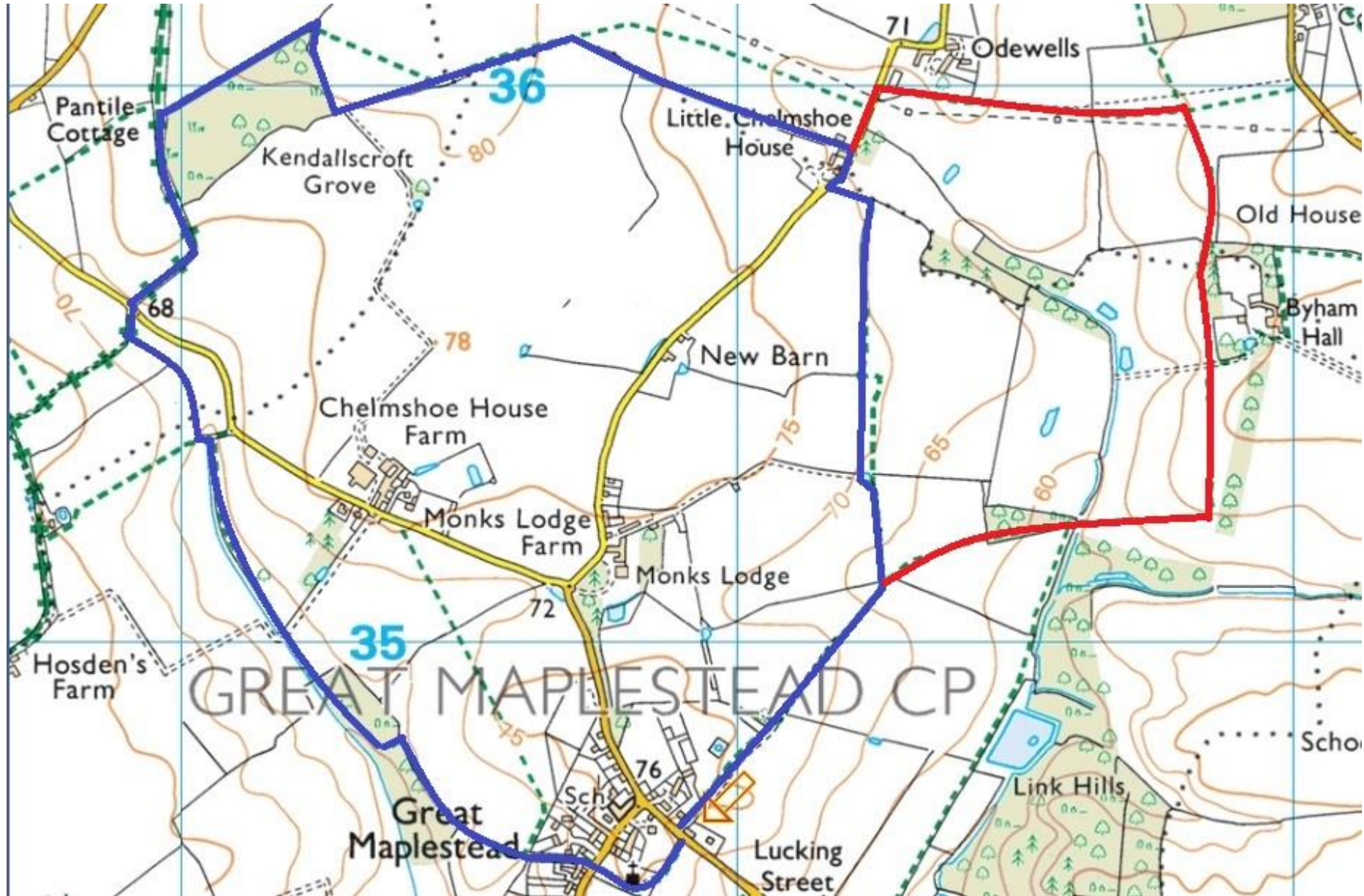


Circular Walk (Little Chelmshoe)



Key:

Suggested Route:		3.0 miles – 1.3hrs
Alternative Option:		3.5 miles – 1.5hrs

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- From the Village Hall, cross Lucking Street, take the steps up onto Church Path and follow it round to the gates.
- Cross Church Street and go down through Dorothy's and Alyn's garden (it's a right-of-way) to the bottom.
- Turn half left and follow the well-marked track along to the way-marker, then turn left down the 'causeway'.
- At the bottom of the slope turn right and go alongside the pheasant pen towards the Slype spinney.
- Through the Spinney, cross the footbridge and continue ahead, dog-legging left and right across the earth bridge.
- Follow the track alongside the brook, dog-legging left and right at the footpath from the road, and follow the brook along to the gravel road.
- Turn right to Poll Miles' crossroads, where – legend has it – poor Polly was buried as a witch after her unfortunate drowning in Hedingham Castle's lake... More of this story can be heard here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfVISwMnghM>
- Cross the road and follow the track up past numerous badger setts and round to the left; a few hundred yards along, turn right across a wooden footbridge and follow the track alongside Kendallscroft Grove – full of bluebells at the right time.
- Turn half right at the next wooden footbridge; the definitive footpath is straight on across the field to the opposite hedge but, if it hasn't been marked through the crop, turn right after crossing the bridge and walk round the field edge.
- Ignoring the track entrance on the right, carry on along the hedge line (roughly parallel with the line of pylons) to the road at the Black Barn and Little Chelmshoe House.
 - **Blue Route:** Turn right along the road for a few yards, then left at the dog-poo bin onto the path across a narrow bit of field to the hedge gap. Turn right and follow the path to the end of the hedge line and then straight on across the field. Dog-leg left and right around the pond (aka 'The Crater') and follow the track down to the big tree.
 - **Red Route:** Turn left along the road to the Odwell's boundary and then right alongside the boundary fence. At the end carry straight on across the field, over a wooden footbridge and straight up to a cross-track; turn right towards the end of a hedge then follow the hedge line through a right-left dog-leg and along the back of Byham Hall's garden to another cross-track. Carry straight on into the field along the marked path – shortly before reaching the far hedge the path turns right down to Monks Spinney. Go up through the spinney, across the field to the big tree and turn left.
- Follow the track uphill to the gate, then take the footpath through the gate (not the track) back to the Village Hall.