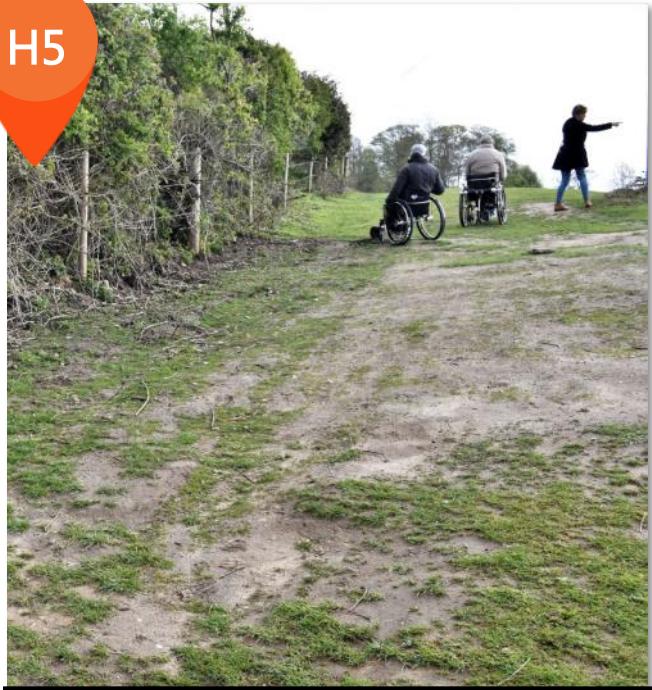


H4



Very muddy around the gate - the gate bolt and the size of the gate makes it extremely difficult to be operated by a wheelchair user.

H5



Incline 1:8 on soft ground.
No recognisable worn path

H6



Difficult to operate gate.

H7



Sign posting not obvious. Please observe discs
on nearby telegraph poles

Accessibility Information



H8



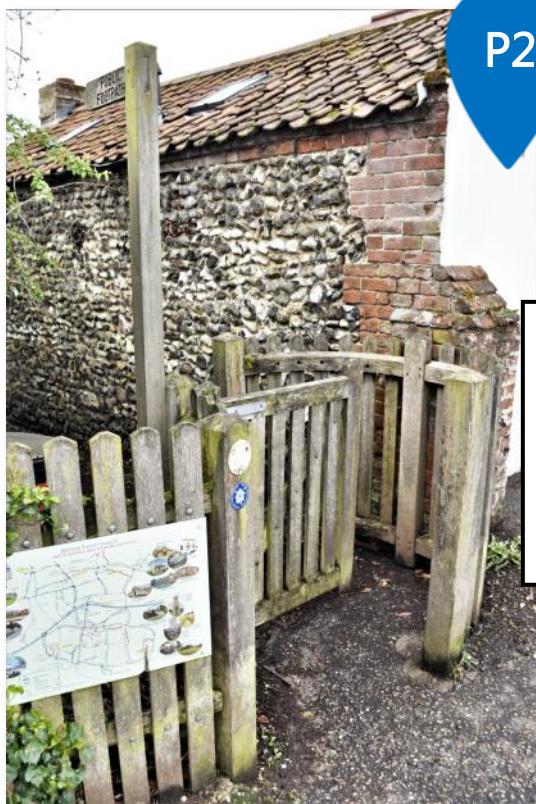
Incline 1:8 on tarmac surface.

H9



Driveways creating potentially hazardous cross gradients

P2



We attempted parking at the recreation ground (P2) on Yarmouth Road. A gravel car park was not ideal, and an inaccessible kissing gate on the West side of the recreation field meant we decided to look for an alternative.

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