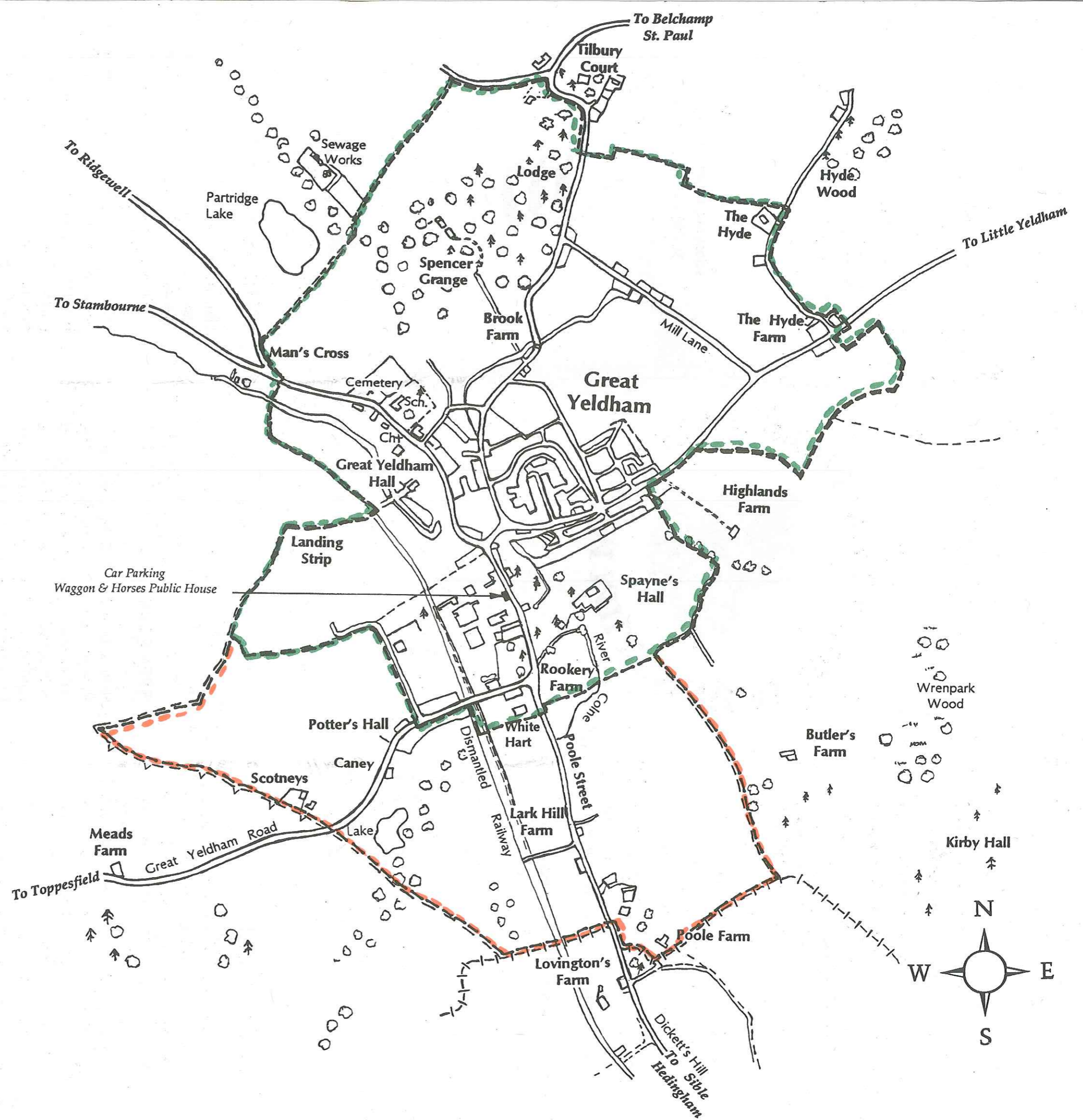


**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:**

The County Council has a statutory duty to maintain public rights of way.

Farmers must restore cross-field paths after cultivation and must not disturb headland paths without permission from the Highway Authority.

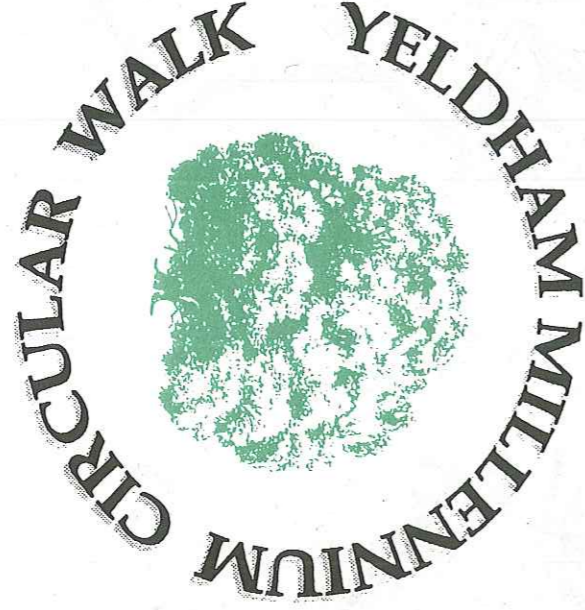
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Circular walk	
Extension to circular walk	
Other footpaths	
Byway	
Bridleway	



- Make no unnecessary noise.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Help to keep all water clean.
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
- Take your litter home.
- Keep to public paths across farmland.
- Keep your dogs under close control.
- Fasten all gates.
- Guard against all risk of fire.

**Follow the Country Code:**

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.



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**SPAYNES HALL**

A seventeenth century Manor House, L-shaped with wings extending north and west. Second wing added to the west making a half H shape. Named after the De Ispania or Hispania family who originated from Spain and gave their names also to Spains Hall in Finchingfield. Original Manor owned by successive Earls of Oxford. Owned by Way family from 1827. In 1887 Lewis John Way became Lord of all the Manors in Yeldham and included the Rookery Farm, Butlers Farm and Lark Hill Farm. Memorials to the Way family are in the church. The Manor is now owned by the Douglas Hughes family.

**YELDHAM HALL**

The records date from the reign of King John. It was owned by the De Vere family in the fifteenth century. It was sold by Edward the seventeenth Earl along with Spains Hall and Butlers. The Lords of the Manor were patrons of Yeldham Church.

**SPENCERS**

It was built in 1760 by Lady Anne Bateman of the Spencer family. Her father was Charles Spencer Earl of Sutherland but the building was funded by her grandfather, John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough. She died in 1769 and her monument is in the church. It was sold in 1783 to the Way family who owned it for one hundred and thirty years. Their memorials are also in the church. Most recently purchased in 1960 by Lord and Lady Denham, then sold to Julian Courtauld, son of Augustine and Mollie Courtauld. It later became home of Lord Butler of Saffron Walden. Lady Butler still resides there.

**YELDHAM CHURCH**

Flint rubble with stone dressings. It was built mainly during the fourteenth century in the Perpendicular style. The west tower, mostly brick, was built in the fifteenth century. The original tower was begun in the 1400 on the south side but not completed. It now forms the porch. The church was restored in the nineteenth century when the south vestry and organ chamber were added. The church has an interesting screen and an eighteenth century hatchment with George III coat of arms.

**WHITE HART**

Built in 1500 to a half H shaped plan. It was originally a freehold house called Saxes and was owned in the eighteenth century by Samuel Pepys. Restored early 1900 when the original timbers, previously plastered over, were exposed.