

**How to get there** ([SatNav – LE8 6UF](#)) South of Leicester. Take the Countesthorpe road (Winchester Drive) from Blaby and continue south to Willoughby Waterleys

**Car parking** Roadside parking only in Willoughby Waterleys but the road is wide in places if you park discreetly.

**Public transport** Nil.

**Map** [Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley](#).

**Refreshment** The Chequers Inn at Ashby Magna and The General Elliott at Willoughby do not serve meals at lunchtime but may allow you to consume your own food if you buy drinks.

**Items of interest** The moat near the church at Ashby. The Old Hall at Willoughby.

**The walk** *From Willoughby Waterleys church cross the road and turn left to pass the General Elliot pub on your right Pass Orchard Road and turn right at the footpath sign. Follow the tarmac strip into the open field and move slightly left to go up the slope, passing close to the telegraph pole. Go through the gateway, into the corner of the field with a hedge and stream over to your right. Move to the far right corner of this field and continue with the hedge and stream on your right until you reach the road.*

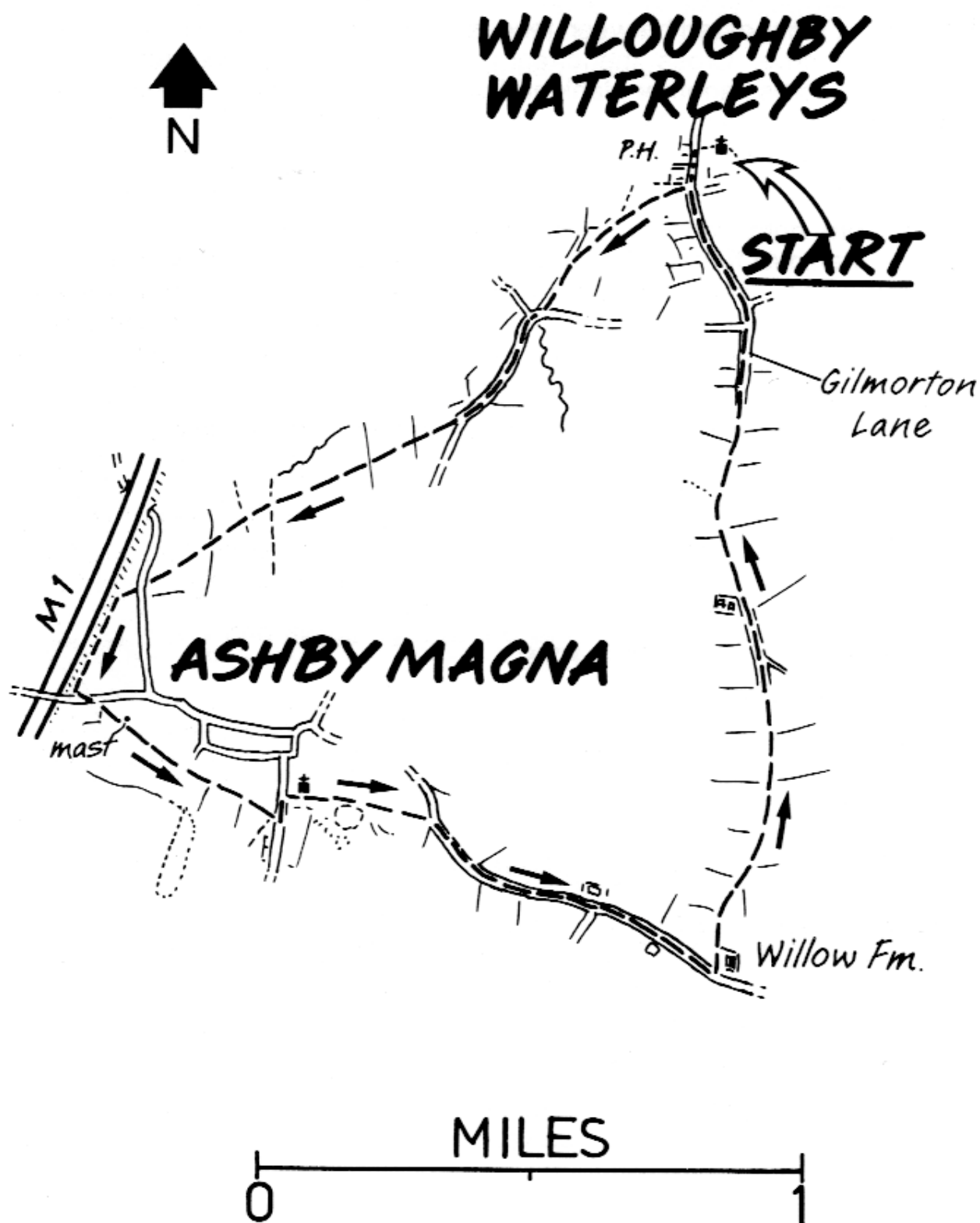
*Turn right, pass the end of Cosby Lane and continue along the main Ashby-Willoughby road for about 300 yards. Turn right at the footpath sign and keep roughly parallel with the hedge over to your right. Keep in this direction across the next three fields to reach a gate and stile onto the green lane which leads into Ashby Magna, on your left.*

Cross this green lane and follow the Leicestershire Round across the field to the M1 motorway. Turn left across the field beside the M1, go through the gate and up the steps. Turn left along the road for approximately 100 yards then cross the stile on your right. Cross two fields making for the waymark post at the right hand corner of a barn in the farmyard. Go straight over the third and fourth fields, heading for Ashby Magna church. In the next field go up the incline, slightly right to reach the road. Turn left to the church but turn right at the footpath sign just before you reach the church fence.

Pass the church on your left, cross the stile, then turn left through a gate and right, to go down the field, keeping the hedge on your right. (Pass the old moat ponds in the bottom corner of the field, over to your right.) Go up the slope to cross the stile by a trough and continue in the same direction to the road.

Turn right and follow the road for approximately half a mile. At the bend sign turn left onto the track beside Willow Farm. Follow this track all the way back to Willoughby. Cross Ashby Road and continue in the same direction, going straight on to reach Willoughby church, where the walk began.

*Gladys Hudson. "This walk is suitable for winter as there is quite a lot of track."*



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