



Amenities & Planning Committee Meeting

9th February 2026

Meeting pack

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The following councillors are summoned to attend the Amenities and Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 9th February 2026 at Castle Park Arts Centre at 7pm

Cllr D Critchley, Cllr J Critchley, Cllr R Drapeur (Vice Chair), Cllr H Hayes, Cllr A Holman, Cllr R Lofts (Chair), Cllr P Lowrie, Cllr M Nield, Cllr B Wade, Cllr G Wood

Location: Castle Park Arts Centre, Castle Park, Frodsham, WA6 6SE

Members of the press and public are welcome to attend. The meeting will be audio recorded.

Signed: *Jo O'Donoghue (FSLCC)* Town Clerk

Dated: 4/02/2026

Meeting 8

1. Apologies and reasons for absence

To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence from members.

2. Declarations of interest

To note any declarations of interest on items which are on the agenda.

3. Suspending Standing Orders

To note Standing Orders require that any suspension be approved by resolution of the meeting, in accordance with Standing Orders 1(r)(ix) and 25(a). This process will apply to all items other than agenda item 4.

4. Public participation

Members of the public are invited to speak on items which are on the agenda in accordance with FTC policy on public speaking at meetings: <https://frodsham.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Publicspeaking-at-meetings-2023.pdf>

5. Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the Amenities & Planning Committee Meeting held 8th December 2025.

6. To consider the following planning applications:

Reference	Address	Description
25/03963/FUL	3 Orchard Close, Frodsham, WA6 6DS	Two-story side extension.
25/03915/FUL	15 Keswick Drive, Frodsham, WA6 7LT	Erection of garden pavilion
25/03864/PIP	Land At Hawthorne Road, Frodsham	Erection of 9 dwellings with double detached garages
25/04042/FUL	6 Blue Hatch, Frodsham, WA6 7QJ	Alterations to the front porch, conversion of the existing garage including removal and replacement of the existing roof to form a new flat roof, and changes to windows and doors.

7. Festive lights

- (a) To consider approval of the Stage 2 quotation in the sum of £16,046.65 for the replacement of festive lighting on Church Street, to be undertaken by the existing installer and aligned with the Main Street scheme.
- (b) To consider the request from members of the Christmas Working Group for the replacement of the candy cane lamppost lighting on Main Street with red and white bulbs, and that a quotation in the sum of £4,985.00 has been received from the existing installer.

8. Hob Hey Wood

- (a) To receive the Annual Report.
- (b) To agree any action to be taken.

9. Community Orchards

- (a) To note that pruning of the orchards was carried out in March 2025 as part of the Grounds Maintenance Service Level Agreement with Northwich Town Council.
- (b) Northwich Town Council has confirmed that pruning is scheduled to take place in February 2026 in accordance with the Grounds Maintenance Service Level Agreement.

10. Churchfields woodland planting

- (a) To note the report on woodland planting completed in 2024, delivered with advice, guidance, and grant support from the Mersey Forest as part of the "Trees for Climate" initiative.
- (b) To note that a complaint has been received from a resident regarding the tree species planted, namely hornbeam, oak, and birch, with concerns that, when mature, they may reduce light to the orchard and impact fruit production, together with a request for their removal, and to note that the trees are subject to a 15-year maintenance agreement with FTC following planting.
- (c) To agree any action to be taken.

11. Frodsham Leisure and Library Refurbishment

- (a) To receive a verbal report from Cllr Lofts following their attendance at the Frodsham Leisure and Library Committee meeting held on 27 January 2026.
- (b) To consider, in principle, a request for a grant towards the Leisure Centre and Library refurbishment. Further details of potential areas for Council support are awaited from the Committee Chair.

12. Request from a member of the public

- (a) To note that a member of the public has requested permission to fund the planting of a memorial tree or other suitable planting within Frodsham, specifically within the woodland areas.
- (b) To consider the request and advise on the appropriate process.

13. Crowmere Lake

- (a) To receive a verbal report from Cllr Lowrie
- (b) To agree any action to be taken.

14. Active Travel

- (a) To note the maps of cycle routes in the Frodsham area and consider their suitability for distribution by FTC at community events and similar activities.
- (b) To consider a request for £250 to help fund this project.

15. Close of meeting

Minutes from the Amenities and Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th December 2025 at Castle Park Arts Centre

Attended by: Cllr J Critchley, Cllr H Hayes, Cllr A Holman, Cllr R Lofts (Chair), Cllr P Lowrie, Cllr B Wade, Cllr G Wood

Meeting 7

1. Apologies and reasons for absence

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Critchley (personal), Cllr Drapeur (personal) and Cllr Nield (personal).

2. Declarations of interest

To note any declarations of interest on items which are on the agenda.

NOTED: Cllr Hayes declared an interest in planning application 25/03697/FUL.

3. Public participation

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NOTED: 1 member of the public representing Active Travel attended and it was noted that a thorough response to Frodsham Solar had been submitted and had attended the consultation meeting held on 2nd December. It was noted that the item was to be discussed in item 12 on the agenda.

4. Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the Amenities & Planning Committee Meeting held 17th November 2025.

5. To consider the following planning applications:

Reference	Address	Description	Response
25/03161/FUL	Castle Park Arts Centre, Park Court, Frodsham, WA6 6SE	Erection of a permanent open sided glass covered metal structure with photovoltaic glass.	RELEVANT POLICIES: DM49; DM46; R1; M4; DM11; DM44 This is a Grade II Listed building in the Conservation Area. Support in principle as it will enhance the Arts Centre, subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.
25/03539/CAT	St Cyl 57 High Street, Frodsham, WA6 7AN	1x chestnut - reduce to previous cut points	RELEVANT POLICIES: DM46; R1; M4; DM11; DM44 This is in the Conservation Area. NO OBJECTION subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.
25/03535/FUL	17 Carriage Drive, Frodsham, WA6 6DU	Alterations to front orangery, erection of single storey rear extension, alterations to windows and doors, addition of rooflights	RELEVANT POLICIES: R1; M4; DM11; DM44 NO OBJECTION

25/03465/FUL	62 Bellemonte Road, Frodsham, WA6 6BH	Single storey side/rear extension	RELEVANT POLICIES: R1; M4; DM11; DM44 NO OBJECTION
25/03721/TPO	Ravenswood, Carriage Drive, Frodsham, WA6 6DR	2x Mature Beech - 2m crown reduction	RELEVANT POLICIES: R1; M4; DM11; DM44 NO OBJECTION
25/03697/FUL	13 Greenside Avenue, Frodsham, WA6 7SA	Single storey rear extension, part demolition of garage and two storey side extension.	RELEVANT POLICIES: R1; M4; DM11 NO OBJECTION subject to it meeting the provisions of Supplementary Planning Document: House Extensions and Domestic Outbuildings.
25/03662/FUL	61 Doric Avenue, Frodsham, WA6 7RB	Single-storey side and rear extension with rooflights, and a new front porch canopy.	RELEVANT POLICIES: R1; M4; DM11; DM44 NO OBJECTION subject to it meeting the provisions of Supplementary Planning Document: House Extensions and Domestic Outbuildings

6. Planning Appeal

To note the outcome of Appeal Ref: APP/A0665/D/25/3371372, 139 Ashton Drive, Frodsham, Cheshire West and Chester WA6 7PU

NOTED

7. Festive lights – Main Street

To note the work carried out by the Amenities & Planning Committee and KDE regarding the festive lights on Main Street.

NOTED: It was noted how impressive the new installation is and that there had been appreciative comments on social media in regard to the lights which are illuminated from 4pm to 12am.

RESOLVED: It was resolved to switch the lights on 24/7 on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day.

ACTION: JO

8. Accessible play equipment

To review the remit and current status of the installation of an item of accessible play equipment, noting that other than reducing the earmarked reserve to £5,000 there has been no progress since March 2023.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to approach Cllr Garvey to see if something could be achieved collaboratively with Cheshire West and Chester Council in Castle Park and to leave the sum of £5,000 in EMR.

ACTION: JO

9. Remembrance garden working group

To review the remit and status of the Remembrance Garden Working Group, noting that no progress has been made since December 2024 and that an earmarked reserve of £20,000 remains.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to pick this up in the new year and leave the sum of EMR in EMR.

ACTION: RGWG

10. Tarvin Road Cemetery

To consider the urgent need for additional burial space, noting that only 28 grave spaces remain in the new cemetery section (49 taken in the past four years), and to agree next steps, including seeking informal advice from Harrison Design Development (design consultants for the cemetery extension

undertaken in 2021) on the feasibility of extending within the land currently owned and/or exploring options for land acquisition.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to seek informal advice from Harrison Design Development.

ACTION: JO

11. Crowmere Lake

To note current water levels at Crowmere Lake, consider comments from the adjacent resident, and determine whether any action is required at this time.

NOTED: The item was deferred.

12. Active Travel

(a) To receive an update from Cllr Holman.

NOTED: Cllr Holman provided a report from the meeting regarding Frodsham Solar Farm on 2/12/2025 and it was noted that: only 2 out of the 54 parties who had registered as an interested parties attended the meeting and encouraged Frodsham Town Council to issue a formal response. It was noted that Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan Group had registered as an interested party on behalf of Frodsham Town Council.

(b) To agree any action to be taken.

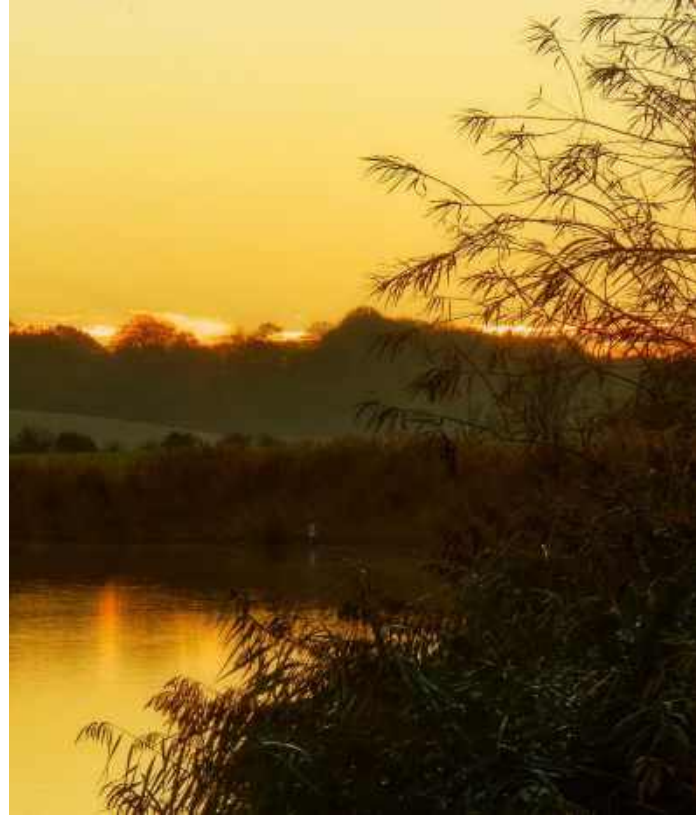
RESOLVED: It was agreed to contact FNPWG to ask them to respond to Frodsham Solar on behalf of Frodsham Town Council. Cllr Holman agreed to request an extension date for submission beyond 22/12/2025.

ACTION: JO

13. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 20:01

HOB HEY WOOD FRIENDS GROUP ANNUAL REPORT



2025

Mark O'Sullivan



Summary

- Over 200 volunteer hours
- Planted 215 trees
- Three guided walks around the wood hosted by group members
- Two talks about Hob Hey Wood given to local groups
- Liaised with CW&C to get significant improvements to bridlepath completed
- Fallen tree clearance
- Other maintenance tasks, litter picking, invasive species control
- 2026 calendar produced and sold
- Continued with bat monitoring programme
- Very active on social media
- Regular feedback to FTC Amenities Committee
- Over half of the Southern Path Replacement Project completed
- Wildlife recording has now identified over 900 species, some rare
- Continued with meadow creation
- Butterfly transect walk completed first year
- Made connections with other organisations



Scything the meadow

Volunteer activities

Twelve volunteer days were completed in 2025, two more than in 2024. Several members performed solo tasks in the wood during the year, such as pruning, invasive species removal, and litter picking.

Tree Planting

210 trees obtained free of charge from the Woodland Trust's 'Free Trees for Schools and Communities' scheme were planted near the main bridge. These were all native species that will enhance the biodiversity of the woodland. They were used as hedging and to fill in gaps created by the work in the wood.

In December, five wych elm, gifted by Butterfly Conservation, were planted in Hob Hey to provide future homes for the white-letter hairstreak butterfly.

Meadow Management

The new meadow was given more attention this year. A 'hay cut' is required to impoverish the soil, encouraging wildflowers. This year, we did two.

In April, the volunteers performed the first hay cut, removing the arisings to impoverish the soil. In August, Cheshire Wildlife Trust's Wild Network arranged a scything course in the meadow.

This allowed more of our members to be trained, and they completed half of the scything, which was finished by our volunteers the next day.



Longhorn beetle in our meadow

Yellow rattle seeds were also purchased and scattered in the meadow to help control the vigorous grasses that out-compete the wildflowers we are trying to encourage to grow here.

We were gifted 600 wildflower plug plants from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, which were planted in the meadow to further enhance its biodiversity.

Bat Monitoring Programme

In March and June 2023, under the guidance of licensed bat handler Tom Kenwright, twenty bat boxes were installed in the wood. Six of the boxes were built by group member John Gascoyne, the others were purchased, financed by FTC.

The purchased boxes are removable and are being monitored by Tom. Information on the number and species of bats roosting in the wood will add to the scientific knowledge of bats in Cheshire; very little is known about these secretive mammals.

In 2025, the number of bats using the boxes increased significantly. During the Frodsham Festival of Walks walk in May, Tom was able to show a group of 30 people one of five brown long-eared bats roosting in one of the boxes.



Other Maintenance Tasks

Many other varied activities were performed by the volunteers. These included the removal of several trees that fell across paths during storms. Repair of boardwalk mesh and boards. Cleaning of paths and steps of fallen leaves and soil. Litter picking. Invasive sycamore saplings were again tackled (these grow fast and can overrun an area, leading to poor biodiversity).

The noticeboard erected in 2021 was kept up to date with seasonal highlights provided. Feedback indicated that this was appreciated by visitors and several volunteers were recruited by seeing the volunteer dates on the board.

The repairs to the stone steps leading from the picnic table to the stream were completed.

Replacement of Paths, Bridges, and Boardwalks in the Southern Wood

In late 2023, the group initiated a project to replace all the infrastructure in the southern part of the woodland, as the steps, bridges, and paths installed over 20 years ago are now rotting away.

In 2024, the project had been fully funded, and work started in Q2 2024. As of today, approximately 60% of the work has been completed with the final three boardwalks, and 53 steps to be installed in 2026.

Many visitors have commented on how much of an improvement the project has made. It will be even better when completed.

Bridlepath improvements

The bridlepath through the wood has had very poor drainage for several years. There were large patches that became deep mud during winter, and a broken land drain on the final slope down to the wood turned the path into a stream during rainy weather.

In October 2024, Brian Webber and Helen Hayes from our group met with CW&C Council to request improvements to be made.

These works were performed in Q2 2025 and included: repair to the broken land drain and routing the water under the path. Filling in the muddy areas and digging drains next to the path. Other drainage work on the path in the wood.

Now that we've entered winter, many people have experienced a much-improved walk down to the wood with hardly any mud present at all!

Social media and 'outreach' activities

The group maintains a website (hobheywood.wixsite.com/friends) which contains a huge amount of information on the wood and the group's activities, including maps and directed walks. This was maintained and updated in 2025.

Our Facebook page, updated almost daily with photos and stories about the wood and its inhabitants, has once again proven very popular with many appreciative comments about the wood and the group. The page now has over 1,700 members.

During the summer, we were made aware of a proposal to potentially build hundreds of new homes on the edge of Frodsham, the area covering Hob Hey. Our group was able to highlight this to the residents of Frodsham, encouraging them to comment on the proposal, giving information on how to do this and also reasons why building near Hob Hey would be a bad idea. Lots of people appreciated this and responded. We feel it was a good use of our group's knowledge and social media presence, helping people to give their voice about the proposal.

Our social media efforts did result in us welcoming several new volunteers to the group. Hopefully, this will continue into 2026.

Guided Walks

The group led a guided walk and bat talk as part of the Frodsham Festival of Walks. This was attended by over 60 members of the public and appeared to be well-received. Tom Kenwright inspected our bat boxes as part of the walk, and we were able to show people a brown long-eared bat in Tom's hand!

Three other guided walks, with smaller groups, were held, including a fungal foray with Rachel Drapeur, which saw us find 61 species of fungi, and a fungal appreciation course led by Myco Manchester.



Fungal course

Presentations to Local Groups

Mark O’Sullivan gave three talks during the year, including two to branches of the WI, Norley and Frodsham. In addition to these, he presented on Hob Hey at the Cheshire Wildlife Trust Annual General Meeting.

Once again, when talking to people, many had never heard of Hob Hey or knew where it is. The beauty and range of wildlife that can be seen there were surprising to many people.

Our work seems to have increased the number of people visiting and caring about the wood.



Talk to Frodsham WI

Collaboration With Other Organisations

2025 saw the group make connections with other organisations to hopefully learn from them. These included Cheshire Wildlife Trust, especially their Wild Network group (which has been incredibly beneficial to the group), Butterfly Conservation, and Myco Manchester. We also met with Neil Oxley, who manages all the local Woodland Trust woodlands, including the new Frodsham Woods.

In early 2025, Mike Perchard and Nigel Pemberton set up a 'Butterfly Transect' walk at Hob Hey. This involves a set route that is walked each week in butterfly season, with the number, location, and species of butterflies recorded. This formal system generates real scientific data that adds to the knowledge of butterflies in Cheshire, a really exciting project that I am proud our group is a part of.

Finances

We received £25420 from the Marshes Community Benefit Fund for our project to replace all paths and bridges in the southern part of Hob Hey, along with £1000 from Rotary for the project, with other donations of £150.

We received £763 from sales of the Hob Hey Calendar.

We also gained £90 from giving talks to local groups and received donations from CAF of £160.

Expenditure was as follows:

Tools and equipment	£572
Liability insurance	£134
Path replacement project	£30384

Wildlife recording

As an ancient woodland, Hob Hey Wood is an incredibly biodiverse place. Despite this, little formal recording has been performed, and until 2021, knowledge of the species living here was scant. In 2021, a project commenced to record as many species as possible and input them into the biological recording database 'iRecord'. By the end of 2025, over 900 species had been recorded.

This is 'the tip of the iceberg' as many species are difficult to identify, but it does show just how biodiverse the wood is, given its size. Further efforts will continue in 2026, including, hopefully, a year-long moth survey!



Springtail

If Hob Hey Wood was to be destroyed by 'development', it would be a significant loss to biodiversity in Cheshire and must not be allowed to happen. Fortunately, its ownership by Frodsham Town Council, registration with Fields in Trust, and the popularity of the wood with local people make that a very unlikely event.



Grey dagger moth caterpillar

Plans for 2026

The project to replace all the paths, boardwalks, steps and bridges in the southern part of the wood should be completed early in the year.



New long-lasting bridge in Hob Hey

Activities for 2026:

- Leading a walk as part of Frodsham Festival of Walks
- Other guided walks (fungal foray, wildflower walk)
- Giving talks on the wood to interested groups
- Year-long moth trapping survey
- Look into getting owl boxes installed on the woodland edge
- Continued biological recording
- Maintenance tasks: boardwalk repair; drain clearance; invasive species removal; litter picking; step clearance; step repairs; pruning overhanging branches
- Tree planting
- Alder buckthorn planting for brimstone butterflies
- Meadow hay cuts
- Promotion of the wood via social media
- Production of a calendar to raise funds
- Regular feedback to FTC
- Look to attract more volunteers
- Promotion of Hob Hey with local schools
- Look at possible purchases to extend the woodland
- Look into registering Hob Hey Wood as a Local Nature Reserve
- Installation of further bat boxes



Mark O'Sullivan

Secretary of Hob Hey Wood Friends Group

07/01/2026

Report on Tree Planting Undertaken Through the Mersey Forest Grant (2025) Trees for Climate

1. Introduction

This report outlines the tree planting works undertaken at Frodsham Community Orchards during the 2024–2025 planting season. The project was delivered with financial support from The Mersey Forest through the *Trees for Climate* grant programme and was completed in accordance with the agreed project specifications and funding conditions.

The grant was awarded to support the creation of new native woodland, contributing to local climate change mitigation, biodiversity enhancement, and long-term environmental improvement.

2. Grant Overview

The Trees for Climate grant offer was confirmed by The Mersey Forest on 5 November 2024, providing funding of up to £1,370.16, representing 100% of eligible project costs. The grant required completion of all planting works by 31 March 2025, with a single claim submission following satisfactory inspection

Key grant details included:

- **Project reference:** CHW_277
 - **Total eligible expenditure:** £1,370.16
 - **Grant rate:** 100%
 - **Funding purpose:** Site preparation, tree planting, protection, and long-term establishment and maintenance
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3. Site Location and Description

The planting took place across an identified area within Frodsham Community Orchards:

Perimeter buffer planting around the existing community orchard.

The total gross planting area was 0.09 hectares, with no designated open space within the funded area. Site locations and planting boundaries were agreed in advance and are shown on the approved location and site plan maps included in the agreement documentation

4. Planting Specification and Delivery

4.1 Woodland Creation

The project successfully established 0.09 hectares of new broadleaved woodland, meeting the agreed outputs set out in the grant agreement. All trees planted were native broadleaf species, with no conifer planting included.

A total of approximately 153 trees were planted across the two areas, in line with the approved planting densities:

- **Main woodland area:** planted at 2.5m x 2.5m spacing
- **Smaller planting area:** planted at 2m x 2m spacing

Woody shrubs were also incorporated where space allowed to enhance woodland edge structure and biodiversity.

4.2 Species Mix

The planting scheme used a diverse mix of British native species selected for site suitability and future climate resilience. The recommended species mix included:

- Aspen
- Beech
- Hornbeam
- Pedunculate oak
- Silver birch
- Wild cherry

This mix supports habitat diversity, long-term canopy development, and carbon sequestration potential

4.3 Ground Preparation and Protection

Prior to planting, the land was prepared by mowing to create suitable planting conditions. Each tree was fitted with:

- A **60cm tree guard**
- A **75cm wooden stake**
- A **bamboo cane** for stability and protection

These measures were designed to protect young trees from damage and browsing during establishment.

5. Maintenance and Long-Term Management

As set out in the funding agreement, the landowner is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the woodland for a minimum period of 15 years.

Key management commitments include:

- Replacement of failed trees (beating up), funded for the first three years
- Maintenance of a 1m² weed-free area around each tree
- Inter-row mowing to control competing vegetation
- Monitoring tree survival and condition annually
- Removal and appropriate disposal or recycling of non-biodegradable tree guards once establishment is achieved

The project is required to maintain a minimum stocking density of 1,600 trees per hectare at the end of the 15-year period.

6. Outcomes and Benefits

The planting has delivered the agreed outputs and contributes to:

- Creation of new native woodland within an urban-edge setting
- Increased carbon sequestration and climate resilience
- Enhanced biodiversity and habitat connectivity
- Improved landscape quality and long-term community environmental benefit

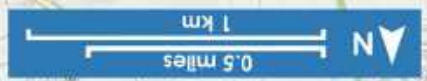
The project aligns with the objectives of the Trees for Climate programme and local environmental strategies.

7. Conclusion

The tree planting at Frodsham Community Orchards was completed in line with the approved Trees for Climate Agreement and within the required timescales. The works achieved the creation of 0.09 hectares of new broadleaved woodland, using appropriate native species and best practice planting methods.

The project represents effective use of Mersey Forest grant funding and provides lasting environmental value for the local area, subject to ongoing management and maintenance commitments.

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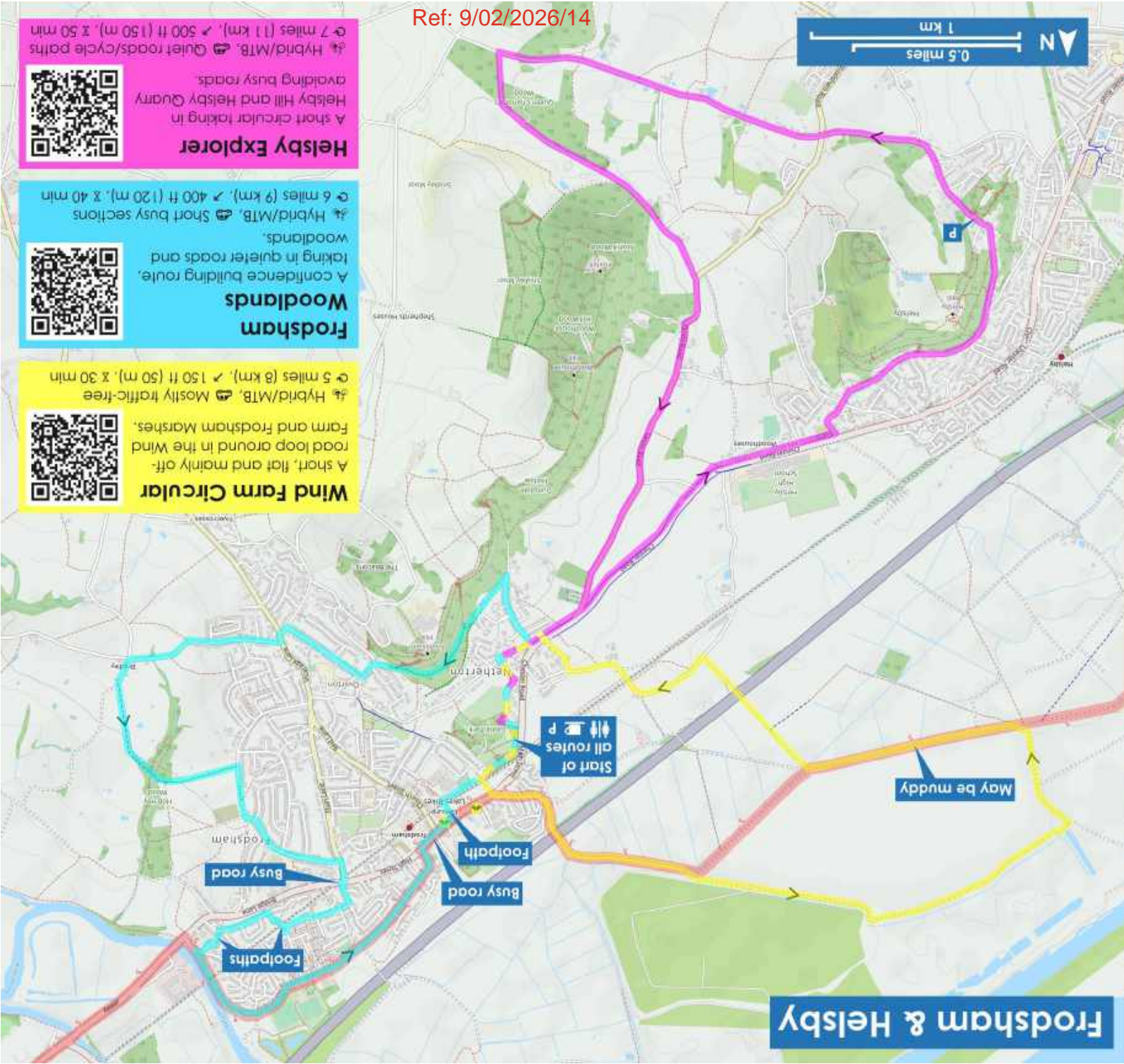
Scan the QR codes to view the routes online and download GPX route files.

Map Key

- National cycle route
- Regional cycle route
- Local cycle route
- Mountain bike route
- - - - Unpaved road
- - - - Cycle path
- - - - Bridleway
- - - - Footpath

Frodsham Cycle Map

Cycle routes around Frodsham and the surrounding area



Frodsham & Helsby

Start of all routes

May be muddy

Busy road

Footpaths

Busy road

Helsby Explorer

A short circular taking in Helsby Hill and Helsby Quarry avoiding busy roads.

Hybrid/MTB, Quiet roads/cycle paths
 7 miles (11 km), 500 ft (150 m), 50 min



Frodsham Woodlands

A confidence building route, taking in quieter roads and woodlands.

Hybrid/MTB, Short busy sections
 6 miles (9 km), 400 ft (120 m), 40 min



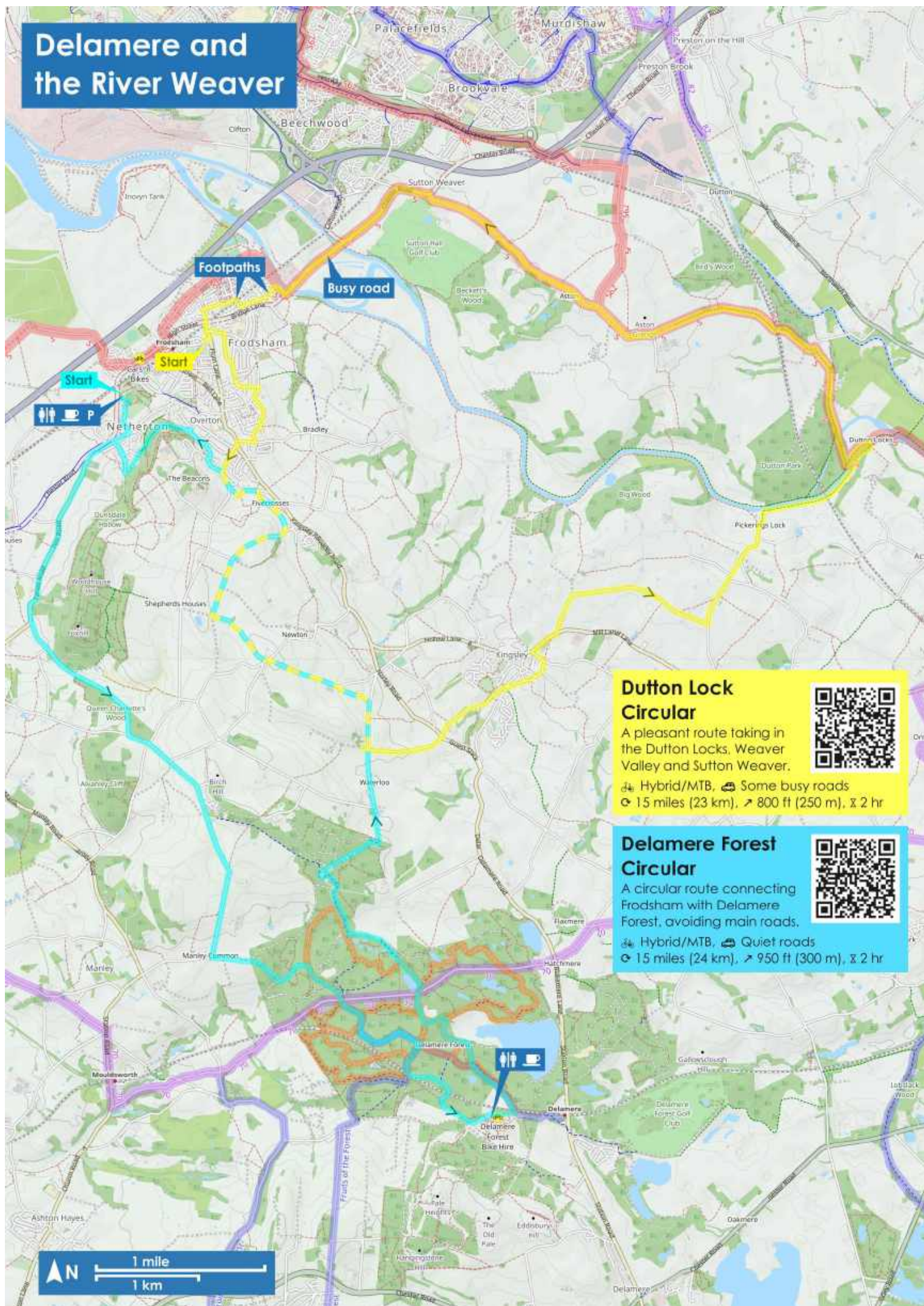
Wind Farm Circular

A short, flat and mainly off-road loop around in the Wind Farm and Frodsham Marshes.

Hybrid/MTB, Mostly traffic-free
 5 miles (8 km), 150 ft (50 m), 30 min



Delamere and the River Weaver



Footpaths

Busy road

Start

Start

Dutton Lock Circular

A pleasant route taking in the Dutton Locks, Weaver Valley and Sutton Weaver.

🚲 Hybrid/MTB, 🚗 Some busy roads
⌚ 15 miles (23 km), ⤴ 800 ft (250 m), ⌚ 2 hr



Delamere Forest Circular

A circular route connecting Frodsham with Delamere Forest, avoiding main roads.

🚲 Hybrid/MTB, 🚗 Quiet roads
⌚ 15 miles (24 km), ⤴ 950 ft (300 m), ⌚ 2 hr



Delamere Forest Bike Hire





Snidley Moor to Foxhill
 A short, partly off-road route to Newton, taking in Snidley Moor and Foxhill. 7.5 MTB, Quiet roads 7.5 miles (11 km), 500 ft (160 m), 50 min



Helsby-Frodsham Circular
 Helsby to Frodsham circular via Castle Park and returning across the Marshes (may be muddy in winter). 6.5 MTB, Quiet roads/cycle paths 6 miles (10 km), 300 ft (90 m), 40 min



Helsby Cycle Map

Cycle routes around Helsby and the surrounding area

Map Key

- National cycle route
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Delamere and Tarvin

Helsby-Delamere Circular

A moderate ride connecting Helsby with Delamere Forest along quieter roads.

🚲 Hybrid/MTB, 🚰 Quiet roads
📏 13 miles (21 km), 📏 900 ft (280 m), ⌚ 2 hr



Helsby to Kelsall and Tarvin

A longer route, mainly on quiet roads, taking in Kelsall and Tarvin.

🚲 Any bike, 🚰 Quiet roads
📏 19 miles (30 km), 📏 950 ft (290 m), ⌚ 2.5 hr



Start of both routes

