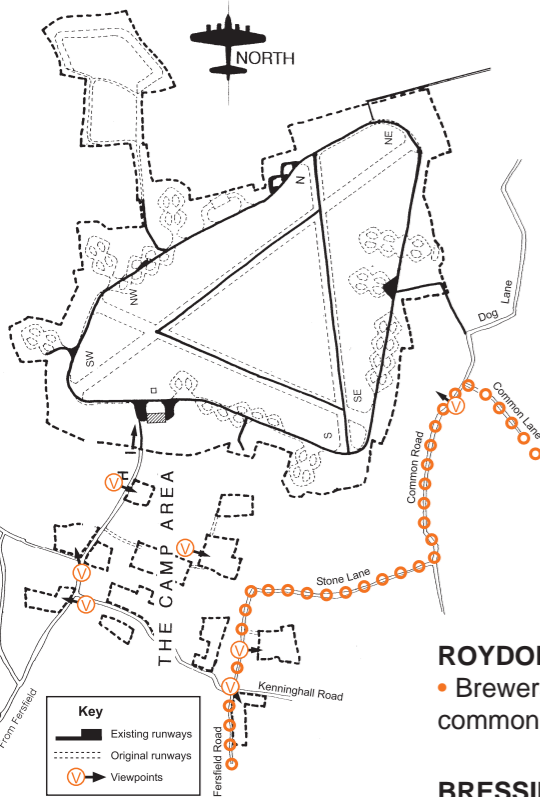


# BIKE IT! 5

Route length approx. 37 kilometers (23 miles) excluding detours. Car parking available in Diss and elsewhere with care.

## FERSFIELD WWII AIRFIELD (10)

- Satellite base for Knettishall USAAF station in Suffolk, operated by the 388th Bomb Group with Flying Fortresses
- Was base for the secret project Aphrodite during June – December 1944
- Base for the RAF during 1945 prior to closure.
- Further details in South Norfolk Council's USAAF airfields guide.



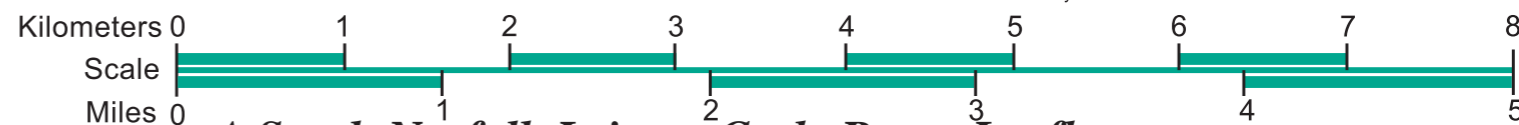
## BURSTON

- Attractive village with two greens.
- The village is home of the famous "School Strike"
- Visit the free museum (11) telling its story in the Strike School (built 1917) by the Maypole on Church Green.

Angered by the attitude of the local land owners, teachers Mr & Mrs Tom Higdon set up their own primary school, teaching socialist and Christian principals and supported by 66 of the 72 pupils of the original school. The strike was the longest in history and caused a storm locally and nationally.

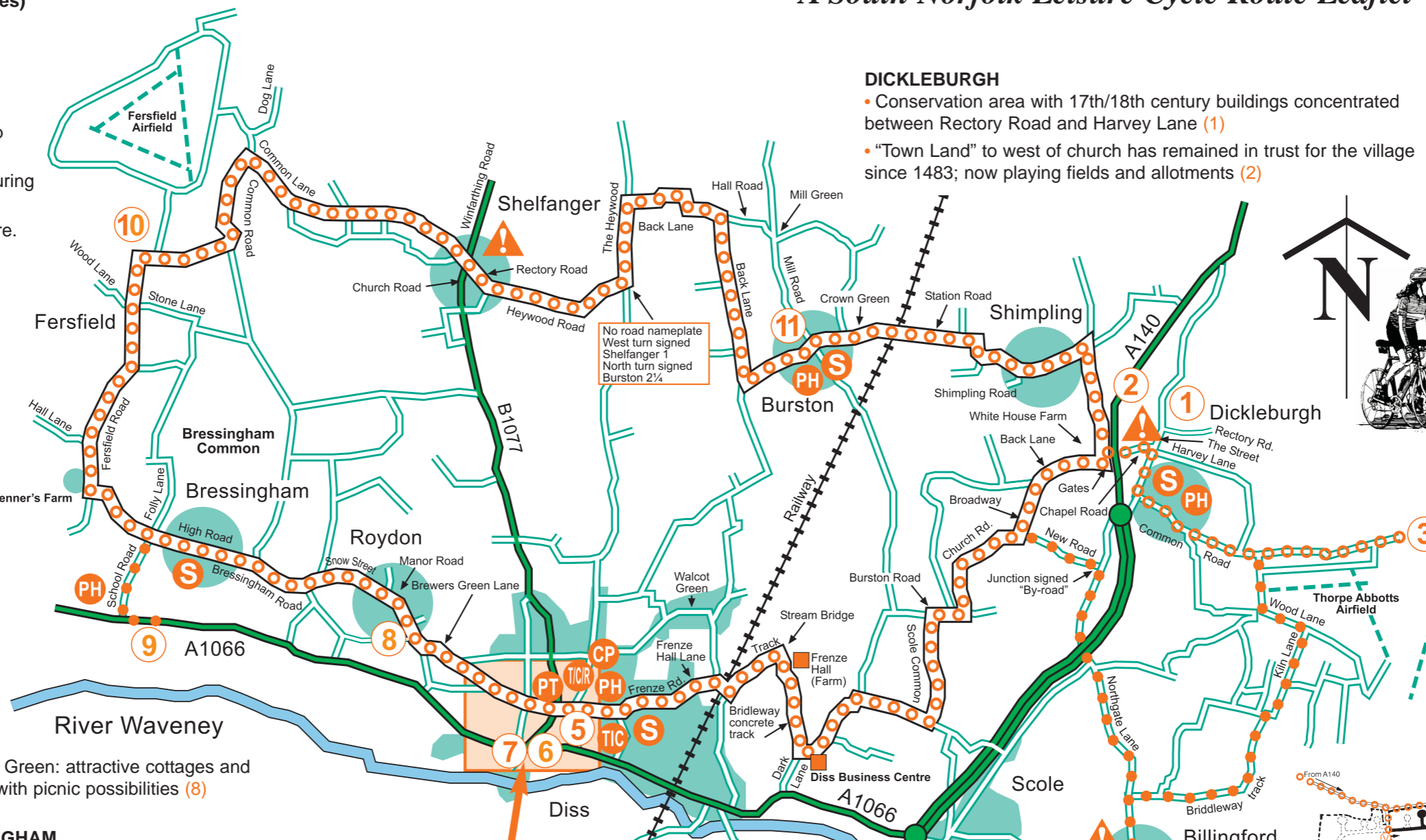


All maps and diagrams featured in this 'Bike It' series of leaflets are based upon Ordnance Survey Land-line Data and 1/50,000 Raster Data with the permission of The Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, © Crown Copyright. Any unauthorised reproduction may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. South Norfolk Council Licence No: 100019483 ~ February 2005



## A South Norfolk Leisure Cycle Route Leaflet

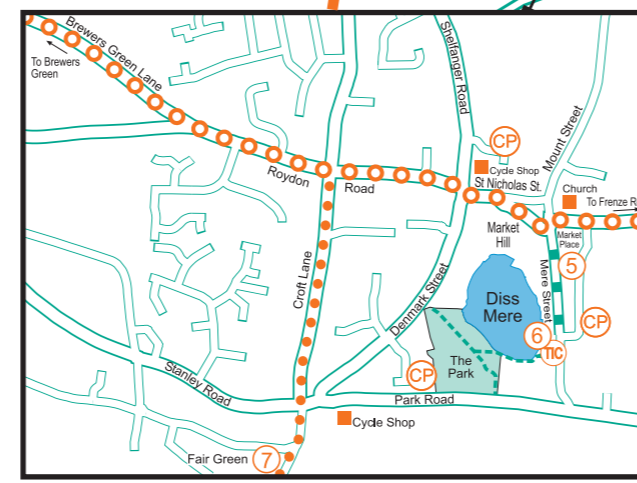
- KEY**
- The Route (orange dotted line)
  - Optional Detour (orange dashed line)
  - Other Roads (green line)
  - Busy Route Crossing Take Care (triangle with exclamation mark)
  - Food Shop(s) (S in circle)
  - Public House (PH in circle)
  - Tea Room, Cafe or Restaurant (TICR in circle)
  - Public Toilets (PT in circle)
  - Tourism Information Centre (TIC in circle)
  - Point of Interest (1 in circle)
  - Car Park (CP in circle)
  - Gift Shop (GS in circle)



- BILLINGFORD**
- 5 storey windmill built 1862, ceased working 1956 (4). Key available from the Horseshoes public house (nearby on A143) during opening hours (Tel: 01379 740414)

- ROYDON**
- Brewers Green: attractive cottages and common with picnic possibilities (8)
- BRESSINGHAM**
- Shop on High Road, pub on A1066 near School Road
  - Bressingham Steam Museum and Garden Centre – Tel: 01379 687382/6 (9)

- DISS**
- Picturesque market town with lake (The Mere) with varied wildlife.
  - Historic conservation area (inc. St Mary's Church and timbered former Dolphin Inn off the Market Place (5) and Mount Street to north)
  - Good range of shops, and services (pedestrianised Mere Street)
  - Award winning small museum in Old Shambles buildings (Market Place) (Tel: 01379 650618) Admission free, open Weds – Sats (5)
  - Tourist Information Centre (Tel:01379 650523) and public toilets (Mere Street, adjacent to Mere's Mouth) (6)
  - Market and auction sales every Friday
  - Optional diversion to Fair Green: 16th and 17th century houses and home of fairs since the Middle Ages (7)



- THORPE ABBOTTS WWII AIRFIELD/MUSEUM**
- Airfield built 1942 with camp to south for 3000 personnel.
  - Operated by 100th Bomb Group with B-17 Flying Fortress bombers 1943 – 1945
  - Airfield closed in 1956
  - Restored control tower 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum (Free) Open Sats/Suns/Bank Hols, 10am – 5pm (closes 4.30pm Oct – April) (3)
  - Further details in South Norfolk Council USAAF airfields guide

