

Route 2 (2 miles)

Starting from the church, head out past St Luke's Church Hall to Bessancourt. Go south along Jubilee Walk, right onto Westway, then cross Chester Rd to Selkirk Drive. Take the footpath east alongside the River Croco until London Rd.

Cross the road, take the path right into Bromley Drive. Cross Station Rd into Sandiford Rd. Return to the centre via Alumbrook Ave and the footpath left to the shopping precinct.

With Extension 2A (3.5 miles)

At Selkirk Drive (see map A) go north to Grasmere Drive, left into Coniston, 2nd left to the footpath by the stream to Broad Lane, turn right. Cross Middlewich Rd at the crossing and join Route 1 at Bramhall Drive.

With Extension 2B (2.5 miles)

From the path alongside the River Croco (see map B) take the footbridge over the Croco, turn left. Continue under railway and head left to A50. Turn left to rejoin Route 2.



Photo: Mervyn Harrison

Route 3 (1.5 miles)

From the George & Dragon take the footpath that cuts through into Northway then continue westwards along Sadlers Close. In Moreton Drive turn first right and take the footpath down towards the River Dane. Carry straight on until you reach the A50.

Cross the road. Take footpath right, after the The Vicarage, follow the north bank of the Dane. When you reach Hermitage Lane and Bridge turn right over the river. Right again into Rees Crescent, left into Picton Square. Right on Macclesfield Rd.

With Extension 3A (3 miles)

Behind The Vicarage (see map C) follow the signed Public Footpath north to Twemlow Lane. Turn right. At Hermitage Lane turn right. Follow to Hermitage Bridge & continue on the original Route 3.

With Extension 3B (4 miles)

At Hermitage Bridge (see map D) stay north of the Dane, follow the Public footpath alongside the river towards the viaduct. After a footbridge turn left. Head to the right of a small wood, over a stile in a dip and then towards a farm. Follow FP sign to left to bring you back onto Hermitage Lane. Turn left and follow back to Hermitage Bridge to pick up the original Route 3.

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Make sure you find your way to the Dane Meadow with its woods, ponds and bird life. It is a wonderful natural resource for the people of Holmes Chapel. Look out for opportunities to get involved in keeping it the beautiful place it is!

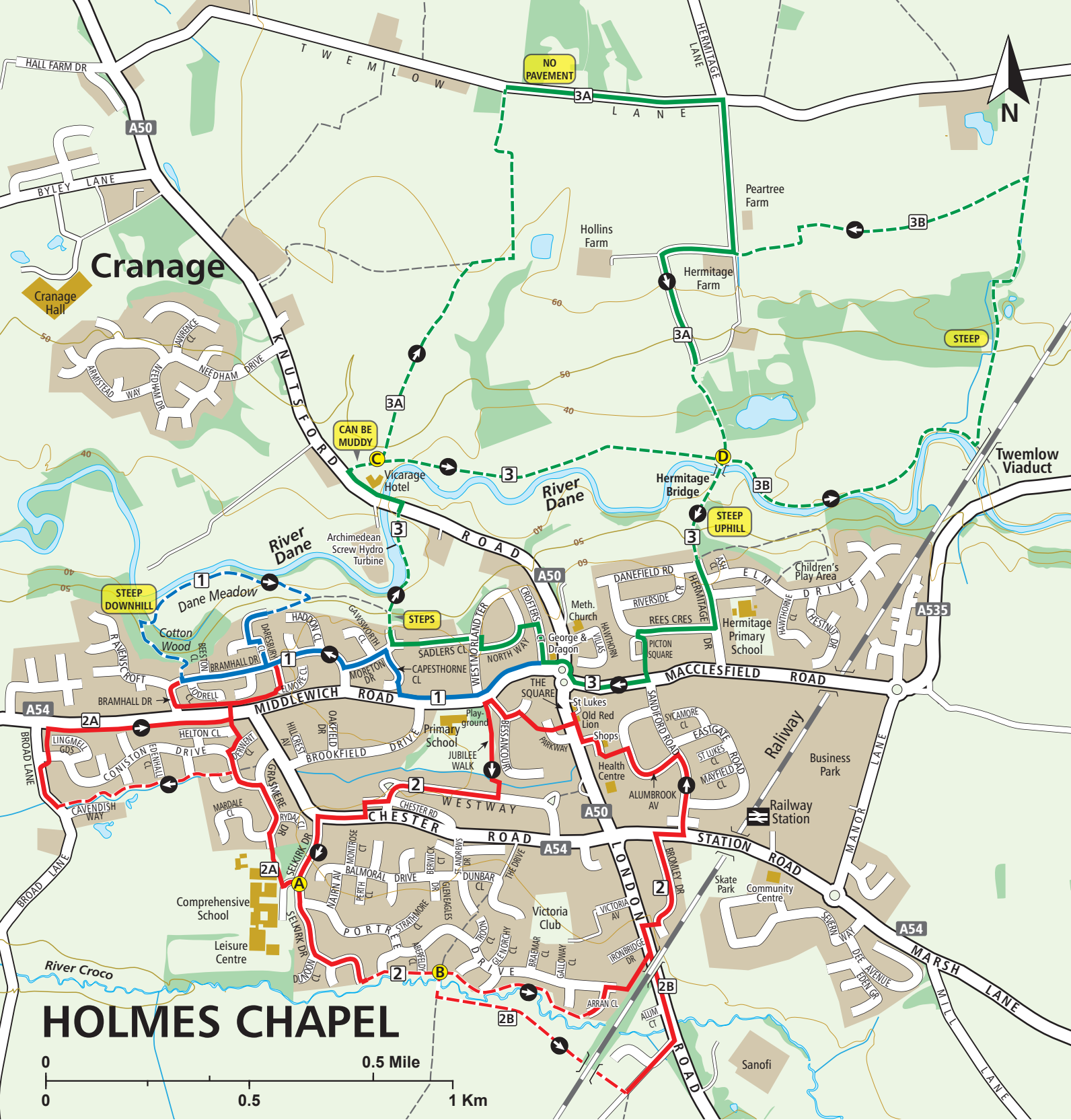
Walks Around Holmes Chapel

Take the opportunity to discover the walks on your doorstep!

All around Holmes Chapel there are woods, rivers, meadows and paths away from the traffic. You can enjoy nature during a quiet stroll or a walk and chat with friends and family. And all for free!



Photo: Hermitage Bridge (Tim Clifford)



Routes

- Generally a hard surface eg pavement
- Unsurfaced Paths. Maybe muddy or heavy going when wet
- **1** Route 1
 - **2** Route 2
 - **2A 2B** route 2 variations
 - - - **3** Route 3
 - - - **3A 3B** route 3 variations
 - A B C D** Route extension points
 - Suggested Route Direction
 - - - Other paths
 - Contours (10m intervals)

Route 1 (2 miles)

From the George & Dragon take Middlewich Rd. Opposite Brookfield Drive take the footpath through the beech hedge into Capesthorne Close. Left into Moreton Drive, right into Bramhall Drive.

At the postbox take the path right down through Cotton Wood. Once down in the Dane Meadow take the footpath alongside the river. Keep left at the picnic area.

After the steps turn right, join the bridle path and go uphill to Daresbury Close. At Bramhall Drive turn left and retrace your steps.

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These routes have directional arrows because of the route descriptions but there is no other reason why the walks can't be done the other way round – you just get a different perspective!

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