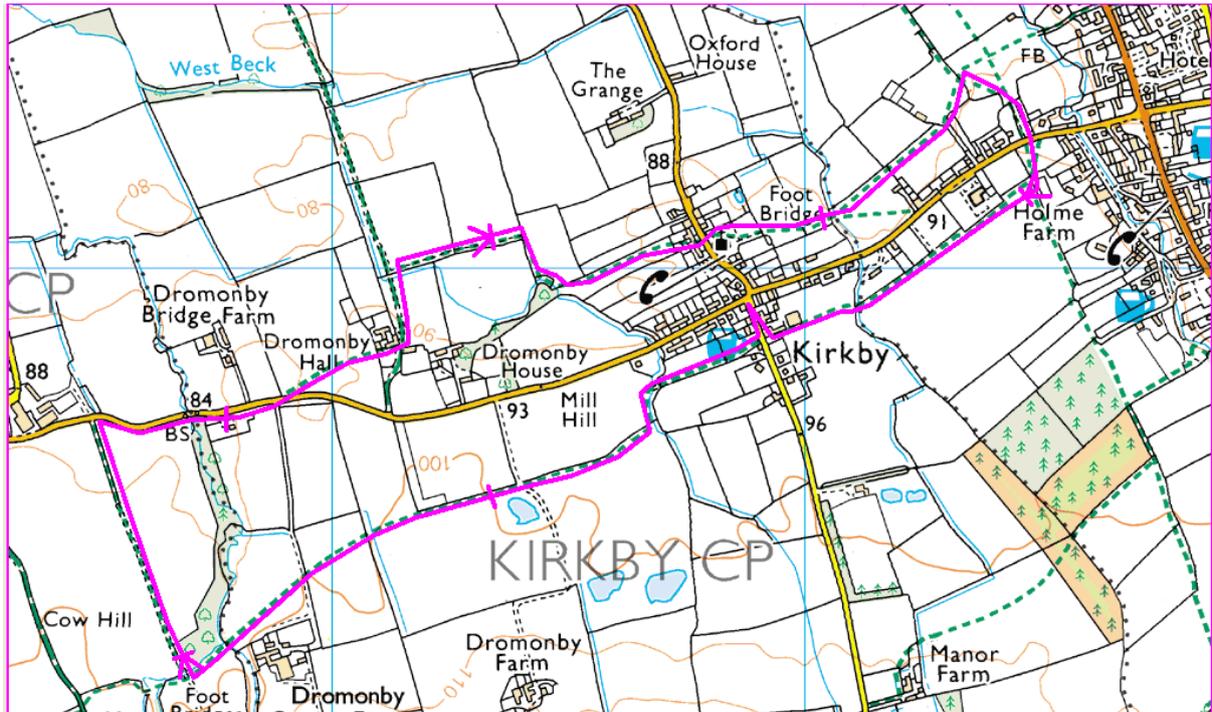


A Kirkby Circular
(with excursions into Great Busby and Great Broughton CPs)



An easy walk along Public Footpaths with one short section on a country lane.

Distance 3.5 miles. 48 m of ascent. Time 1 hr 20 mins (excluding stops)

The paths are field paths and can therefore be quite muddy after rain.

Start at the Black Swan public House on the corner of Hill Road and Busby Lane. The Black Swan is hospitable and has a good selection of beers and offers a wide choice in its menu and so is the ideal spot for a drink and a meal at the end of the walk.

Head south up Hill Road for 50 yards until you see a public foot path sign through a gate on the right in front of *Glebe Cottage*. Follow the footpath to the right heading through a second gate and into a field.

The path runs parallel to Busby Lane until it reaches a stream, which is crossed on a narrow bridge. Follow the path round to the left keeping the field margin on your left until you pass through a hedge where the path turns right and follows the new field boundary on your right.

Cross a farm access road and keep going in the same direction with the boundary on your right, until you reach a stile in a hedge. The path now heads diagonally across a field to another stile and hedge. You emerge on to a farm track and again head across the open field to a stream and a bridge which are just out of sight when you set off.

After crossing the stream and following the field boundary you will see the track leading off at 90 degrees to your right. Follow this track until you reach the metal road, where you turn right and follow the road over a bridge and up a slight slope until you see the track leading off to Dromonby Hall on your left.

Looking at the map you will see the track follows something of a dog leg from Dromonby Hall. It starts with the farm track heading north. Go through a gate and turn sharp right with the boundary on your left. Cross two fields and then over a stile into a small plantation, followed by a quick left through a gate takes you into a long narrow field with the boundary on your left. Follow this for its length and negotiate a gate at the far end to take you into a covered passage between houses. You emerge on to Kirkby Lane, opposite the church.

Turning slightly right, cross the road and follow the wooden footpath sign up the steps into the church yard. Follow the path round the left side of the church. You will see the paved path heading along the right side of the cemetery. Go through a metal swing gate and into a field. This can be very muddy!!!. Cross a rather high stile and then down a field heading for a stile and a bridge across the stream between 2 trees.

Head along the field with the intermittent hedge on your left and cross another tight high stile in a hedge. Keep going along the field edge to the Sports club. Go straight ahead and keep to field margin with hedge on your right. Turn left at the end of the cricket field and half way along you will see a stile in the hedge on your right, Cross into the next field then turn half right heading for an obvious track which leads on to Kirkby lane (Confusingly 2 of the four roads which are at right angles in Kirkby share the same name!!!).

Once on the road turn left and walk a few yards towards Gt. Broughton, keeping your eye on the hedge opposite. You will see a footpath sign (possibly lost in the hedge) and a very high stile (never lost but often overgrown) into a field. Climb into the field and head half right towards the far corner. Here negotiate a stile, a boggy bit, a stream (bridge available), another stile and you are at the corner of a field.

Keep the hedge on your right and head back towards Kirkby. You go past the back of the school. And simply follow the path along the boundary of large open fields until it crosses a wide bridge over the beck. You will see the track veer to the right and back to the left running between horse paddocks. You emerge at the back of some old farm buildings. Go straight ahead between the hedge of a private garden and the wall of a barn. You will quickly see the footpath between houses ahead.

Follow the path and you come to Hill Road. Turn right and head for the Black Swan.

Now for a pint.