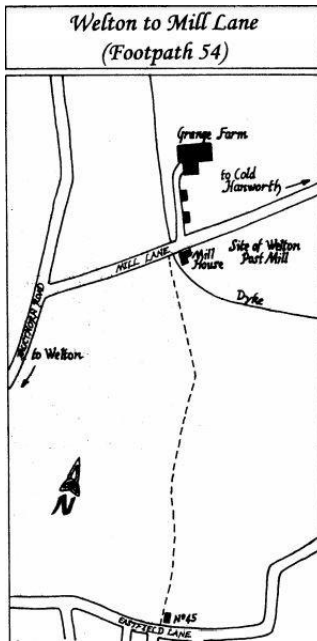


FOOTPATH 54: WELTON TO MILL LANE



Footpath 54, from Eastfield Road to Mill Lane, is now a popular route for walkers and joggers. If you have not yet discovered its beauty it is well worth a look. There is an abundance of wildflowers, including red campion and white campion, as well as the buttercups, daisies and cow parsley that are familiar to all of us. There are also many different varieties of grasses around the field margin and if you listen you will hear different bird songs. At the right time of day you may hear and see larks above the cereal crop.

The footpath across the cereal crop is at least six foot wide this year, allowing plenty of room for walkers to pass each other without the need to step off the path into the crop in order to maintain social distance. It is, however, very disappointing to see some dog walkers throwing sticks or balls into the crop for their dogs to retrieve. I am sure they wouldn't like it if the farmer exercised his dog in their back garden! And please, dogwalkers, just because you are in a field doesn't mean you don't have to clean up after your pet.

So please, enjoy the walk but be respectful of our countryside.

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