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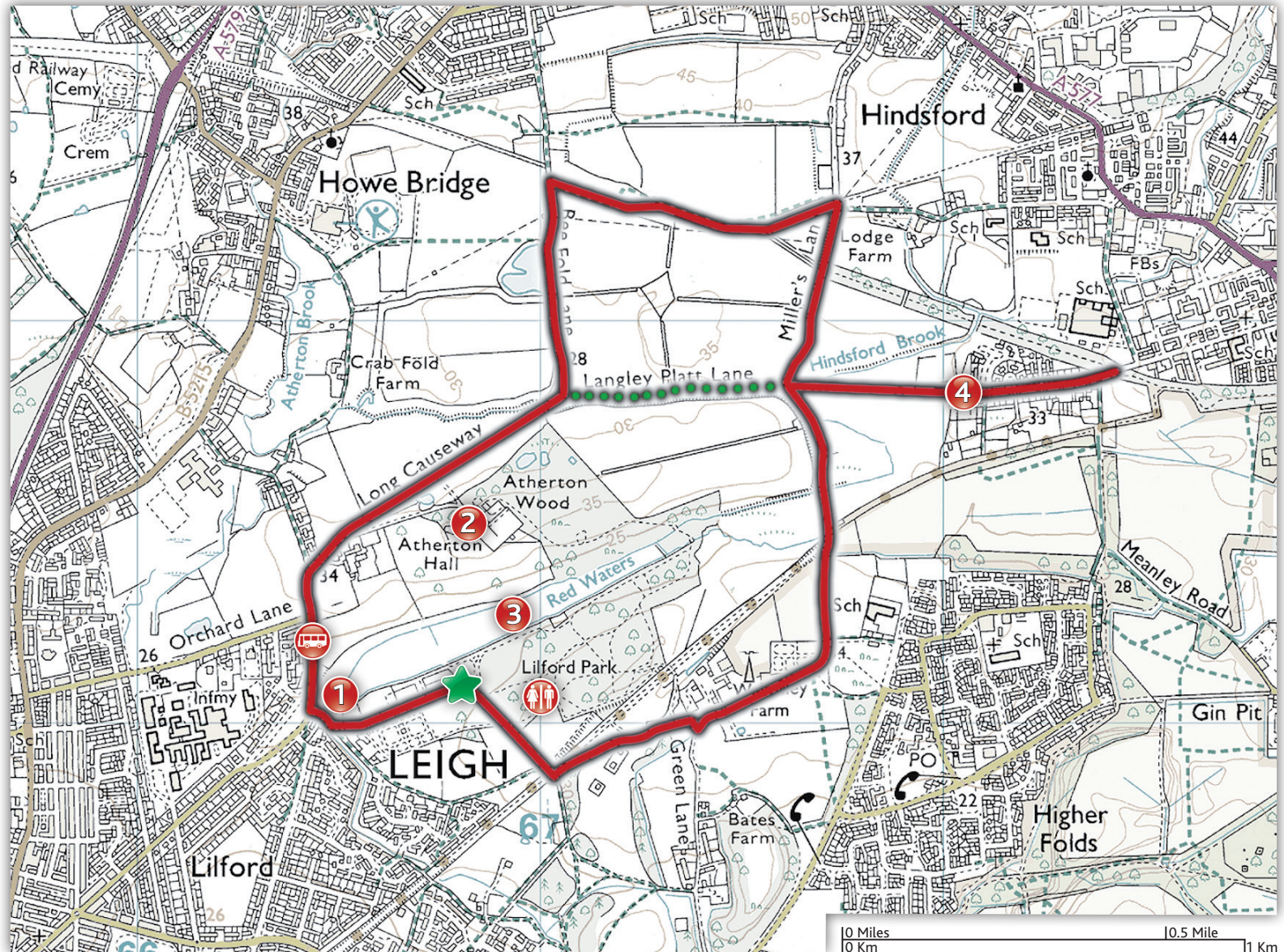
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## Jubilee Legacy Walks

This walk is one of a series of fifteen Jubilee Legacy Walks designed to celebrate the richness and diversity of Wigan Borough's green space, and provide a lasting reminder of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations of 2012. Walking is a great way to improve your physical health and mental wellbeing - aim for 150 minutes per week and you'll soon notice the difference!





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### WALK DESCRIPTION

The lanes around Lilford Park, which link Atherton, Howe Bridge, Tyldesley and Leigh, can be found on maps dating back to the 1840s, but existed long before those maps were ever produced. Lilford Park was formerly part of the Atherton Hall estate – the original Atherton Hall was demolished in 1824 and Lilford Park was given to the town of Leigh in 1914.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Most sections of the route are generally good. There is very limited access for wheelchairs, prams & cycles.

### TOILETS

There is a public toilet in Lilford Park.

### START POINT

The route begins and ends in Lilford Park.

Car park available at Lilford Park, Elmridge Road, Leigh WN7 1HN

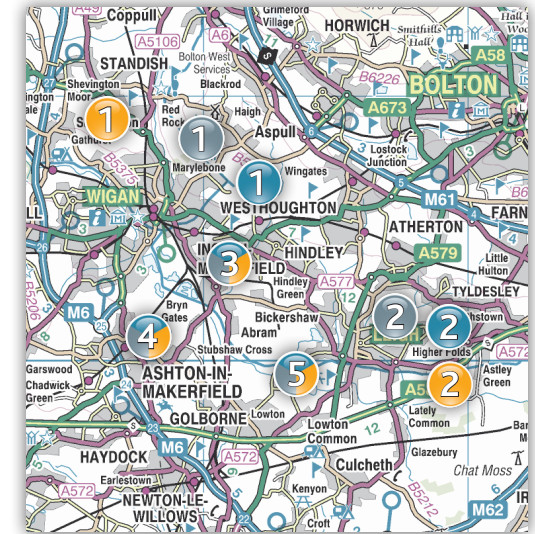
### BUS STOPS

Bus services run along The Avenue, Leigh.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Look out for a stone lion in the undergrowth - one of two lions that originally formed part of Lions Bridge which spanned a serpentine lake in the grounds of Atherton Hall. The lake dried up and the bridge collapsed in 1905.
- 2 There has been a house at the site of Atherton Hall since Elizabethan times. The last house, owned by Lord Lilford, was sold and demolished in 1824. The current property is a remnant of the estate which included Lilford Park.
- 3 The Flood Basin is used by the Environment Agency to hold water and, in conjunction with Bedford pumping station, prevent flooding downstream.
- 4 The route along this path takes you to the next series of walks around Gin Pit village and towards Bedford Moss.

### OTHER ROUTES



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#### Walk Locations

- 1 Borsdane, Standish and Haigh
- 2 Gin Pit, Tyldesley and Astley
- 3 Amberswood, Bickershaw and Abram
- 4 Ashton, Viridor and Bryn
- 5 Pennington Flash and Lightshaw

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