

Tilton on the Hill

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Your Parish or Local Community Group may wish to produce a walking leaflet, please contact the Access Officer at County Hall for more information.

It is advisable to wear suitable footwear when walking.

Stout shoes or walking boots are recommended.

Some stretches of the route follow minor country roads. Beware of traffic approaching from both directions. If possible stay on the verge, if not walk in single file on the right hand side of the road.

Enjoy the walks, whilst observing the Countryside Code.

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The information in this leaflet is available in other formats on request.



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2 circular walks

1 6³/₄kms/4¹/₄ miles

2 6¹/₄kms/4 miles



*Tilton on the Hill was founded in Saxon times at the crossroads of ancient paths between Leicester, Oakham, Market Harborough and Melton Mowbray. The village is noteworthy for its spectacular views, helped by its location, 213 metres (700 feet) above sea level and set within spectacular, undulating countryside. Situated at one of the highest parts of Leicestershire, the Church spire can be seen for miles around. Tilton has changed little since Anglo-Saxon times, and this is reflected in the variety of building styles to be seen. For both walks: **P** Digby Close opposite garage, Tilton centre*

Walk 1: 6¾ km (4¼ miles), allow about 2 hours.

A picturesque walk with spectacular views north and west.

Leave the village by walking south along the B6047 towards Billesdon and just before reaching the Loddington road on your left, turn right over a stile.

A Cross through 2 fields then walk towards the hedge on your left. Follow the hedge until you come to a small copse with a water trough on your right. The path goes straight through the copse and continues parallel with the hedge on the left, through some wetlands and over a substantial footbridge until it reaches a track that leads to Sludge Hall Farm.

B Climb over a stile approximately 20m to the right of the track, then cross a field and a disused railway before heading uphill towards Cold Newton. Just before Cold Newton, when crossing a bridleway, head for the waymark



post and stile in the middle of the hedge and continue to the lane.

➊ Turn right along the lane, through a gateway, and past the old Manor House. Take the track on the right to Hamner's Lodge Farm. Once past the farm the track deteriorates as it winds uphill to a cattle feeding area with beautiful views North East towards Marefield. Head towards the corner of the hedge on your right, then diagonally right across the open field to rejoin the start of the walk. Retrace your steps back to the road into Tilton.

Walk 2: **6¼ km (4 miles), allow about 2 hours. Reasonably demanding circular walk that passes Skeffington and Tilton Woods and has beautiful views south and west.**

From Digby Close, turn left on Leicester Road then almost immediately right down Main Street signed to 'Halstead' and 'Loddington'. At the crossroads with the church opposite, turn right down the hill to a T-junction. Take a left then at the end of the houses follow the direction of the signpost on your right up a track.



➋ Follow the track all the way around the back of the farm buildings and over a bridge, before following the yellow waymarkers bearing right past Shepherds House. The waymarkers guide you along a track that runs parallel to a small wood on the right. Enter a large field and walk directly across to the bridge on the opposite side.

➌ Cross the bridge and follow the waymarkers uphill, initially parallel to the copse on the left. The path then veers right across the field and down to a small ditch. Once you have crossed the earth bridge, walk in the same direction for approximately 200m, then turn left to follow the footpath heading towards the edge of Skeffington Wood.

➍ Cross over the small stream and start walking up hill keeping Skeffington Wood and the hedge on your right. At the end of the hedge, keep walking in the same direction across the field to a stile. Once over the stile, head to the far left corner of the field and cross Loddington Road.

➎ Walk through Tilton Grange and follow the yellow waymarkers through 2 ½ fields before turning left through a gateway and following the footpath waymarkers through 4 fields back to the Loddington Road. Turn right at the road and retrace your steps back to the start of walk.

For other local walks try the Hungarton, Twyford or Skeffington Parish Walks leaflets.

The routes are clearly marked with bold, yellow topped waymarker posts and waymarker discs with the Parish Walks symbol.



Walking - Be fit and well

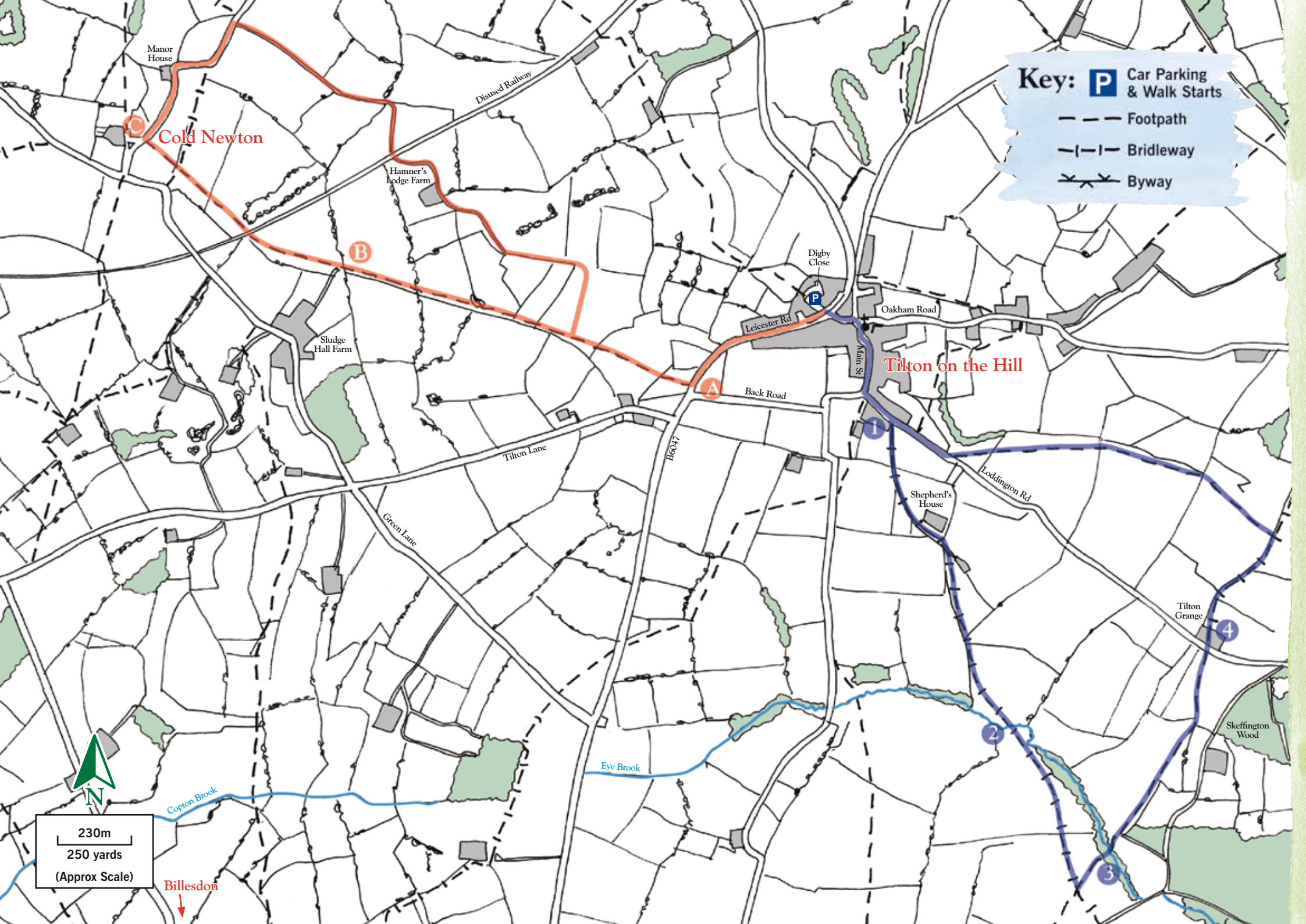
Walking is a form of exercise that is suitable and enjoyable for all ages. It's a free and fun way for families and friends to get fit together. Just 30 minutes of brisk walking on a daily basis can benefit your health and quality of life.

useful information:

Buses: Service 303 from Melton Mowbray - runs at 13.30 on the 1st Tues of the month only.

By Car: B6047 south from Melton, or A47 then B6047 north from Leicester.

Refreshments: The Rose and Crown, 0116 259 7234



Key: **P** Car Parking & Walk Starts

- Footpath
- |-| Bridleway
- xxx Byway

Manor House

Cold Newton

Hamner's Lodge Farm

Sludge Hall Farm

Digby Close

Oakham Road

Tilton on the Hill

Leicester Rd

Back Road

Main St

Tilton Lane

Green Lane

Shepherd's House

Loddington Rd

Tilton Grange

Skeffington Wood

Eye Brook

Copton Brook

Billesdon



230m
250 yards
(Approx Scale)