

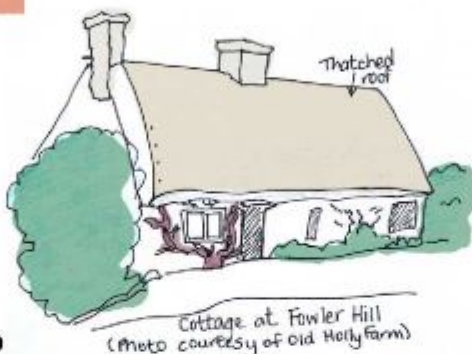
A Country Walk in Cabus

Cabus is a small rural parish 8 miles south of Lancaster with a long and interesting history. Use this leaflet to walk around the parish and discover some of the amazing things that have happened here in the past.

1. Fowler Hill

Although Cabus has no natural village centre today, in the 18th and 19th centuries there was a small hamlet of 8 to 9 dwellings at Fowler Hill. Among these buildings was a farm called Bog House Farm situated behind the hill. The name "Bog" is a shortened form of "Boggart" which means a ghost. The farm was said to be haunted.

There is very little evidence of the hamlet today but at the junction of Fowler Hill, opposite the wood, there are some mature trees where a cottage once stood. (1892 map, Lancashire Archives, Preston). Look carefully, there is still a gate in the hedge. Could this have been the entrance to the cottage?



2. The Pound

The pound was in the far corner of the plot. It was a place where stray animals were impounded until their owners claimed them or they were sold to help the pound's upkeep.

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3. Milestone (19th Century Grade 2 listed)

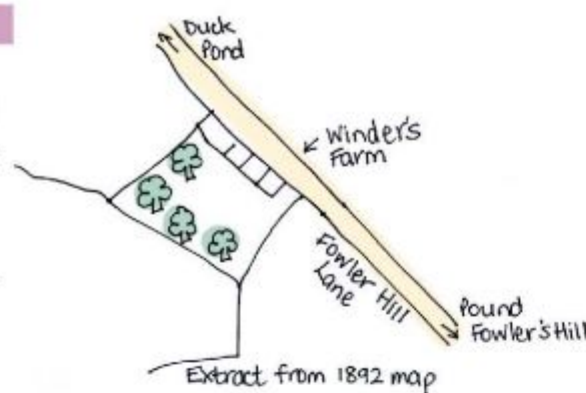
The milestone can be found along the hedge line between Fowler Hill layby and the A6 north. Milestones were erected by the Turnpike Trust in 1824 to replace the original ones which were smaller, one of which survives at Forton. Today the Roman numeral cast iron distance plate is missing. There is another example just south of the former Hamilton Arms see no 10.



4. Winders Farm (no longer there)

Two Cabus men died in the Great War, one of them was Matthew Iddon Till. He lived with his parents William and Mary Alice Till at Winders Farm. The 1892 map (Lancashire Archives, Preston) shows it to be along Fowler Hill Lane. Matthew was killed in action in France on 31.7.1918. See Garstang and District Heritage website for more details:

(<https://www.garstangheritagesociety.org>)



5. Roman road

The Roman road is believed to run along Fowler Hill Lane and down the track towards Kiln Trees Farm. Leaving the farm behind, the path eventually goes between hedgerows and mature trees. This could be a continuation of the Roman road. Walk along the path and imagine the Roman soldiers marching from the garrison at Lancaster on their way to Ribchester and Walton le Dale.



6. Shepherds Hut (1920s)

The building is located along Cabus Nook Lane close to Old Holly Farm. It was built to house a shepherd during lambing. After WW2 a woman lived there with her 6 children. There was no electricity or water, just a fire. Between the beams, the hut had wooden boards. This is where they slept. When the building was renovated in 2011 a man trap was discovered outside the door. There is no evidence to say who built it. (Anecdotal evidence)



7. Boundary Stone (19th Century Grade 2 listed)

The boundary stone used to mark the boundary for the parish of Cabus and the former parish of Cleveley. It has the words Cabus and Cleveley written on each side. There is another one on Lancaster Old Road, marking the parish boundary of Cabus and Garstang.



8. Former Police Station (1898)

The new toll road opened up the local area and led to an increase in the number of robberies. To combat this the police station was built. Unruly customers from the Hamilton Arms were also taken there.

9. Old Holly Farm and the Former Hamilton Arms (Grade 2 listed building)

Originally the former Hamilton Arms stood on the site of today's Old Holly Farm and was known as the Old Holly Tree Inn, which is how the farm got its name. It was probably a farmhouse that served as a modest inn catering for traffic using the major north south route. The Hamilton Arms replaced the farm in 1850. It was named after the 6th Duke of Hamilton who acquired the estate for shooting in the mid-18th century. The family coat of arms can be seen above the door of the former pub. In 1853 the 7th Duke of Hamilton died, and the estate was sold off to cover death duties. In the early 19th century, the building was enlarged to become a coaching inn. In those days the main road ran along Cabus Nook Lane and between the Old Holly Farm and the inn. In 1822-24 a toll road was built by the Turnpike trustees. Today this is the A6. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Listed_buildings_in_Cabus)



10. Milestone (19th Century Grade 2 listed)

This milestone has both of its distance plates, one in Roman numerals and the other in Arabic. In those days the use of Roman numerals was far more common. (<https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101072918>)

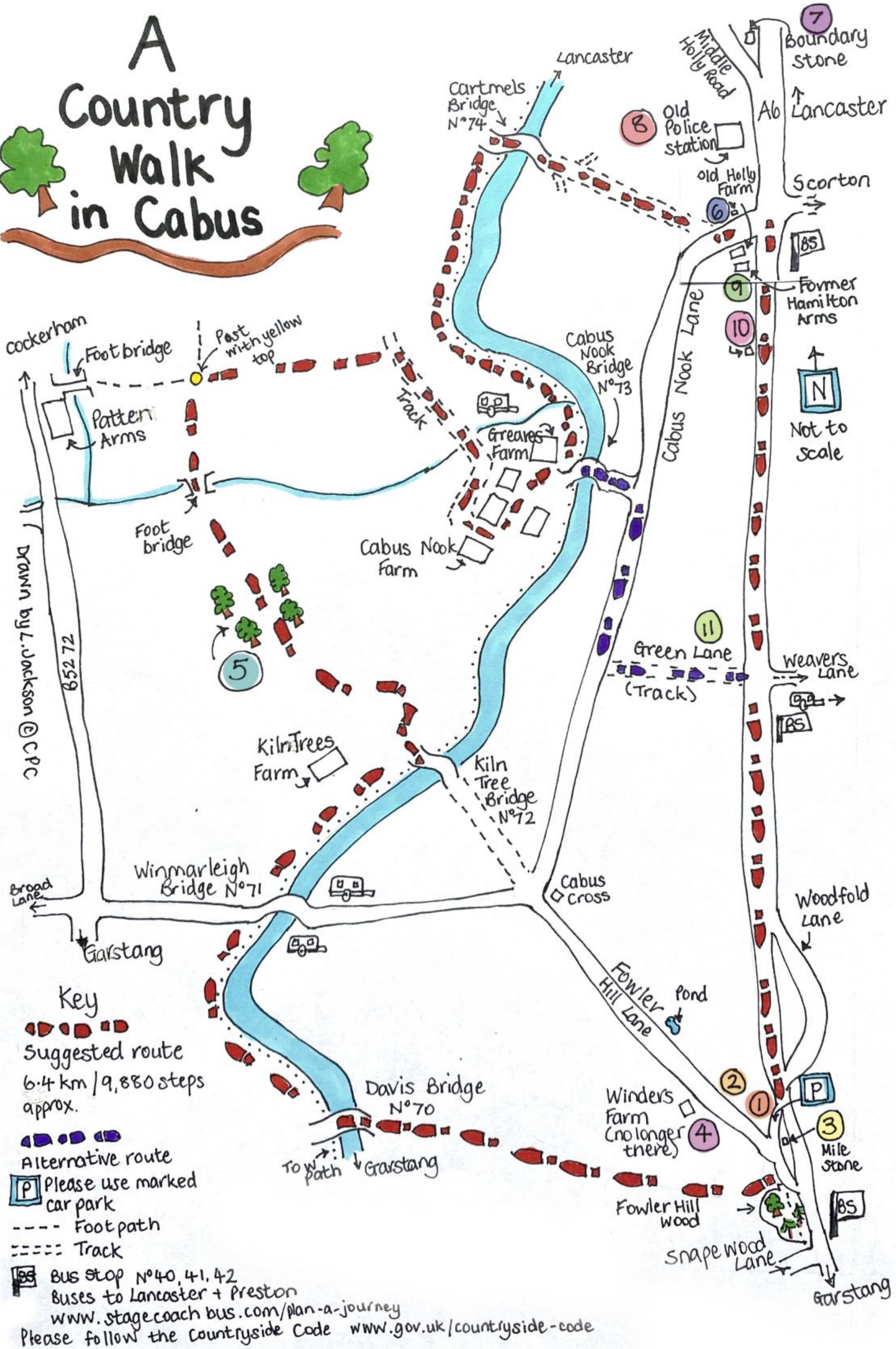
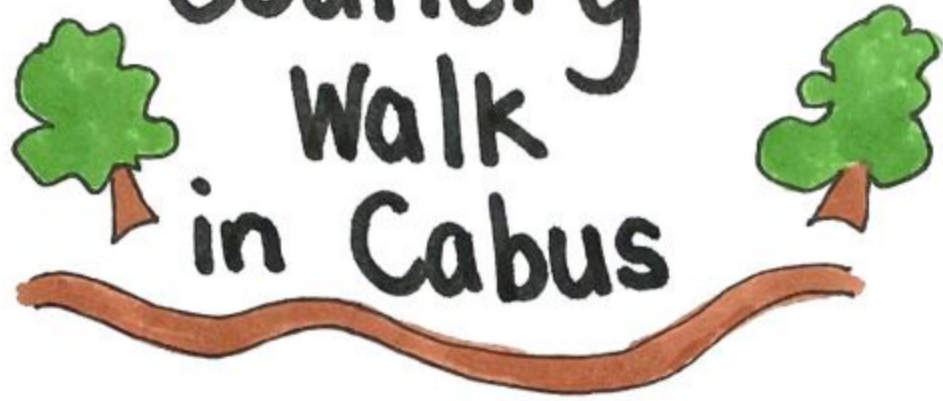


11. Green Lane Bridle Path




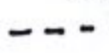
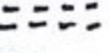

In the 16th and 17th centuries Green Lane was the main route to Scorton from Cabus Nook Lane, the old main road. It crossed the River Wyre to get to the village by a ford.

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Key

-  Suggested route
6.4 km / 9,880 steps approx.
-  Alternative route
-  Please use marked car park
-  Foot path
-  Track
-  Bus stop N°40, 41, 42
Buses to Lancaster + Preston
www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey
- Please follow the Countryside Code www.gov.uk/countryside-code