

## WALTON WAY

Distance: 3.2miles/ 5.1km

**Start:** Village Sign to the left of Trimley St. Mary School on the High Road.

**Trains:** Greater Anglia Railways run a regular service from Felixstowe and Ipswich stations every hour and all stop at Trimley Station. This is about a 0.3 km from the start. Turn right out of the station and walk to the High Road, turn left, the Village sign is a few metres on your right.

**Buses and bus stop:** Felixstowe Flyer buses numbers 75 and 77 from Felixstowe and Ipswich stop at the top of Station Road. There is a bus stop very close to the school.

**Eateries:** Gulliver's Fish and Chips, High Road.

Walton High Street: Chicago Express Pizza. Angel Coffee House. The Falcon Pub.

This is a circular route mainly on the level where you will pass a number of buildings of historical interest, particularly in Walton. You will walk on field tracks, bridleways and pavements and a road without a pavement. You need to go up and down short flights of steps and there is a lot of road walking at the end.

① From the **Village Sign** walk south along the High Road, passing **Trimley St. Mary School** on your left. Look out for Gulliver's Fish and Chip shop on the right hand side and opposite this, set back from the road on the left hand side of the High Road are **Mary Dains Almshouses**. Continue along the High Road crossing over a mini roundabout leading to Faulkeners Way. Continue along the High Road until you reach **Spriteshall Lane** on your left. On the corner is **Spriteshall Cottage (2, High Road/Sprites)**.

② Turn left on to Spriteshall Lane (unadopted) and walk to the end of the road. On you left hand side you will see Trimley **Water Tower**, a distinctive land mark. At the end of the short road is a bench and a wooden gate which leads to a Pelican Pedestrian crossing over the dual carriageway of the A14.

③ Go down the steps and taking care, cross over the dual carriageway and up the steps the other side.

④ Go through a wooden gate into a field and walk straight ahead along Spriteshall Track keeping a hedge on your left.

⑤ This straight path eventually emerges on to a bridleway known as Candlet Track which is popular with walkers, runners, horses and cyclists. Turn right here. After a short while you will pass **Candlet Farmhouse** on your left. Continue along the bridleway for another half a mile until it joins Gulpher Road.

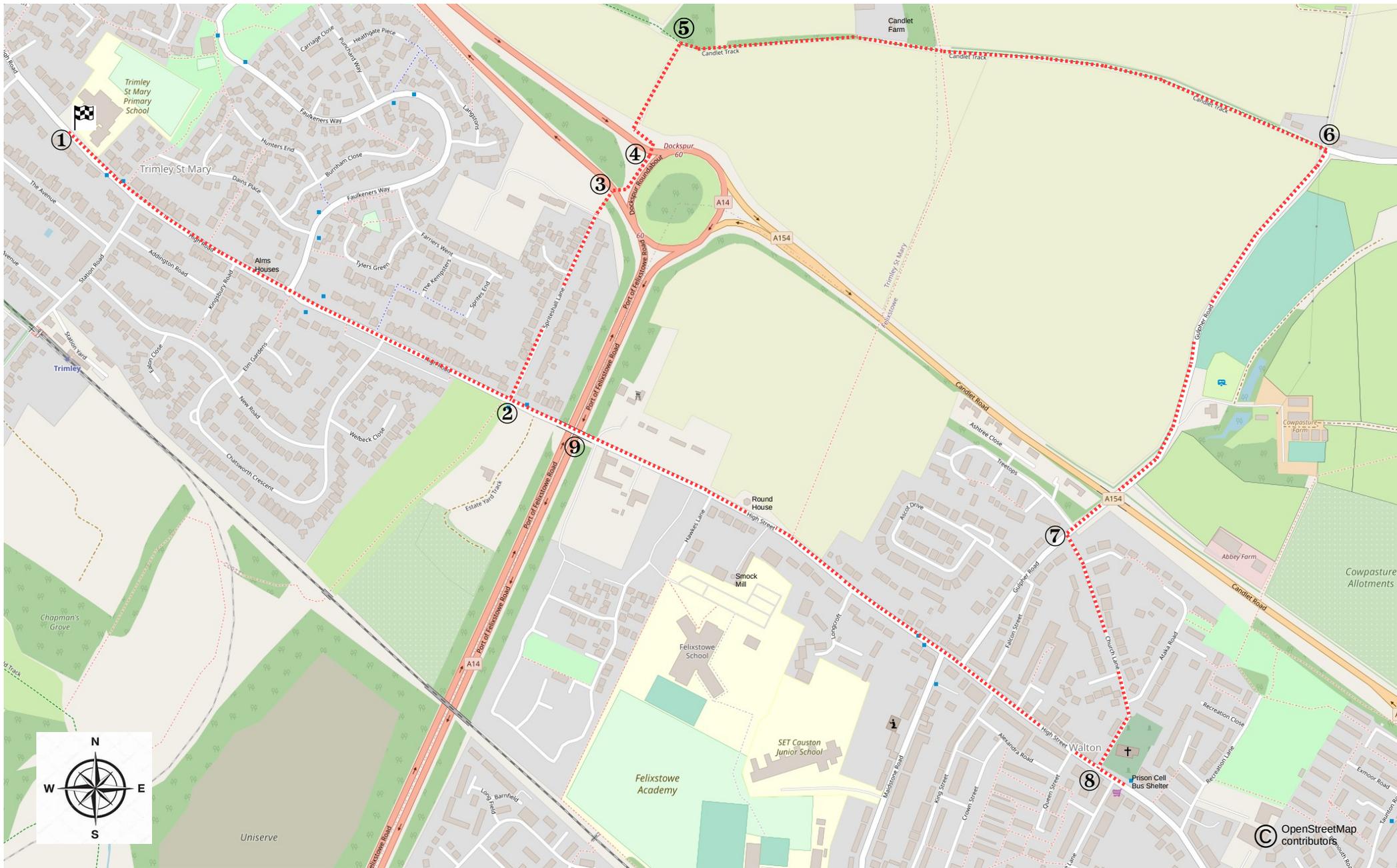
⑥ Turn right here. There is no pavement. We have seen people walk along the field but this is not an official path. Walk about half a mile passing an Equestrian Centre on your left. The road goes under Candlet Road and emerges into the suburb of Walton.

⑦ Take the first road on your left, Church Lane. Then pass Ataka Road on your left, you will then see **St. Mary's Church** on your left. There are plenty of benches around here for a rest. The road emerges on to Walton High Street.

⑧ Once on the High Street turn left for a few paces to look at a very unusual **Lock up** or **Prison Cage Bus Shelter**, (you can see the bars over the open window). Now turn round and go back north along the High Street. Go past the church, now on your right. Then continue passing the **Post Office and Angel Inn Coffee House (234, High Street)** on your right. Continue past the Falcon pub and Walton Community Hall. The Half Moon pub is on the opposite side of the road. A little further also on the left look out for Tollgate Garage. To the right of this you should see a sign which says 'Bloomfields'. Look down the private track to the right of the sign and you should see **Upper Mill**. If you want to take a closer look at this smock mill you could cross the road and then take the next left turn down Hawkes Lane, and walk a little way until there is a gap in the houses and look over to your left. Before Hawkes Lane on the right hand side of the High Street you will come to an unusual hexagonal pink cottage. This is called **The Roundhouse** and may have been a toll house. Just beyond Hawkes Lane also on the left is Walton Hall Drive which leads to Felixstowe School and Walton Gate estate. Just beyond the drive on the left is **Walton Hall**. Continue walking to the bridge over the A14.

⑨ Once over the bridge you are now in Trimley St. Mary but the road changes its name to the High Road. Continue along here until you return to the Village sign.

N.B. *The words that are emboldened can be referenced in a separate Gazetteer also found in this section of the website.*



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