

# "An enjoyable walk with excellent facilities"

You have been walking in the historic East Field area of Riccall. You eventually head west again towards the A19 along Moor Lane sign, heading north until a left turn is taken along a bridleway and On the outskirts of the nurseries, turn right again and follow the turning right and heading west towards Norwood Nurseries.

After a short while a left turn is taken. Walk for 100 metres before of wetlands which you may wish to visit on another day! A left turn would take you to Skipwith Common, an important area hand side you reach King Rudding Lane, where you turn right. Riccall Grange Farm. Shortly after passing the farm on the left over the footbridge showing arrows and heading south towards Head east across open fields for about a mile, before turning right.

Selby Coalfield was developed. diverted in 1983 to avoid problems with subsidence when the coast main railway line from London to Scotland. The line was **very busy road**. Here the A19 follows the line of the old east to cross the A19 at this point. **Do so with extreme care, it is a Chapel Lane and climb the embankment onto the A19.** You need to close this residential gate. Cross the small field at the end of to go through a gate on your left hand side. Please remember Chapel Lane. At the very bottom of Chapel Lane, you will need Cross Main Street with care at the Post Office and head down is the site of the village pinto, where stray animals were kept. Office (the Greyhound pub is on your right hand side), near which Main Street, where you should turn left and head towards the Post Village Green. Cross the Churchyard and follow the path towards the leaving the car park and head along Landing Lane into Church adequate parking, toilet and refreshment facilities. Turn left on Start at the Regen Centre on Landing Lane, where there are

## Useful information about the walk



# Riccall Round Walk Two



# Riccall Round Walks

## 2 circular walks

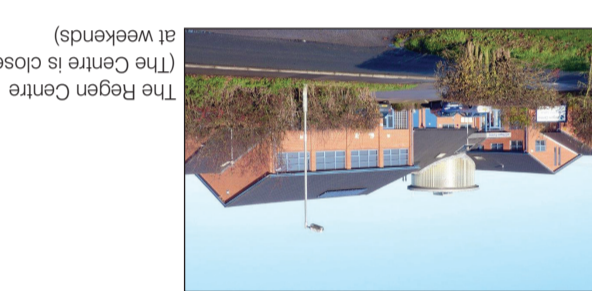
This leaflet describes two circular walks, both of around 5 miles in the pleasant and historic countryside in and around the village of Riccall. The walks can be easily combined into one walk of 10 miles.

Riccall is situated on the A19, 9 miles south of York and 5 miles north of Selby in the county of North Yorkshire. There is an excellent bus service to and from the centres of both York and Selby.



Village Green and Notice Board

Cross the A19 again with extreme care and walk north of the 'Riccall' village sign. On your left is Riccall Park, which dates from 1885. The nearby modern landmark of the Water Tower was built in the 1970s. **Cross Main Street with care** and take the gated public right of way (Mount Path) behind the old railway cottages with the A19 on your right. **The railway came to Riccall in 1871 and was a major employer for many years. In late Victorian times these cottages, in what was then The Mount, housed 2 signmen, a plateyer, a porter and a permanent way inspector.** At the end of Mount Path is the site of the old railway station which was closed to passengers in 1958. Turn left into Station Road. [The large house on the right hand side is the former station master's house.] Head west along Station Road, passing the Village Institute, which was built in the 1920s and is still going strong. At the traffic lights you should cross the road with care and walk between the Church on your left and the Village Green on your right. Turn left past the Churchyard into Church Street where you will pass Hall Farm Cottage on your right hand side. This cottage, a former farm house with 20 acres of land, was built in typical 18th century brick in a long low style.



The Regen Centre (The Centre is closed at weekends)

"I didn't realise there was so much history in and around Riccall"



St Mary's Parish Church

After a further 200 metres turn left up a narrow path that eventually takes you along the perimeter of the primary school which was established in 1931. After leaving the school, you head east and then north-east alongside some of the village's field gardens (allotments). Follow the footpath indicated by the signs, keeping the allotments on your left. On leaving the field gardens you head north across an open field, before turning right, heading back to the village, passing the Millennium Green on your left hand side. This area is part of the historic North Field.

**The Millennium Green is open to the public and has seating, a picnic bench and is a haven for wild flowers. It was opened in 2000, partially on the site of an old piggery.** On reaching York Road you turn south and head towards the Village Green, Church, shops and inns.

If you wish to walk 'Riccall Round Two' you should turn left down Chapel Lane, opposite the Post Office, and follow the 'Riccall Round Two' directions as described.

The Church is Norman in origin, with an interior that was restored in 1865. Church Street, to the west of the Church, will lead you into Landing Lane and back to the Regen Centre, passing the old mill on your left hand side.

**There were once three windmills in Riccall. The Old Mill, last used in 1910, is now a restaurant. It probably stands on the site of the prebend's windmill, first recorded in 1295.**

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This leaflet was produced through the efforts of volunteers from Riccall Parish Council. It invites you to use the Public Rights of Way network to discover the history and landscape surrounding Riccall Village.



## Information key

- Be Safe – Plan ahead and follow any signs
- Close gates behind you
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

## Please follow the Country Code

# Riccall Round Walk One



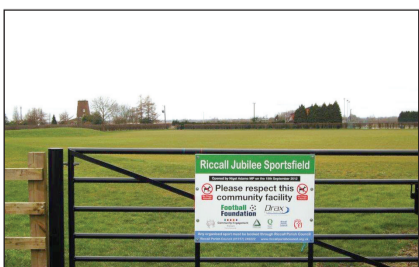
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Start at the Regen Centre in Landing Lane, where there are adequate parking, toilet and refreshment facilities. This splendid £1.25m community centre was opened in 2000 by the Duke of York. Turn right on leaving the car park and walk for 100 metres before turning left, heading south towards the river. **This area is part of the historic West Field one of the pre-enclosure fields that surrounded the village.**

On reaching the river turn right and walk along the flood bank until you come to Riccall Landing, **where the ferry to the settlements west of the Ouse was situated and where the Vikings landed in 1066 on their way to do battle at Gate Fulford and Stamford Bridge. Many skeletons have been discovered in this area and these are believed to belong to some of the defeated Viking troops returning to their boats.**

Carry on along the bank. Ahead of you is Wheel Hall Farm which stands on the site of Wheel Hall, a medieval residence of the Bishop of Durham. Before reaching this you should turn right through the stile and head to the Riccall – Kelfield road. At the road turn right and walk with great care (there is no footway) until you enter the village and rise several metres above the flood plain.

**On the left is the Prebendal Manor House, originally part of the Archbishop of York's estate. For many years after 1869 it was used as the vicarage.**

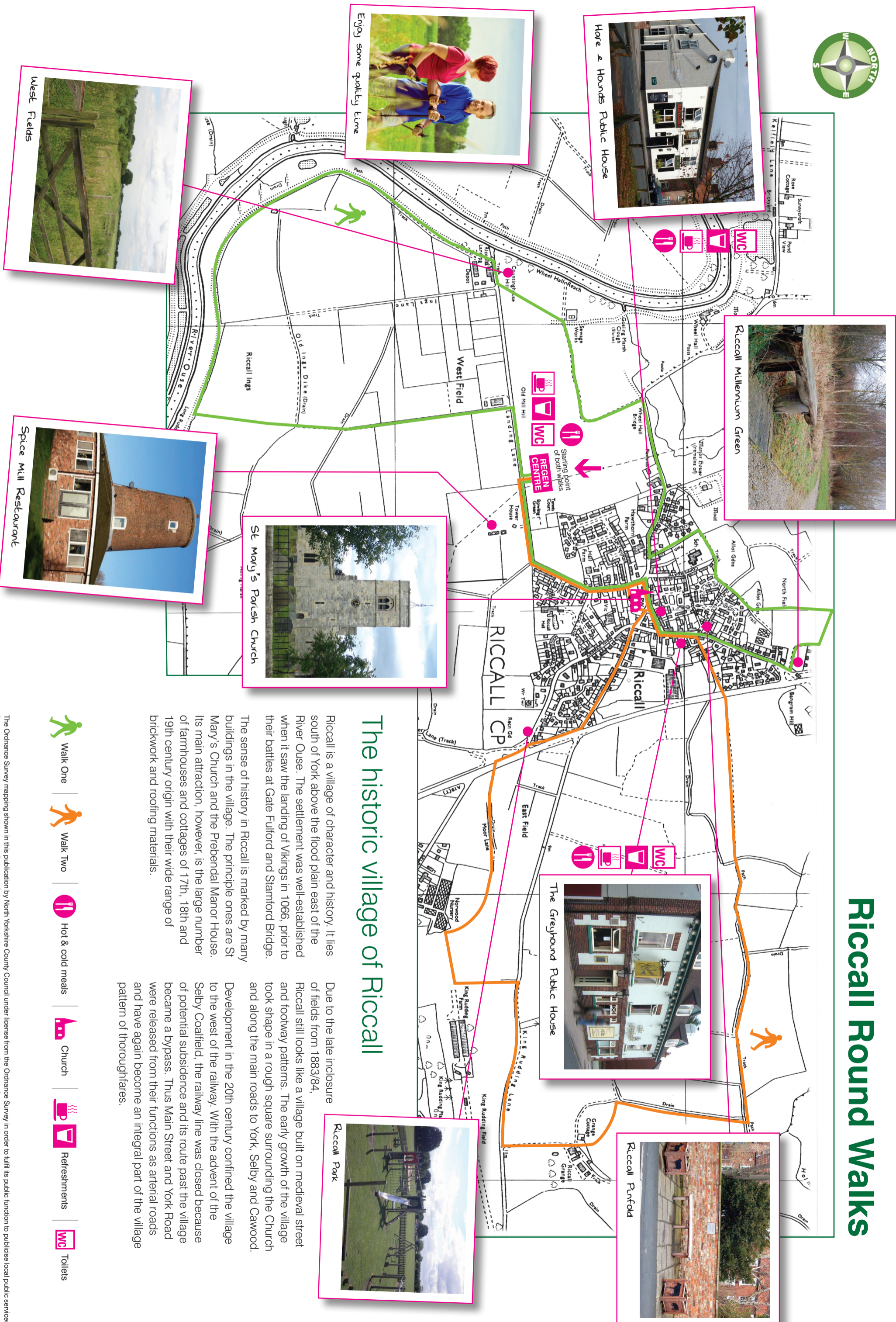


Jubilee Sportsfield, Landing Lane





# Riccall Round Walks



Hore & Hounds Public House



Enjoy some quality time



Riccall Millenium Green



St Mary's Parish Church



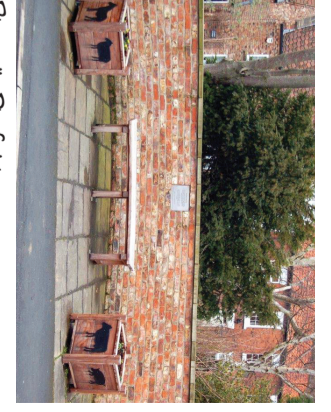
Spice Mill Restaurant



West Fields



The Greyhound Public House



Riccall Pinfold



Riccall Park

## The historic village of Riccall

Riccall is a village of character and history. It lies south of York above the flood plain east of the River Ouse. The settlement was well-established when it saw the landing of Vikings in 1066, prior to their battles at Gate Fulford and Stamford Bridge. The sense of history in Riccall is marked by many buildings in the village. The principle ones are St Mary's Church and the Prebendal Manor House. Its main attraction, however, is the large number of farmhouses and cottages of 17th, 18th and 19th century origin with their wide range of brickwork and roofing materials.

Due to the late inclosure of fields from 1883/84, Riccall still looks like a village built on medieval street and footway patterns. The early growth of the village took shape in a rough square surrounding the Church and along the main roads to York, Selby and Cawood. Development in the 20th century confirmed the village to the west of the railway. With the advent of the Selby Coalfield, the railway line was closed because of potential subsidence and its route past the village became a bypass. Thus Main Street and York Road were released from their functions as arterial roads and have again become an integral part of the village pattern of thoroughfares.

- Walk One
- Walk Two
- Hot & cold meals
- Church
- Refreshments
- Toilets

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