

HUBY VILLAGE WALKS 7

MOXBY PRIORY

DISTANCE/TIME: 6 - 6½ Miles : 2 - 2½ hours

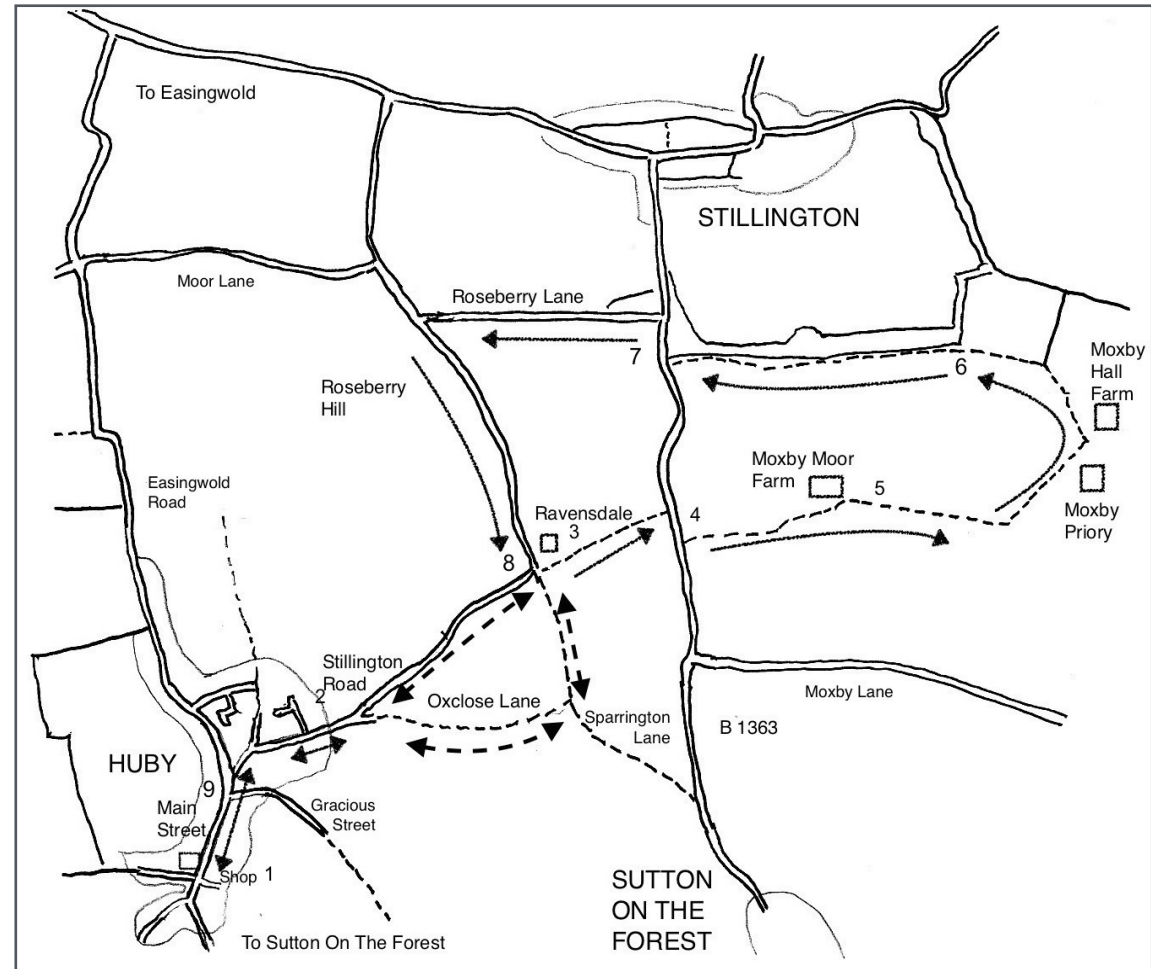
TERRAIN: A circular walk on roads, verges and field tracks.

1. From the Shop walk up Main Street past the New Inn, turn right into Stillington Road. Carry on past the end of the houses towards Ravensdale. There is no footpath as such, but grass verges are reasonably wide. Take care with traffic.
2. An alternative to walking along the road is the track to the right - Oxclose Lane. Follow this to the end and at the junction with Sparrington Lane turn left to Ravensdale.
3. At Ravensdale take the marked footpath alongside the farm to the field behind, where the path follows the field edge straight across to the Sutton - Stillington Road.
4. At the main road turn right for 100 metres or so to a clump of trees on the other side of the road. Again keep to the grass verge and beware of fast traffic. Cross the road and follow the track to Moxby Moor Farm (large farm sign and public footpath sign). Just before the farm the path diverts to the right off the roadway, across a field. You cross the field to a gate on the far side, away from the farm, by a small lone tree.

5. Turn right to rejoin the roadway. You soon pass Moxby Priory and Moxby Hall Farm. Where the track forks, keep to the left. A little further on you come to a bridge over a stream, and a signpost.

6. Turn left, signed Public Footpath, keeping the stream on your right. You will follow this grassy path until it meets the main road again. Halfway along this stretch there is a metal bridge across the stream to a glade under the trees - with a seat - which makes an excellent place to pause for a picnic, or whatever... The stream is fed from a holy well dedicated to St John.

7. Back at the main road, turn right for a few yards, then left along Roseberry Lane. Follow the lane, bearing left at the sharp bend, over the hill back



to Ravensdale.

8. From Ravensdale there is again the choice to stay on the road, or to go on the field tracks - straight on down Sparrington Lane, turning right onto Oxclose Lane.
9. Back in Huby, carry on to Main Street and walk back to the shop where you started.

This walk is one of a series prepared by people from Huby for the enjoyment of visitors and villagers.

Walk 1	Haverbrakes Lane	1-1½ miles
Walk 2	Folly Wood & Cass Plantn.	3½-4 miles
Walk 3	Folly Wood & Lea Lane	3½ miles
Walk 4	Gracious Street & Cemetery	2½ miles
Walk 5	Lund Green Lane & Spring Ho.	2¼ miles
Walk 6	Brownmoor Lane	1½ miles
Walk 7	Moxby Priory	6-6½ miles
Walk 8	Sutton Park	

Leaflets free from Huby Village Website, www.hubylvillage.org.uk. Or from Barkers of Huby & New Inn Motel - small charge applies

FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals
- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

BARKERS OF HUBY

Refreshments from our community Village Shop and Post Office.

Mon - Fri: 8.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 8.00 am - 12.30 pm
Sunday: 9.00 am - 11.30 am

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FASCINATING FACTS

Huby's name means 'farmstead on a spur of land', an 8th/10th century Danish name. You can see houses in Main St. have been built on a small ridge.

On the East side of Main Street is a house called Sasford House, formerly a public house. It was named after a horse, the Queen of Trumps, which won the St Leger in 1835.

The New Inn, Main Street, was originally a timber framed building. Some of these timbers survive in the stairwell. But it was mostly rebuilt in brick in the 18th century, with 19th and 20th century alterations.

The common land in Main Street. was enclosed in 1841 and made into gardens, and the straight, 40 feet wide, road laid out. The Enclosure Act of 1841 saw all the open fields enclosed, West Field, Diana Field, Middle Field and Hurn Field.

Oxclose Lane probably shows the location of the field for the village oxen in medieval times.

The Prioress of Moxby and nine nuns, owned 480 acres in the village of Huby, nearly two thirds of its land, between the 12th century and the 1530's. Moxby Priory was a nunnery by about 1167 dedicated to St John. So the path between Huby and Moxby was used regularly.

St John's Well is near the path beyond Moxby Priory. There is another St John's Well near Sutton. These were used as medicinal wells.

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