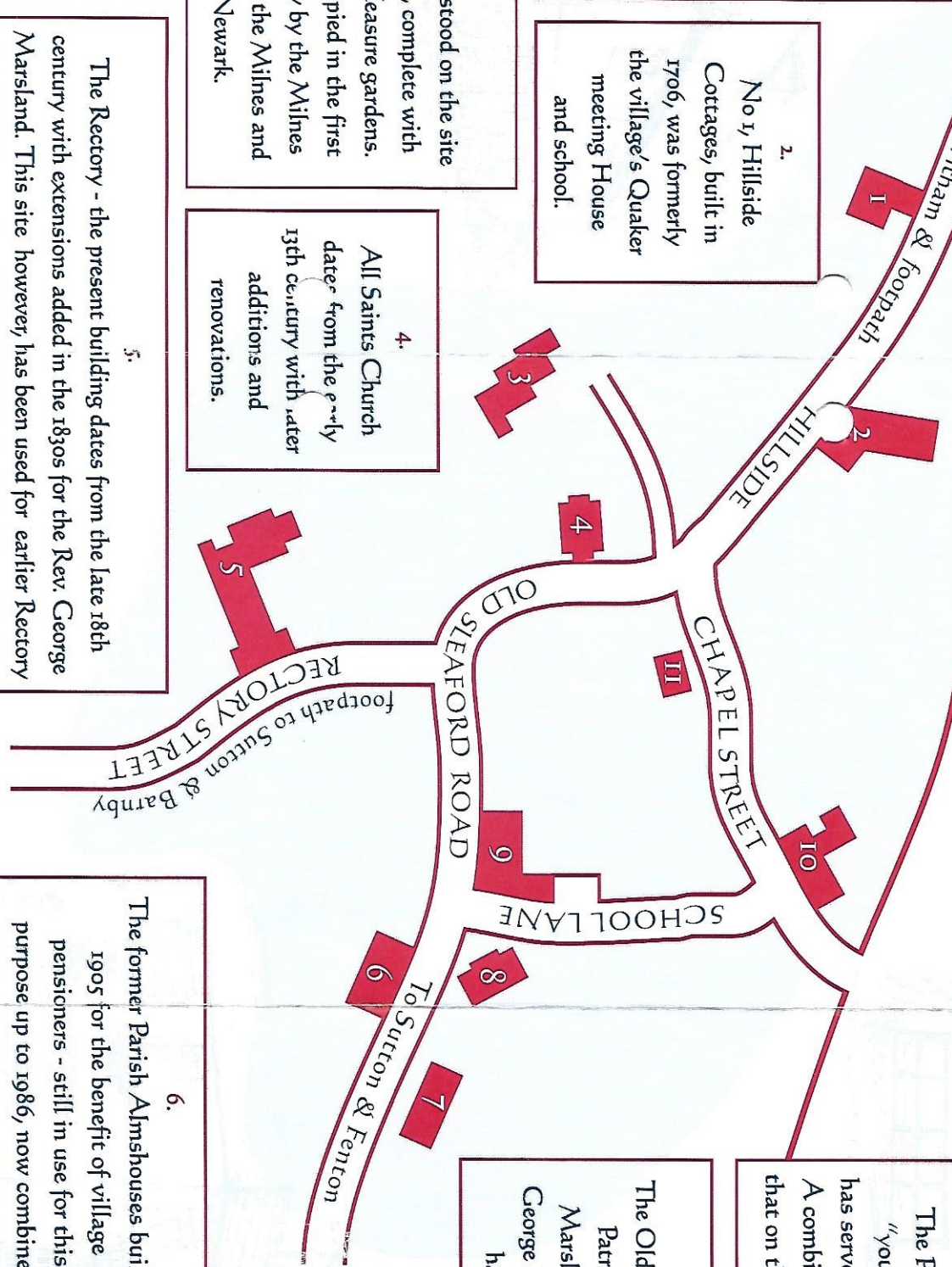


# BECKINGHAM

a village trail

A17 Newark to Sleaford

To River Witham & footpath



1. The Black Swan has served as an Inn for several centuries. Royalist forces camped nearby at the time of the Civil War and watered their horses in the River Witham. In the Domesday Book of 1068, the site was occupied by a water mill. Reputedly haunted.

2. No 1, Hillside Cottages, built in 1706, was formerly the village's Quaker meeting House and school.

3. Beckingham Hall once stood on the site of Beckingham House, complete with library, ballroom and pleasure gardens. It was owned and occupied in the first half of the 19th century by the Milnes family, descended from the Milnes and Clay families, Newark.

4. All Saints Church date from the early 13th century with later additions and renovations.

5. The Rectory - the present building dates from the late 18th century with extensions added in the 1830s for the Rev. George Marsland. This site however, has been used for earlier Rectory buildings back to the time of the Domesday Survey.

11. Rose Cottage, Chapel Street, of wattle and daub construction, is reputed to be one of the oldest cottages in Lincolnshire. Exact date unknown.

10. The Village Hall was formerly the Wesleyan Chapel, erected in 1835.

9. The Pack Horse Inn, although the "younger" of the 2 village Inns has served the villagers for some years. A combination of two former cottages, that on the School Lane being the older.

8. The Old School was built in 1840 by the Patron of Beckingham, Thomas Marsland, and the Rectory, the Rev. George Marsland. In 1842 it claimed to have 120 enrolled scholars.

6. The former Parish Almshouses built in 1803 for the benefit of village pensioners - still in use for this purpose up to 1986, now combined into one private house.

7. The Poor Gardens - In 1691 the Quaker, Randolph Pattinson left two acres of land to the poor of Beckingham - the annual revenue was distributed among poor villagers.



# COUNTRY TRAIL

Beckingham-Sutton-Barnby (4-miles approx)

This leaflet was put together and researched by the members of Beckingham Local History Group. We hope you enjoy your visit to and around Beckingham Village.

11. Follow the bank, passing a bridge to your right, all the way back to Beckingham. Turn right across the bridge and up the hill back to the church.

10. At the path end, follow the hedge to your right to the corner and bear left across the field to reach the raised bank of the River Witham.

9. Go into Barnby village and turn first right into Dark Lane.

At the end, cross the road to a narrow path to the left of School House.

8. Do not cross the bridge, but turn left along the river bank, over the stile, turn right across the foot bridge and through the church yard.

Illustrations by Pat Allen - Footpath Map by Chris Green

1. Start at the village church, facing south with your back to the A17. Just around the corner, turn right along Rectory Street and follow it to the end.

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2. Cross the stile and immediately cross another stile on your right and head for the far corner of the field.

3. Carry straight on with the hedge on your right. Then, after crossing the stile, continue with the hedge to your left.

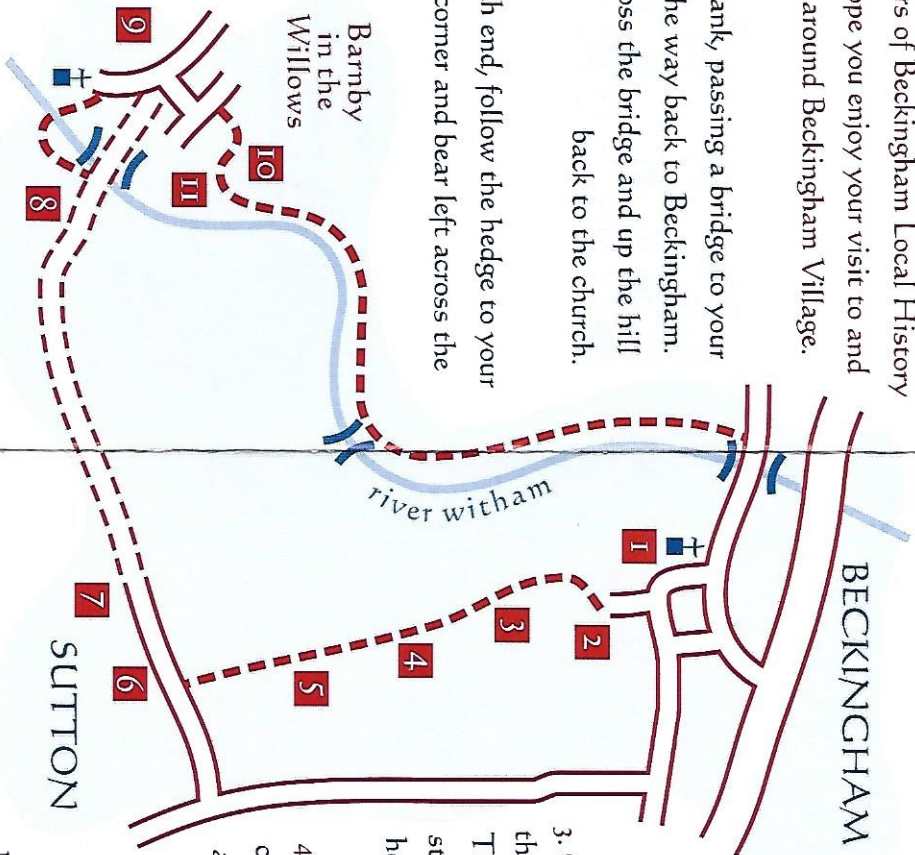
4. At the hedge end, carry straight on, down a gentle slope to a gap in the facing hedge.

5. Cross two more fields, with a stile midway, and on to the road in Sutton village.

## SUTTON

6. Turn right, and pass through the village to where the road becomes a track.

7. Follow the track, passing a barn on your right at the top of the hill, as far as the River Witham.



# BECKINGHAM Village Trail



Norman North Doorway, All Saints Church