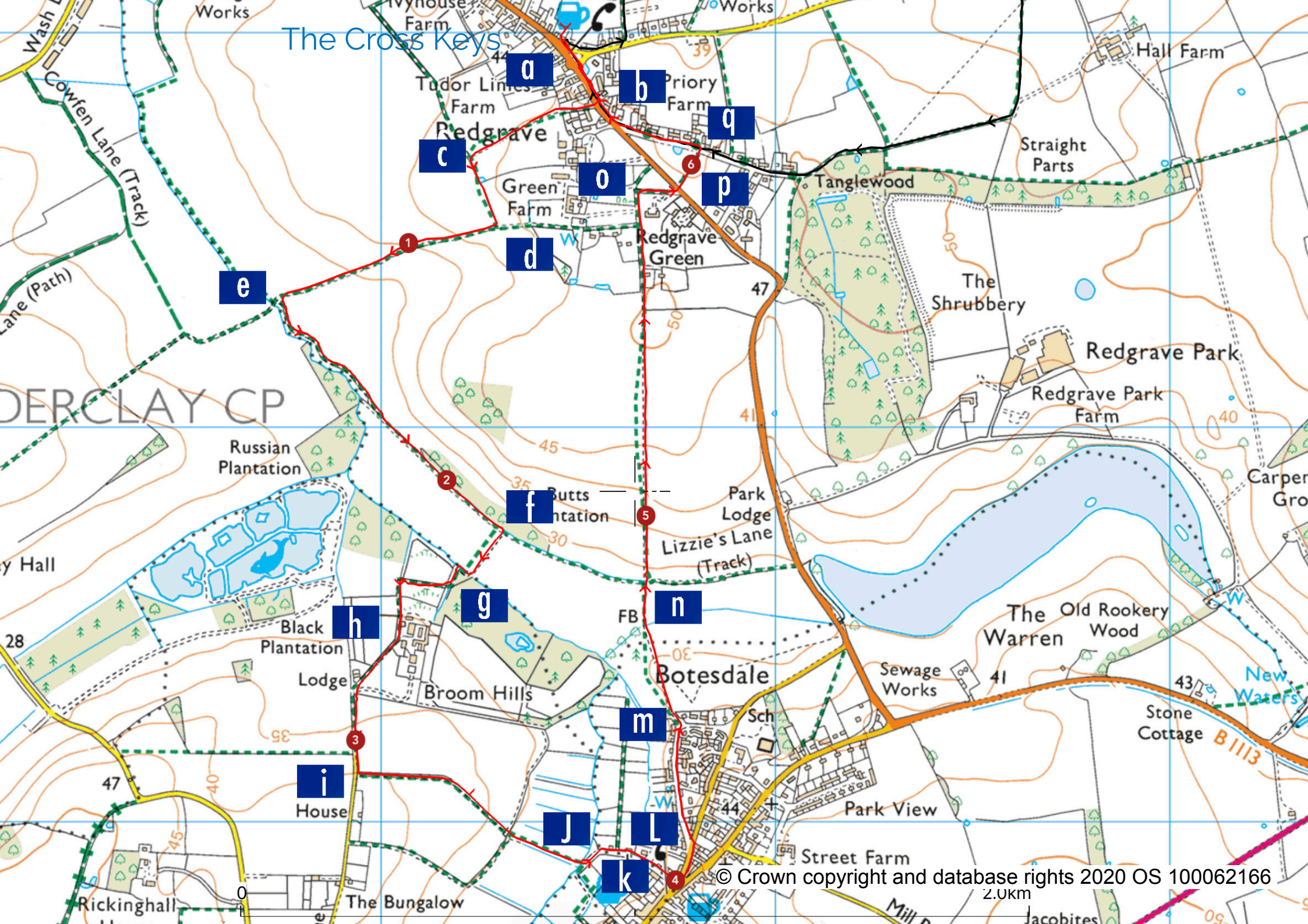


The Cross Keys



Walk 6

The Botesdale Loop

This Four mile walk goes across the valley of the stream which flows from Redgrave lake towards the Little Ouse. The path takes you into Botesdale and back across the valley by another path.

4 miles. We measure our walks and then give a time based on a walking speed of two and a half miles per hour. This is a realistic speed with time to see the view and chat.

So, about one and three quarter hours.

a Turn left out of the pub. Walk across the green, between the pond and the shop.

b The footpath on your right is narrow, along the side of Glebe Cottage, by the 30 mph sign.

Across the meadow to the hedge **c**, turn left and walk over to the cart track which crosses the valley from Redgrave to Hinderclay.

d turn right down the hill to the river.

e Do not cross the river but turn left along the bank. The path turns left away from the river and follows a ditch with Butts Plantation behind it.

f Take the footpath on the right, cross the river by a wooden bridge. A fence **g** guides you around the side of the wood and the path takes you through Broom Hills **h** and along the lane.

i Take the footpath on the left towards Botesdale.

At **j** cross the bridge. There is a choice of path at a T junction. The track to the left soon becomes the metalled Fen Lane which leads up to Botesdale Street at **k**. If you turn right, skirt the meadow by the stream which you cross twice before stepping over the roots of a

big ash tree up a narrow lane to the village. Turn left past The Bell to **k**.

Walk up Backhills **L** with the War Memorial on your right. Take the first turning to the left onto Cherry Tree Lane.

m Where this lane bends up to the right you turn left between the houses and onto the footpath which **n** crosses the valley up into Redgrave.

o Reaching the first houses, a cinder track turns sharp right by a very smart dustbin corral. Across Redgrave Street and the field named The Flat Iron **p** and left onto Half Moon Lane. **q**

The road meets The Street again and you bear right past All Saints Church with its blue cross window, between the shop and the pond, across The Green to The Cross Keys.

We hope you enjoyed your walk.
xJ&Ex