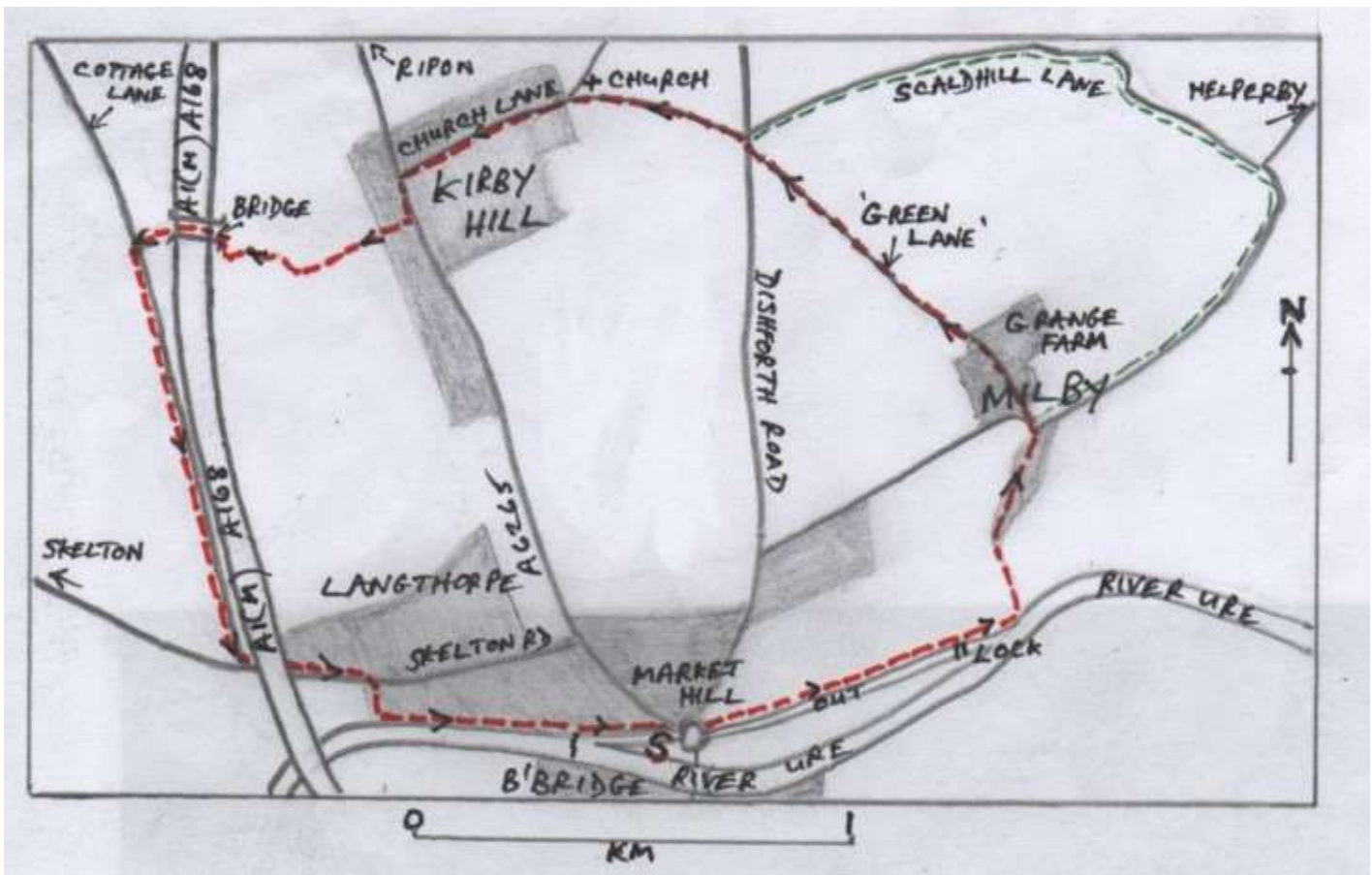


Walk 1: The Langthorpe Loop



KEY: Red dashes – Langthorpe Loop; Green dashes – Extension to Langthorpe Loop

The “official” (Walkers Are Welcome) route (see map below) is an anticlockwise one, starting at the Langthorpe picnic site car park (S on map), heading out to Milby lock, then up to Kirby Hill, past the church, across the motorway, down Moor (Cottage) Lane, returning to the picnic site via the riverbank path or Skelton Road. It can, however, be done *clockwise*; and there’s also the possibility of an “extension” by including a section of the Helperby Road and the minor road (Scaldhill Lane) past Sion Hill Farm, joining the official route at the start of Church Lane in Kirby Hill.

DISTANCE: the walk marked on the map is about 3 miles (5 km) long; getting on for 4 miles (6.5 km), if we include the Sion Hill extension.

TIME: If you’re a leisurely walker and enjoy an occasional break, allow up to 2 hours for the standard walk. If your aim is exercise and you don’t stop, an hour for the 3 mile walk and 75 minutes for the “extended” version is about right.

OS MAPS: Explorer 299, 1: 25 000; Landranger 99, 1: 50 000



Illustrative “Walkers Are Welcome” map showing the Langthorpe Loop

SUMMARY: an excellent, very easy local walk with many points of historical and cultural interest along the route

Key for pics below: (S) – standard, anticlockwise walk; (E) – extended walk



The way-marking sign for the walk



(S) Milby Lock (2, above)



(S) Grange Farm, from the end of Tinkler Lane



(E) Start of Scaldhill Lane from Helperby Rd



(E) Scaldhill Lane from Dishforth Rd



(S) "Green Lane" : Milby - Kirby Hill



(S) Kirby Hill Church (4, above)



(S) Turn-off from Leeming Lane, leading to A1 crossing



(S) From bridge over A1



(S) Right turn to the riverbank path, near the end of the walk, just before The Fox & Hounds