

Kelloe Way Railway Path

What is special?

Coal was once shipped from collieries at East and West Hetton to Hartlepool, via the Kelloe Waggonway. The railway also brought in supplies, mainly timber and machinery, to the mine. Along the route, there are a number of information panels and sculptures dedicated to the rich mining history. At the northern end is a plaque erected in memory to ten miners who died in a colliery flood in 1897.

At Kelloe, there is an unusual sculpture reflecting the mine workings, complete with golden nuggets (coal) and davy lamps. In the present day this linear track, lined with mature hedgerow, forms a fantastic wildlife corridor. There are many species of insects, butterflies and song birds present.

The grassland at the side of the path is nationally important as it forms part of the Magnesian Limestone landscape. It contains wildflowers which typically grow on this type of soil including northern marsh orchid, common spotted orchid, knapweed and bird's foot trefoil.

To the south of the path is Raisby Hill Grassland, an area of Magnesian Limestone Grassland which is managed by Durham Wildlife Trust.

Between June and September keep your eyes peeled for Viper's bugloss, whose bright blue flowers are very attractive to bees and butterflies. Its name comes from the fact that its fruit looks like a viper and herbal recipes say it can cure a bite from a viper. Other creatures to look out for include pipistrelle bats, song thrush, linnets and dingy skipper butterflies and roe deer.



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Total length: 1.3 miles (2.1km)

Grid Reference for main access points:

Church Kelloe

Northern end: NZ 343 370

Kelloe Village

Morley Cres: NZ 343 364

Kelloe Village

Front Street: NZ 342 362

Map: OS Explorer 305

Directions:

7 miles southeast of Durham City centre.

Northern end: From A1M (junction 61) take B6291 to Quarrington Hill. Turn east at the crossroads. The Railway Path begins ½ mile down this road on the right. Nearest parking is in Church Kelloe village T

Kelloe: Take A177 to Coxhoe. At traffic lights, take B6291 for 500 metres then turn sharp right to Kelloe. Follow this road for 1 mile. Nearest postcodes: DH6 4NN - Morley St. DH6 4PQ - Front St

Church Kelloe: Follow directions for Kelloe. Once at Kelloe, continue straight ahead for 0.5 miles to reach Church Kelloe. Nearest postcode: DH6 4AF

Parking:

Limited parking outside of the church at Church Kelloe. No disabled parking bays. On street parking at Kelloe (park with consideration)

Public transport:

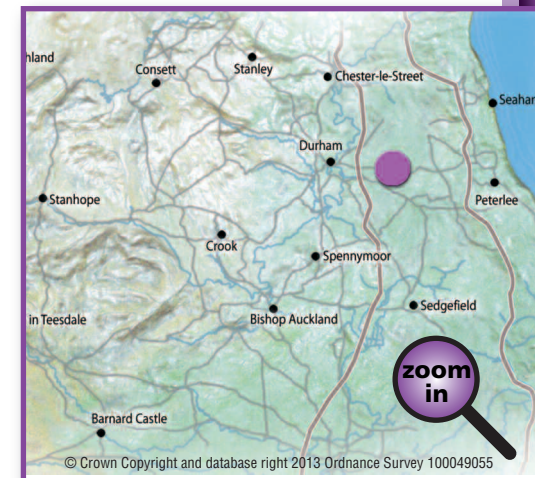
55 and 57 (Arriva) to Kelloe Village and north of Church Kelloe

Dogs: Allowed under control. Please clean up after your dog

Designation: Railway Path, UK Woodland Assurance Scheme certified

Suitable for: Walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, wheelchair users (in parts)

Habitats: Hedgerow, Magnesian Limestone Grassland, scrub



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Accessibility Statement

The path surface is an unsealed hard surface with some sections of compacted earth and is generally flat. It has a small number of gradients which are shown on the map. Erosion has occurred in several places, especially on the slopes slopes.

The path width ranges from 2 metres to less than 1 metre in some places, the section next to Kelloe village is the narrowest. The width of the path accommodates passing places along the walk.



Vipers bugloss



Thrush



Bird's foot trefoil



Dingy skipper



Greater knapweed



Linnet



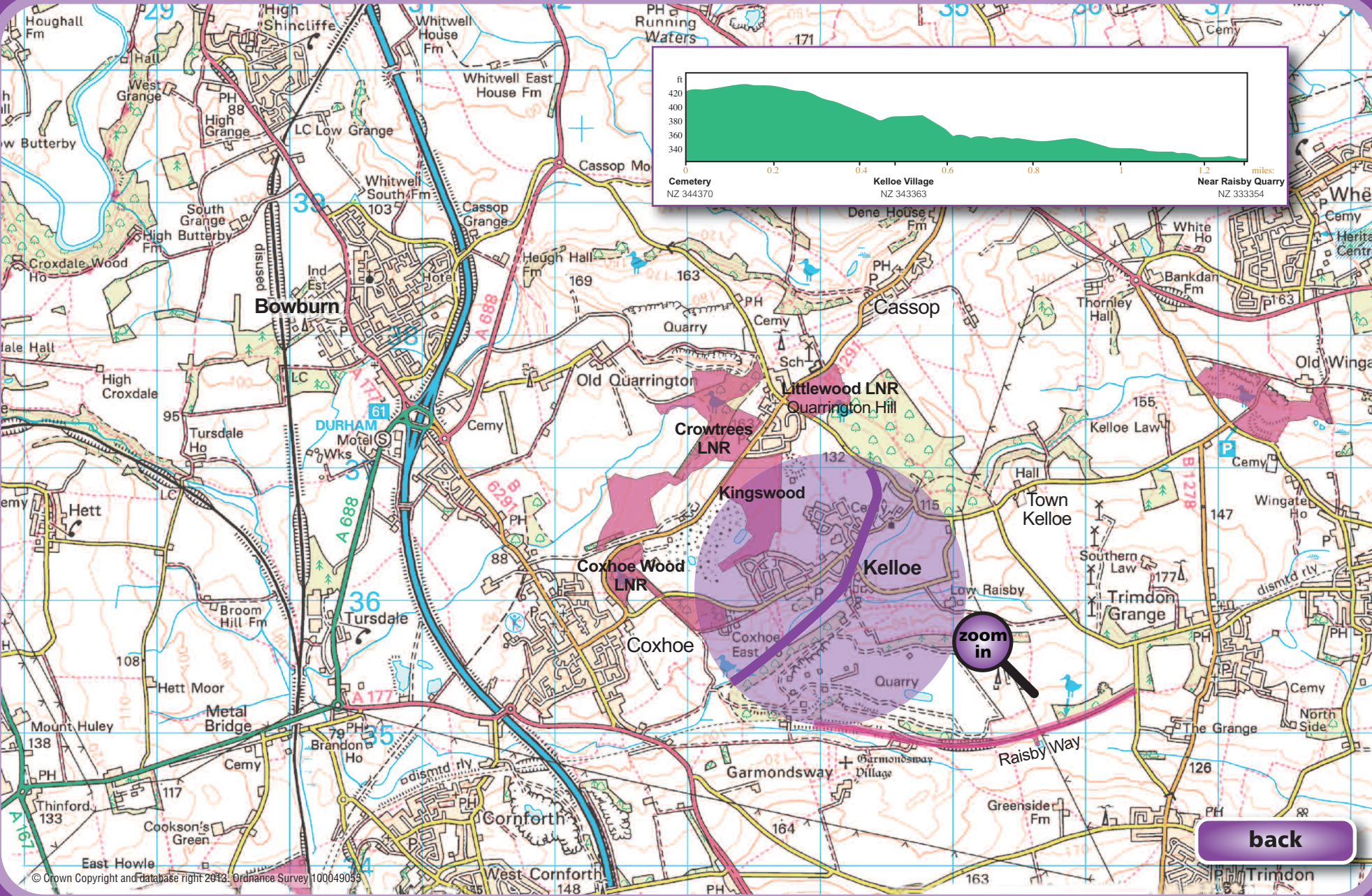
Pipistrelle bats



Small tortoiseshell

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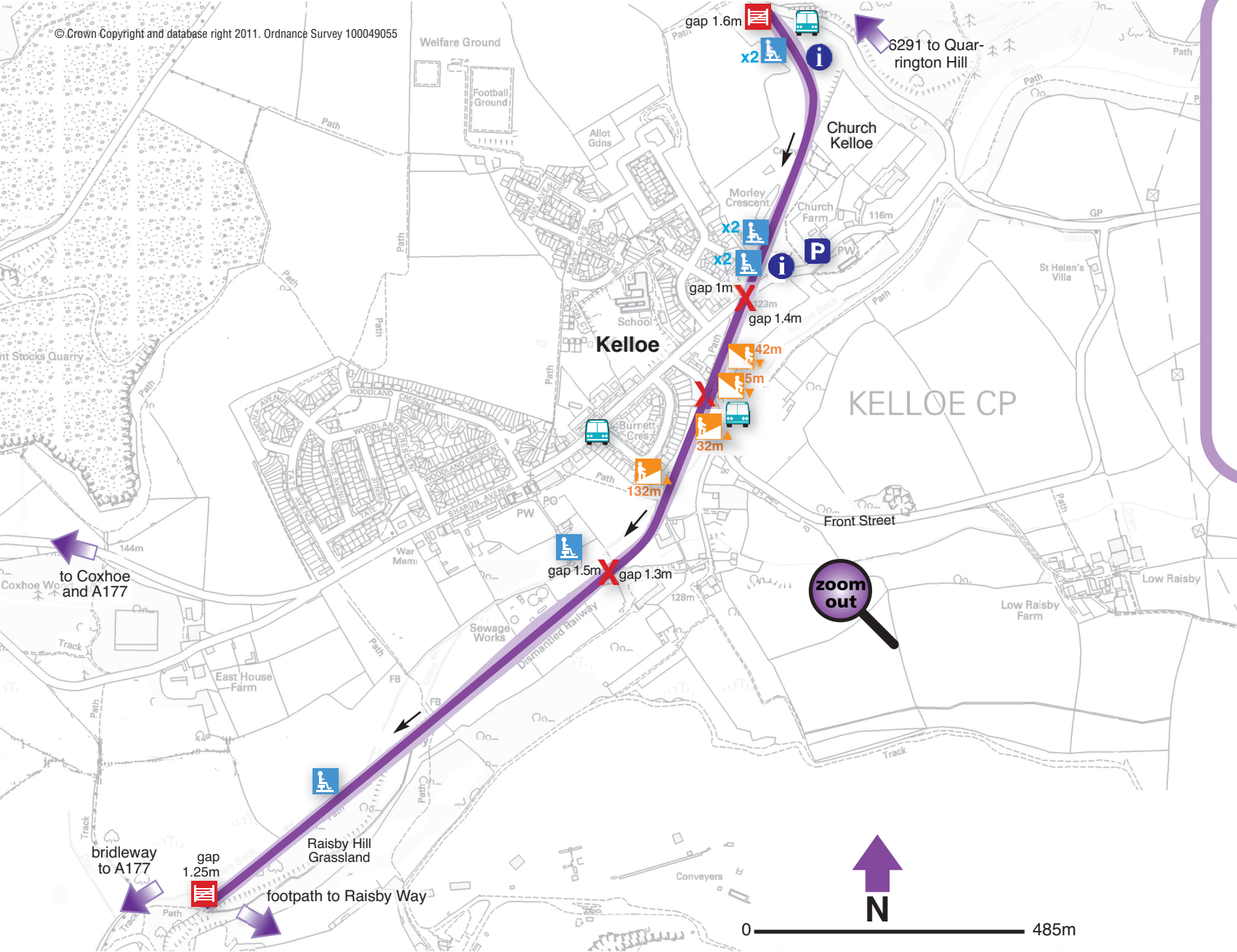


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Map 1

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- Seat
- Parking
- Gate
- Medium Slope Down 1:20-1:10
- Steep Slope Down 1:10-1:1
- Bus Stop
- Direction of Travel
- Hard Unsealed Surface
- Information
- Road Crossing

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