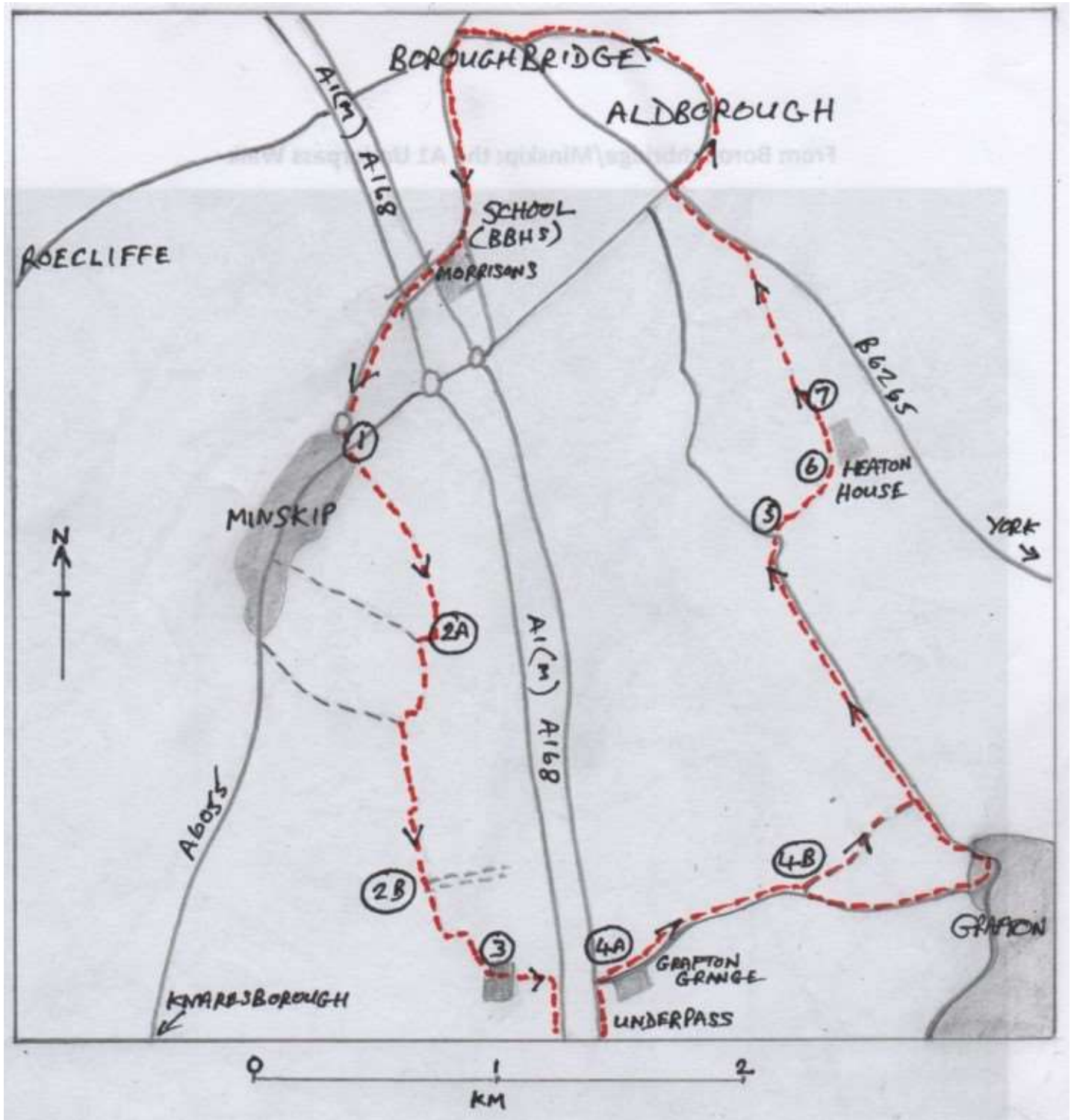


Boroughbridge Local Walks (6)

From Boroughbridge/Minskip: the A1 Underpass Walk



Start in the centre of Boroughbridge or at the Minskip roundabout (1 above); walk along a strong path via 2A/B above to 3 (some care with map reading needed: 2A (pic 2; 2B (pic 3) – don't be tempted to turn left on the strong farm track which heads towards the A1; *carry on*, walking south, parallel to the A1)

At 3 (pic 4), take the tarred road which leads to the A1 underpass; cross the A168 with care, then, from 4A, follow the road to Grafton; turn left in Grafton* and walk on the minor road to Aldbrough/Boroughbridge; at

5 on map, turn R towards Heaton House and follow the clear signs at 6 to find the bridleway to Aldborough crossroads (NB *one can easily miss the gap in the hedge at 7 (pic 6) and there may be no actual path across the farmland!*) which comes out on the B6265 just before the crossroads (take care while walking on busy road)

From the crossroads, head for the centre of Boroughbridge, either walking along the B6265 footpath or via Aldborough (preferred) or, if you're still full of energy, via the "River Loop" from Aldborough to Boroughbridge

***See pic 5; there is a new path at 4B which bypasses Grafton; use it, if you wish**

DISTANCE (It's assumed you're starting/finishing in the centre of Boroughbridge and using the route through Aldborough on the final leg): **7 miles** (subtract a mile if you're starting in Minskip and picking up your car later)

ESTIMATES OF TIME: leisurely pace – at least 3 hours ; brisk, exercise pace – 2 hours 15 mins

SUMMARY: an interesting, varied route; and an enjoyable one, provided you don't mind more walking on minor roads or roadside paths than is usual on these local walks

OS Explorer 299, 1: 25 000 and/or Landranger 99, 1: 50 000 should be use in conjunction with the informal map above



1 on map; start of walk proper



Left turn at 2A on map



Straight ahead at 2B!



Follow the tarred road at 3



Alternative route at 4B



Unmarked gap in hedge at 7



Towards Aldborough crossroads (bearing 340); no visible path!*

*There is usually a path of some sort but, when the pic was taken in October, the crop had recently been harvested. There is a legal right of way (bridle path) from the unmarked gap in the hedge and the B6265

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