

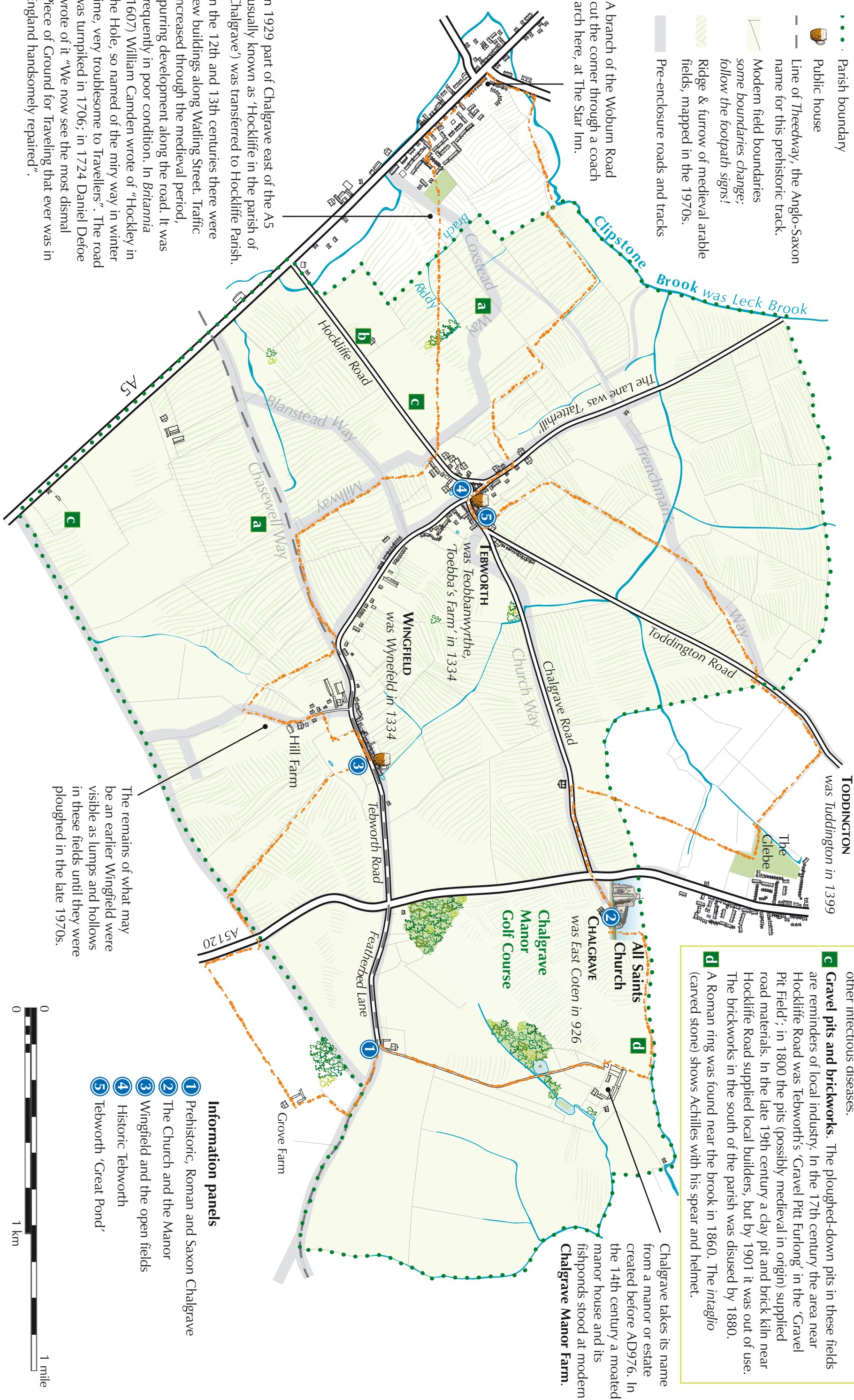


The Chalgrave Heritage Trail

Old names for some features on the map are shown in *italics*.

- Heritage Trail route
- Stream
- Parish boundary
- Public house
- Line of *Theedway*, the Anglo-Saxon name for this prehistoric track.
- Modern field boundaries; *some boundaries change; follow the footpath signs!*
- Ridge & furrow of medieval arable fields, mapped in the 1970s.
- Pre-enclosure roads and tracks

A branch of the Woburn Road cut the corner through a coach arch here, at The Star Inn.



In 1929 part of Chalgrave east of the A5 (usually known as 'Hockliffe in the parish of Chalgrave') was transferred to Hockliffe Parish.

In the 12th and 13th centuries there were few buildings along Watling Street. Traffic increased through the medieval period, spurring development along the road. It was frequently in poor condition. In *Britannia* (1607) William Camden wrote of "Hockley in the Hole, so named of the miry way in winter time, very troublesome to Travellers". The road was turnpiked in 1706; in 1724 Daniel Defoe wrote of it "We now see the most dismal Piece of Ground for Traveling that ever was in England handsomely repaired".