

## About the route

A short easy ride mainly on quiet country lanes centred on the village of Sturton by Stow. Suitable for all cycles.

### Cycle Checklist:

#### Route number

16 of 20.

#### Start Point

High Street, Sturton by Stow Village Hall.  
O.S. Grid Ref. **SK 890805**

#### Distance

Approximately 12 miles (19 kms).

#### Duration

2 hours + stops.

#### Significant points of interest

- St Edith's Church.
- Stow Minster.
- Sturton by Stow Windmill.
- Bransby Home of Rest for Horses.

#### Refreshments

Refreshment possibilities in Sturton by Stow, Stow and Bransby.



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Trent Vale Cycle Route

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## Sturton by Stow Circular



Sturton by Stow Windmill.

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**Route Type:** Easy ride, road and off road



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# Sturton by Stow Circular



St. Edith's. A perfect little church relatively un-scathed by the reformation.

**1** Leave the village hall heading North on the B1241 then take the first right into Fleets Road. Follow round several bends for three-quarters of a mile to turn left into Fleets Lane. After a further mile go right at a T-junction, cross over the River Till then turn left at the sign for St Edith's Church.

**2** After visiting St Edith's retrace your steps as far as Fleets Lane but don't turn left instead carry straight on into Stow Village. Go over the crossroads then immediately right into Church Road to visit Stow Minster. From the Minster return to Stow Park Road, which is followed by a left turn onto the A1500, Till Bridge Lane.



For many centuries Stow has been a small country village, but its origins lie at the heart of the Christian mission and ministry



to North Lincolnshire and the ancient Kingdom of Lindsey.

Stow, which dates back to Roman times when it was known as Sidnacester, is perhaps most notable for its large parish church named "Minster Church of St Mary, Stow in Lindsey" (known locally as "Stow Minster"), which is one of the oldest such churches in the United Kingdom.

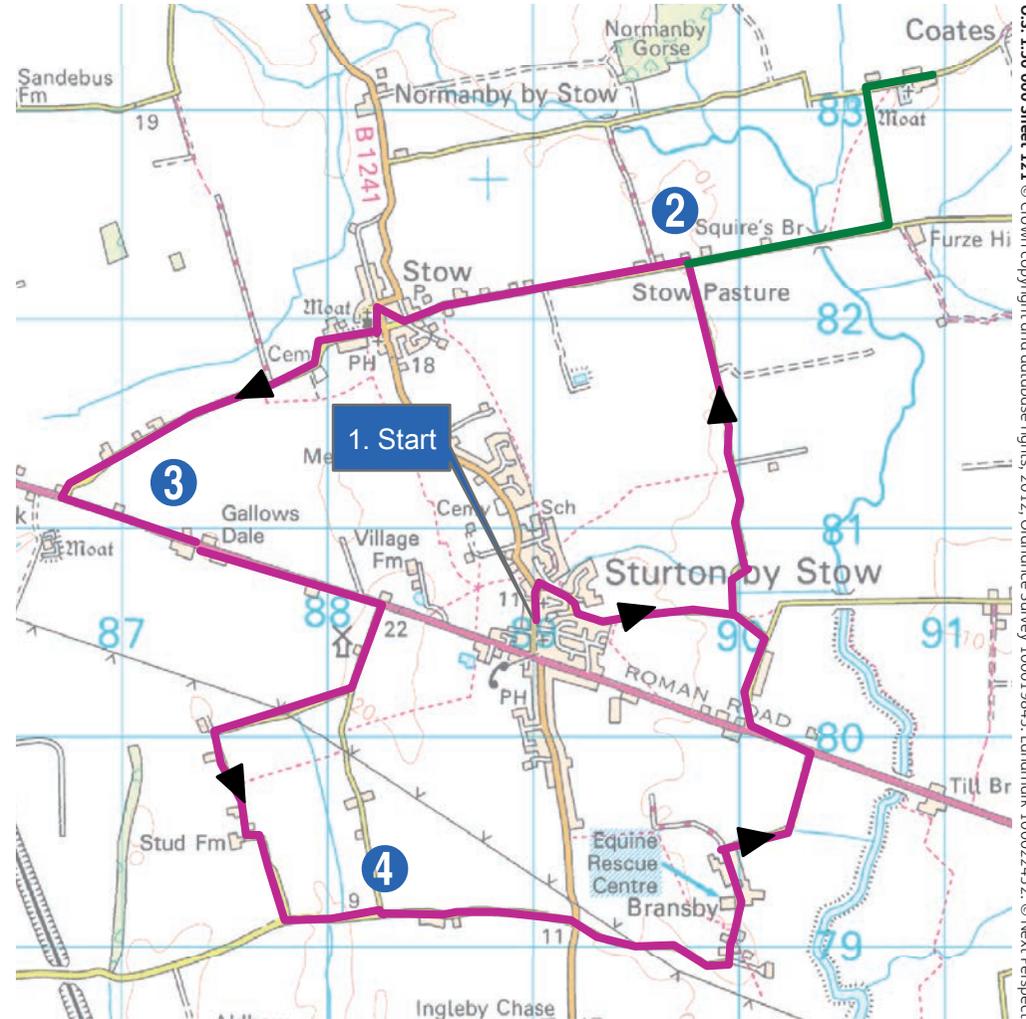
Traditionally, a Minster was a Church which provided both a worshipping heart and an administrative centre from which Christian ministers and missionaries were sent out to the local countryside and villages.

**3** Go past Gallows Dale and at the top of the hill turn right along Mill Lane to pass Sturton by Stow (Subscription) Windmill then turn right into West Syke Lane which reaches 20m above sea level giving good views over the surrounding countryside. Continue along Gorwick Lane past the Stud Farm to join Cowdale Lane at a T-junction where you turn left.



The front cover shows the tower mill, built by subscription either in 1801 or 1815 for cereal milling, which ceased working in 1952. Of four storeys, constructed of brick, with a fibreglass cap standing in for the original wooden cap. The four sails have been removed. It is Grade II listed.

**4** Passing Crown Farm on the right the road descends to a crossroads with the B1241, go straight across for Bransby Home of Rest for Horses where there is a café and gift shop. From here the road follows round several bends to join the A1500, turn left then after 250 yards go right into Thorpe Lane. Pass the houses and just after the hump in the road turn left into Fleets Road and follow back to Sturton by Stow.



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