



Blaby District Heritage Walk 4

A long, nature filled walk around Thurlaston. A great leg stretcher & a brilliant chance to connect with nature.

Distance 12.9 kilometers / 8 miles

Duration 4 hours



Wildlife



Water feature



Great views



Refreshments



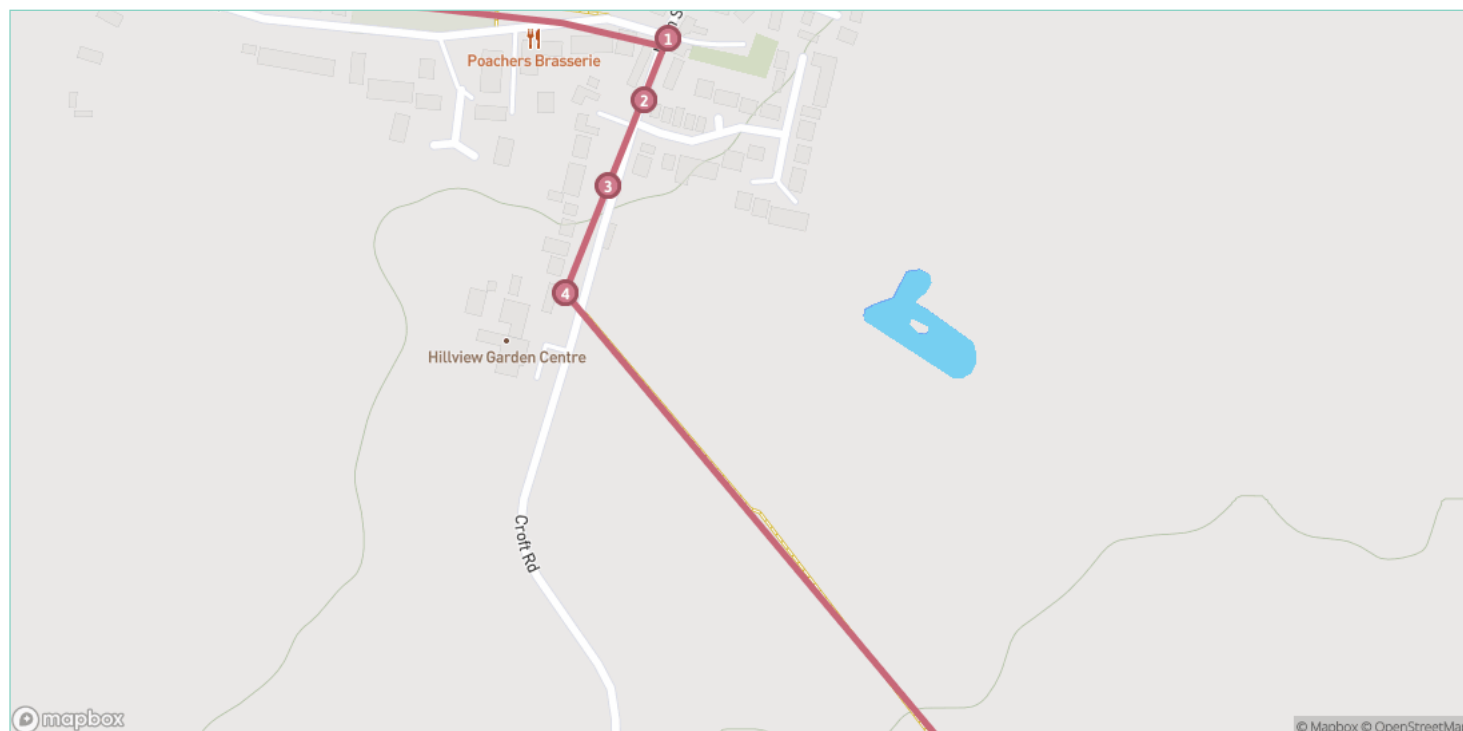
History



Hilly & steep



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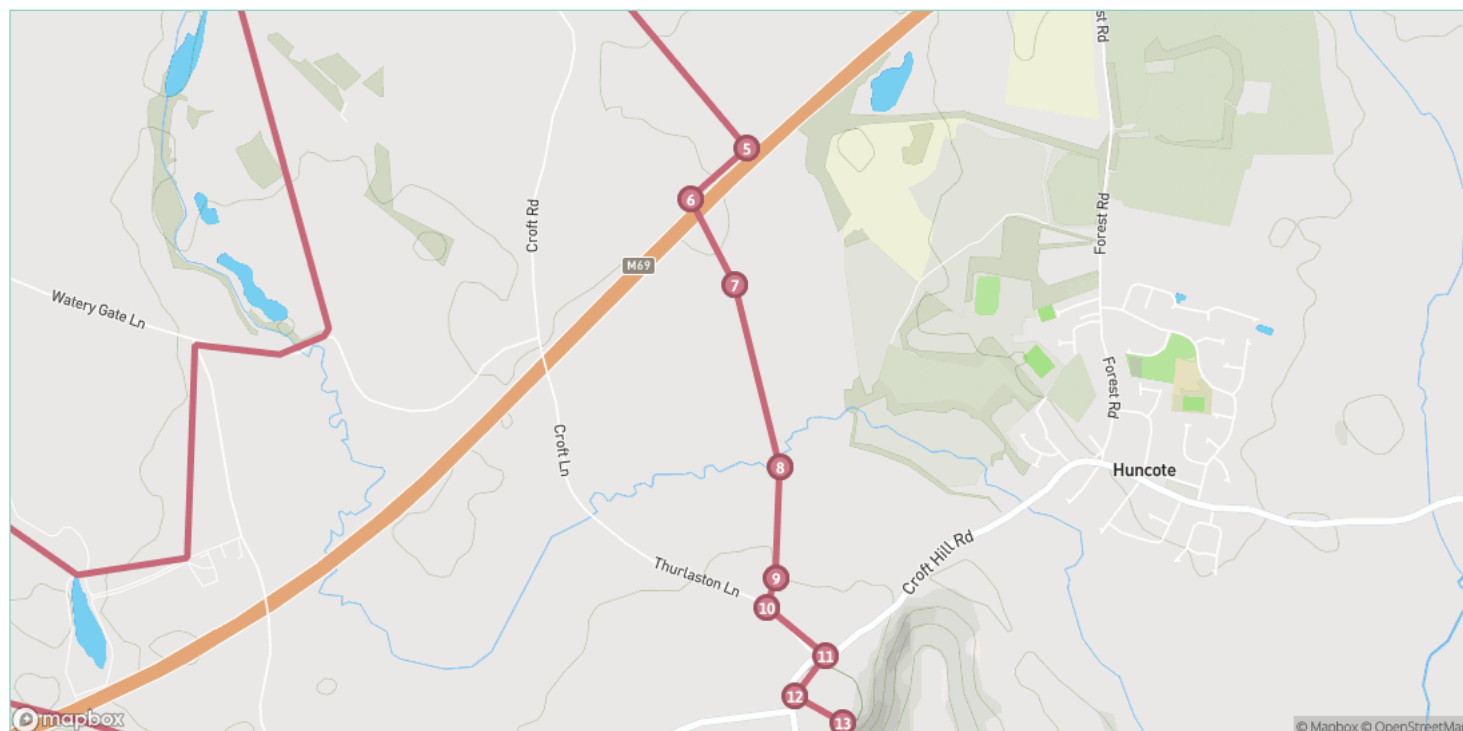


Step 1: Your walk starts opposite the Elephant and Castle pub, on the junction of Main Street and Church Street.

Step 2: Turn right and walk along Main Street. You will pass Thurlaston Chapel, originally a Baptist Chapel, built in 1787 and rebuilt in 1842.

Step 3: Approaching the end of the houses before the Garden Centre, you will see what remains of a Victorian sewage stench pipe.

Step 4: Shortly before reaching the garden centre, take the footpath on the left.



Step 5: Continue along the footpath until you cross a small concrete bridge over the brook, then follow the field along the M69 motorway.

Step 6: Cross over the M69 using the farm track.

Step 7: Continue along the track until you reach a yellow-topped post, and bear right, following the hedge line before crossing Thurlaston Brook.

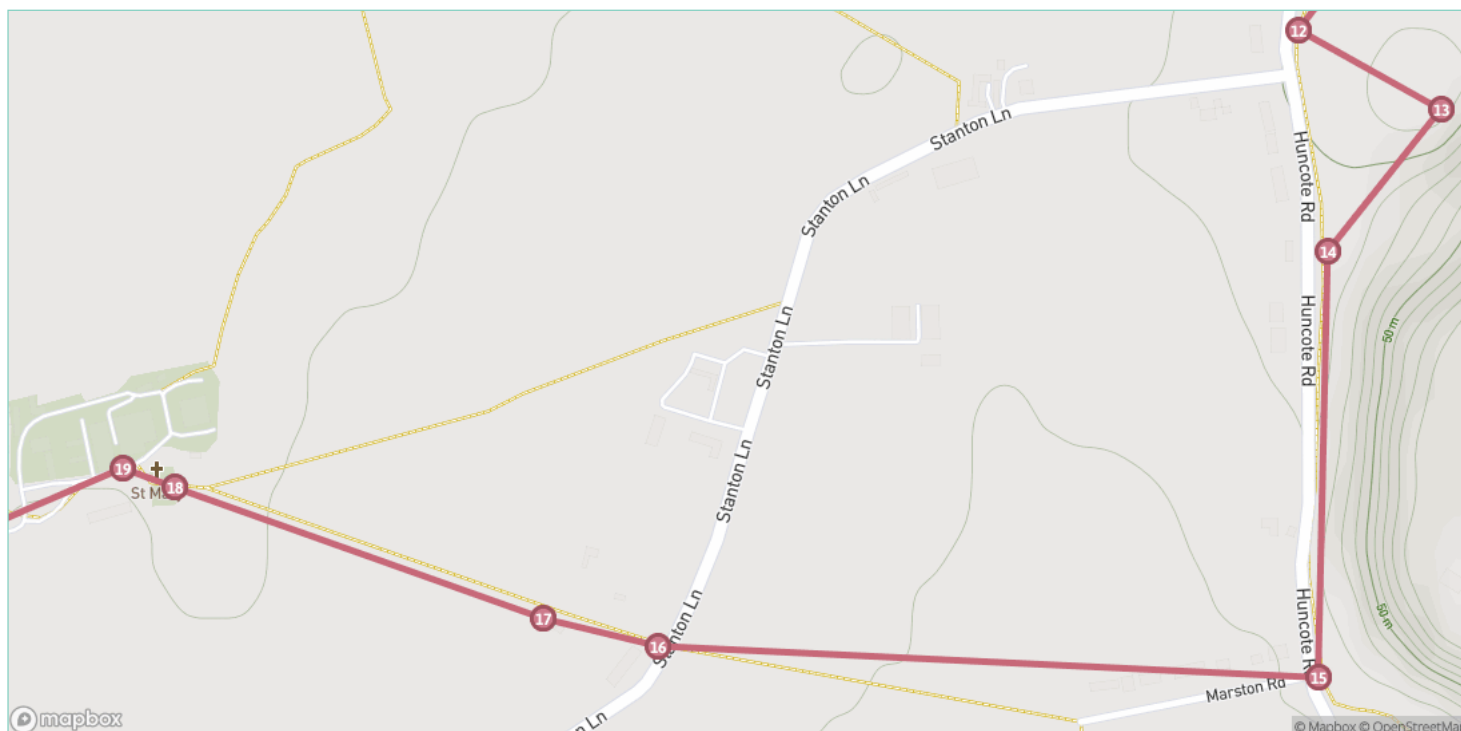
Step 8: Cross the footbridge over the Thurlaston Brook, a tributary of the River Soar.

Step 9: Follow the markers until you reach the exit on Thurlaston Lane.

Step 10: Turn left, following the road to Croft Hill.

Step 11: At the T-junction, turn left and you will see the entrance to the Croft Hill footpath.

Step 12: Use the footpath to climb up the summit of Croft Hill. There is ample nature to be enjoyed here.



Step 13: From the top of Croft Hill, you will see Croft Quarry. From here, turn right and come back down.

Step 14: From here, follow the footpath that runs alongside Huncote Road, until you reach the Marston Road junction. Cross over and continue.

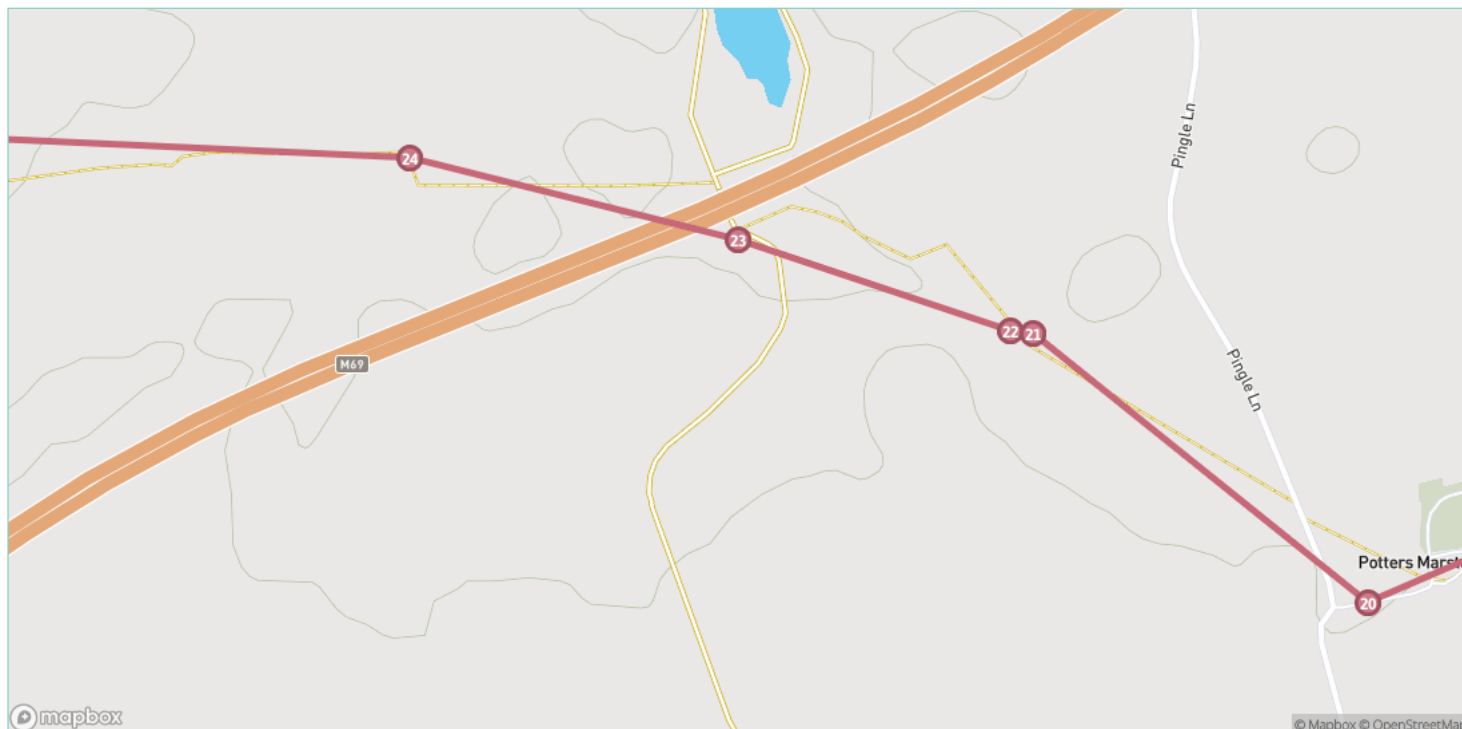
Step 15: Cross over and walk along Marston Lane, continuing until you reach Stanton Lane.

Step 16: Cross Stanton Lane, walking along with narrow footpath towards Potters Marston.

Step 17: Continue straight following the footpath until you reach Dovecote Court Business Park.

Step 18: The business park is in the old Potters Marston village. All that remains is a small chapel and graveyard, and a few houses.

Step 19: Walk down the courtyard, following the way markers, and exit onto Pingle Lane, turning right.



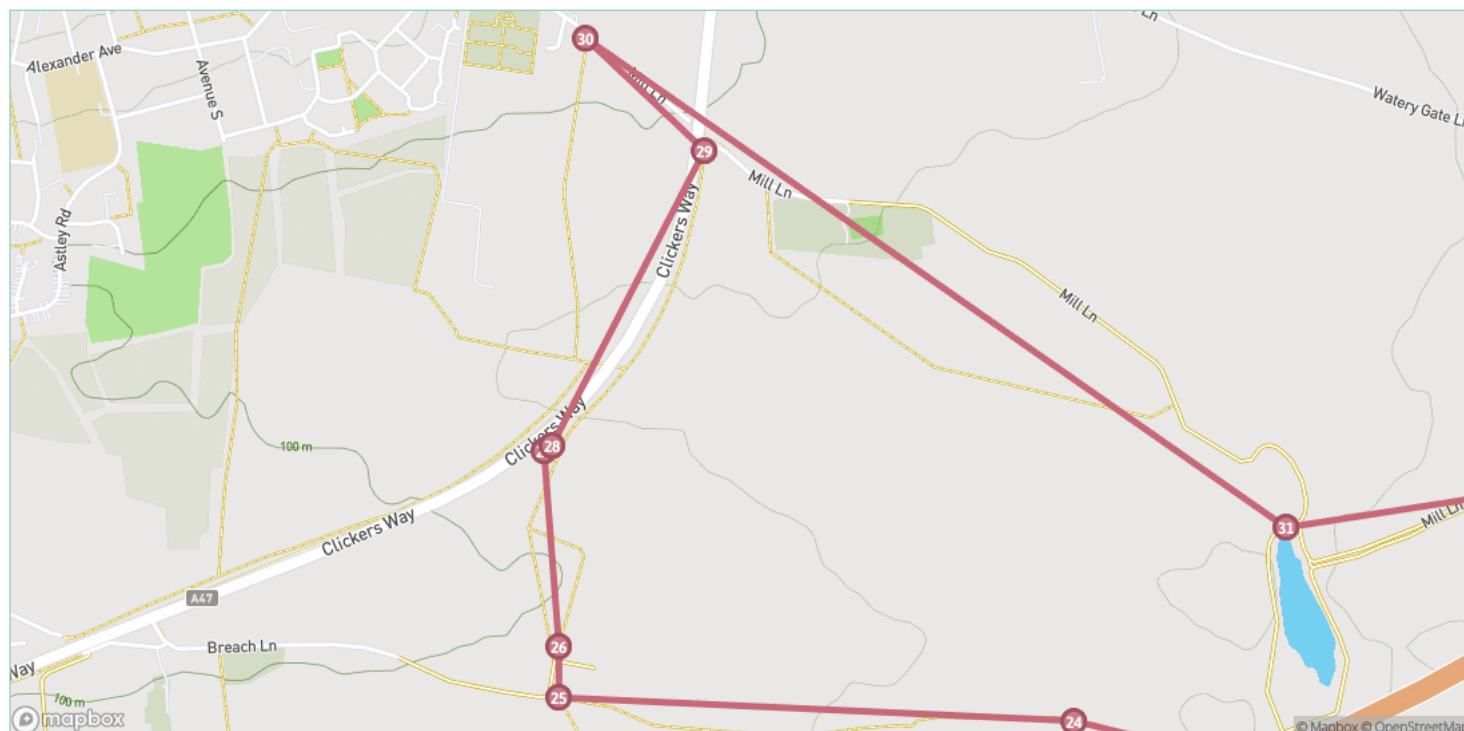
Step 20: Cross over and take the footpath leading towards the M69 in the distance.

Step 21: Follow the hedgerow path, before reaching a green “private land” sign. Turn right at the yellow waymarker towards the M69.

Step 22: As you cross the wooden bridge over the stream, be aware there is an electric fence that runs alongside.

Step 23: Follow the path until you reach the bridge under the M69, then take the footpath immediately on the left.

Step 24: Continue to follow the waymarkers across the open fields. You’ll have to head over wooden stiles here.



Step 25: You will eventually reach a gate, and on the right side there is a small gap. Go through this gap, turning right, walking along the drive.

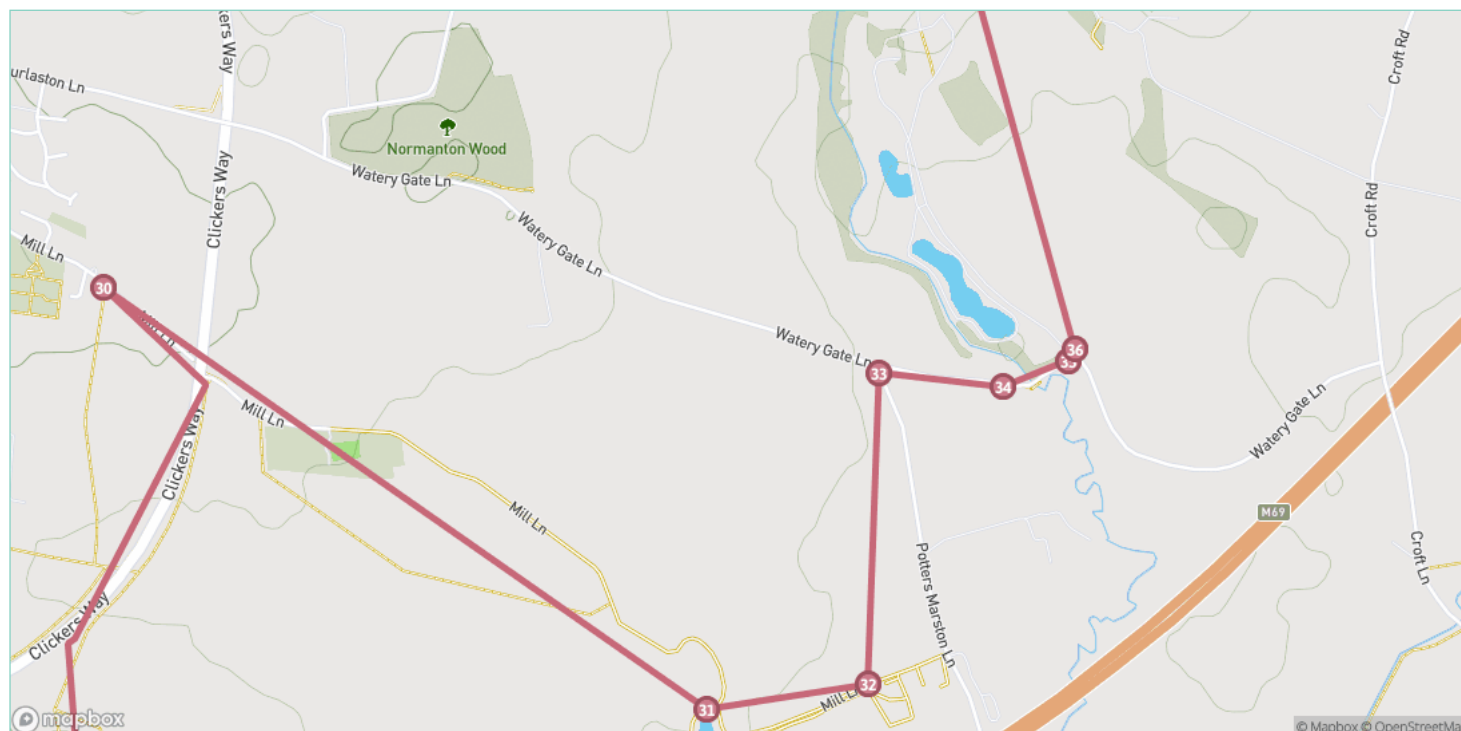
Step 26: After a short walk you will reach a gate, go through and continue along the well-marked path.

Step 27: You will then come to a gate to the bridleway, continue on this path. This path runs alongside the embankment of the Earl Shilton bypass.

Step 28: On the left, there is an underpass. Ignore this and continue along the bridleway, straight ahead until you reach Mill Lane.

Step 29: Exit the bridleway, turning right onto Mill Lane. Be aware that this is a very narrow road with no pavement.

Step 30: Continue along Mill Lane, passing an equestrian centre and some disused workings from Barrow Hill Quarry.



Step 31: You will pass a small disused quarry filled with water.

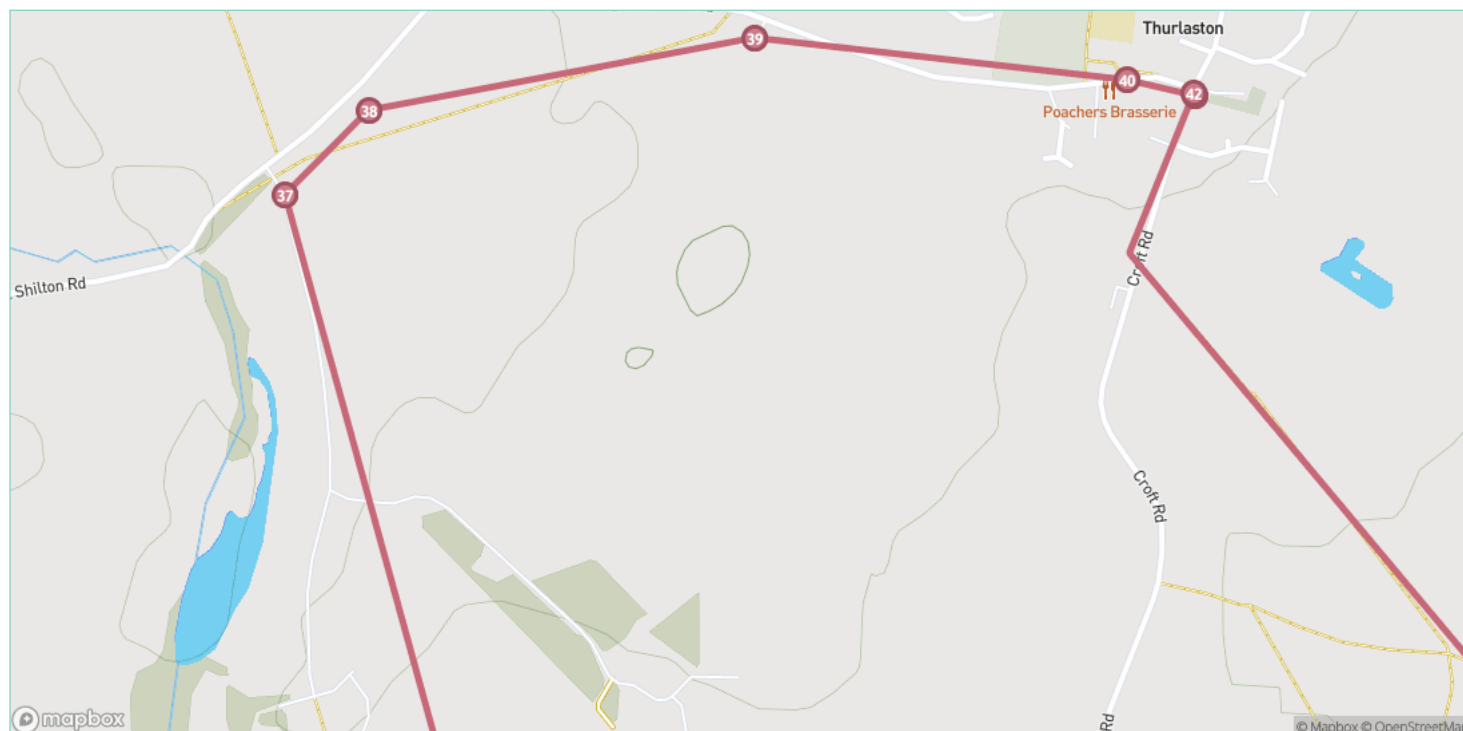
Step 32: You will now pass a farm onto Pingle Lane. Turn left until you reach a T-junction. Caution, this is a narrow road with no pavement.

Step 33: At the T-junction, turn right down Watery Gate Lane.

Step 34: You will then cross the Thurlaston Brook, a tributary of the River Soar, once again.

Step 35: You will then get to a right-hand bend with a house in front of you. Take the driveway that runs alongside the left of this property.

Step 36: Continue down this path, passing Watery Gate Fishery.



Step 37: At the end of the footpath, just before Earl Shelton Lane, take the footpath to the right, sticking to the edges.

Step 38: Continue over the wooden stile with the “Bull in field” sign.

Step 39: You will enter a field, before reaching the road. Turn right towards Thurlaston. Be aware that this road is narrow with no pavement

Step 40: Continue towards Thurlaston, passing the church.

Step 41: You will now be back where to started the walk.

Step 42: Congratulations 🎉 and thank you for completing Route 4 of the Blaby District Heritage Walks. All other routes can be found in-app for you to enjoy too.