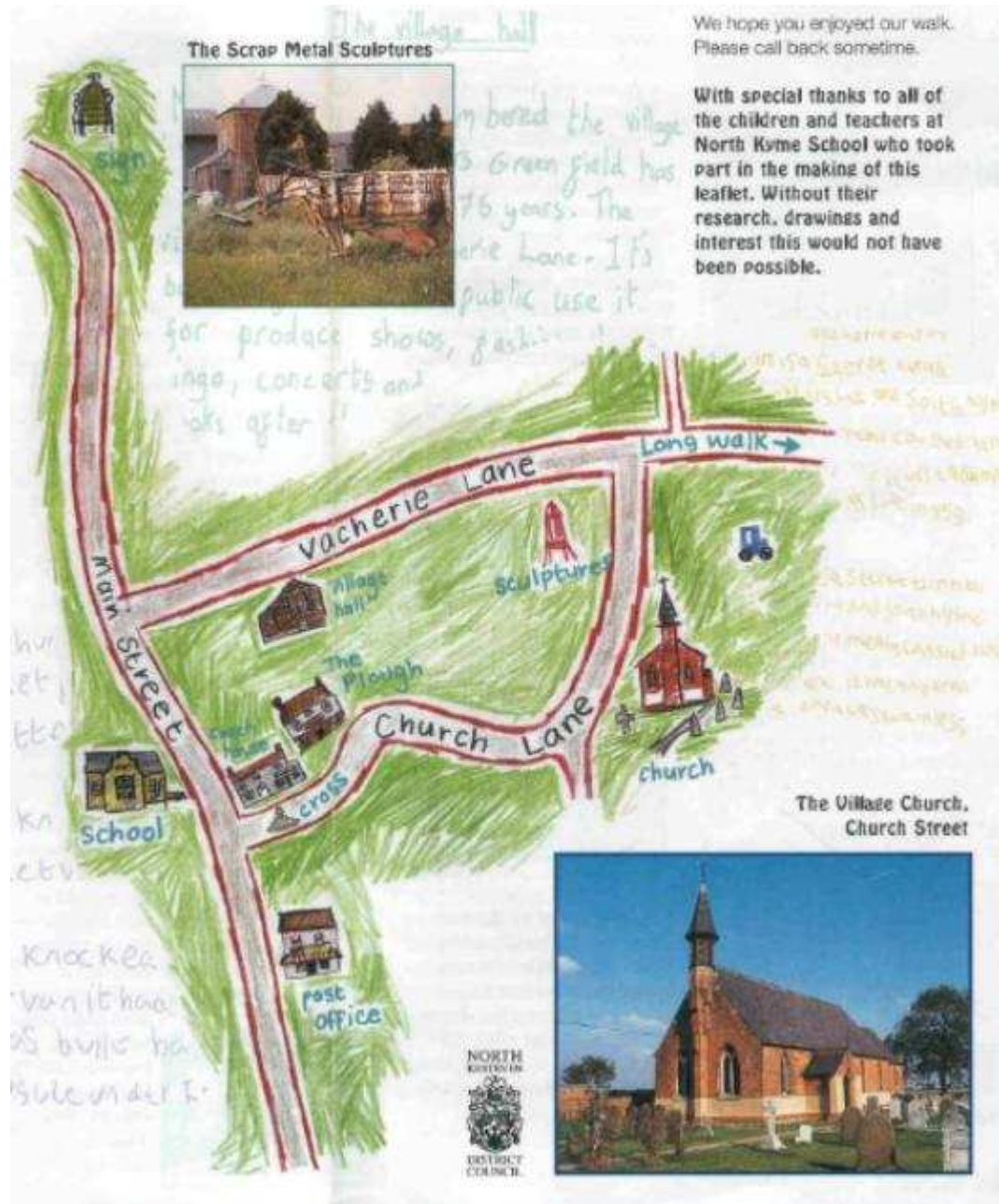


North Kyme Village Walk

(This is now a historical document, but is of interest to see how things in the village have changed)

Distance - 0.5 miles/0.8kms



Making your way down Main Street, stop and park at the village cross.

The cross was built hundreds of years ago. It was in the Marketplace where the people used to sell their butter and eggs. In the war the cross was knocked down by a black market van. The cross was mended by local people and they put a time capsule underneath it. It is still there!

Shane Limb. Age: 8.

Behind the cross is the Old Coach House.

The old Coach House was built around 1760. It was a coaching inn called the Chequers Inn where stage coaches and travellers stopped on their journey from York to London to rest for the night. Since then it has been a baker's shop and a grocers and an antique shop. In 1995 Mr and Mrs Grice opened the Old Coach House Restaurant.

Philip Tonge. Age: 7.



Along the road to your right is the Plough, the local pub. In the olden days before the war, the pub was a good place to find out the news. It wasn't very comfy but it had a nice atmosphere. They had wooden chairs and tables and bars. Pilots went and got girl friends. It was very busy but now it is only open at weekends.

Stuart Palmer. Age: 11.

The floor was made from red bricks and had rugs on it. Later the pub became popular for airmen and lots of land army girls. People came to meet friends and to forget their worries about the war. Nowadays the pub is smarter but is not open so much.

Emma Limb. Age: 10. (The Plough is now open full time for food and refreshments)

Following Church Lane around the corner, follow the road until you see the church. Take care in crossing the road.

The Church is called St Luke's Church. It was built in 1877, over 100 years ago. The people who got together to build the Church were Edward Jackson, Samuel Coulson, Mr Forman, Mr Watson and the Rev Edward Garvey. Edward Jackson bought a piece of land to build the church on. In 1990 the church steeple blew off. A new one was built a while afterwards. At the front of the church there is a memorial to remember people from North Kyme who fought in the first World War.

Emma Age: 10; Laura Age: 11; Elizabeth Age: 8; Neil Age: 8.

As you leave the church, cross over the road and walk a little further along the road. On your left you can see a set of scrap metal sculptures.

The scrap metal sculptures are in Church Lane, North Kyme. They were made by Simon Maplethorpe. All of the scrap sculptures except for the Eiffel Tower were for the Young Farmers County Rally. There is a giraffe, a Pterodactyl, Dumbo, Winston Churchill, Daisy and the Eiffel Tower. They took up to 5 to 10 hours to make.

Laura M. Age: 11.

Carry on down Church Lane until you get to a T-Junction. At this stage, if you want to take a long walk into the countryside (3 miles) you will follow the road up to the big house.

Vacherie Farm was built in 1855 and is 141 years old. It is a large grey house with white windows and a white door. There is a secret tunnel to Tattershall and South Kyme and Vacherie means Cow Shed or Dairy. It was a Norman name.

Philip Tonge. Age: 7.



Alternatively, if you choose a shorter walk, turn left and follow the road until you see the village hall on your left. Mrs Greenfield remembered the village hall being built and Mrs Greenfield has lived in the village for 75 years. The village hall is on Vacherie Lane. It is built of wood. The public use it for produce shows, fashion shows, bingo, concerts and meetings. Mrs Limb looks after the Village Hall.



Michelle Sykes. Age: 11.

Follow the road to the end where you turn right along Main Street. This is a very busy road so please be careful when crossing. Keep walking until just after the petrol garage on your right where you will see the North Kyme sign.

The signs are on the Main Road and at the entrances to the village. The signs say what is important in the village.

Mr Oakes made the signs. The signs were made in 1995. Metal is the main material on the signs. Mr Oakes told us to design and picture and he picked the best one. Laura Maplethorpe, Ian Kent and Ben Tonge won and their picture was forged in metal. We are going to Mr Oakes forge in Alvingham to learn more about how he works.

Emma. Age: 10.

Turn back and walk down the opposite side of Main Street.

Everards house is on the corner of Vacherie Lane and is built with yellow Ewerby bricks. Everards owned the post office. It was a grocer's shop. It sold sweets, bread, paraffin etc. There was a petrol pump outside the shop. Mr Everard and his wife ran the shop. Jeff and Alma looked after the shop.

Emma. Age: 10; Laura. Age: 11.

Walk back toward the cross and glance across the road to see our local primary school. The school was built in 1866. You can see the date stone above the window. The school had a house built onto it for the head teacher. The classrooms are not as old because they burnt down once in the 1950s. They were spotted by an aeroplane who radioed for help.

Philip. Age: 7; Ian. Age: 9; Lauren. Age: 7.



Just along the road is the local post office.

The Post Office used to be called Toreys a long time ago. It was a grocers and drapers. It is now a Post Office which sells stamps, food and drinks, matches, tobacco, lighters and lottery tickets.

Megan. Age: 9; Michelle. Age: 11; Shane. Age: 8; David. Age: 9.

This is where our walk ends. Thank you for taking an interest in our village. Now you have finished your walk you may feel like a drink or a bite to eat. Why not try the Coach House where Martin and Barbara will make you very welcome?