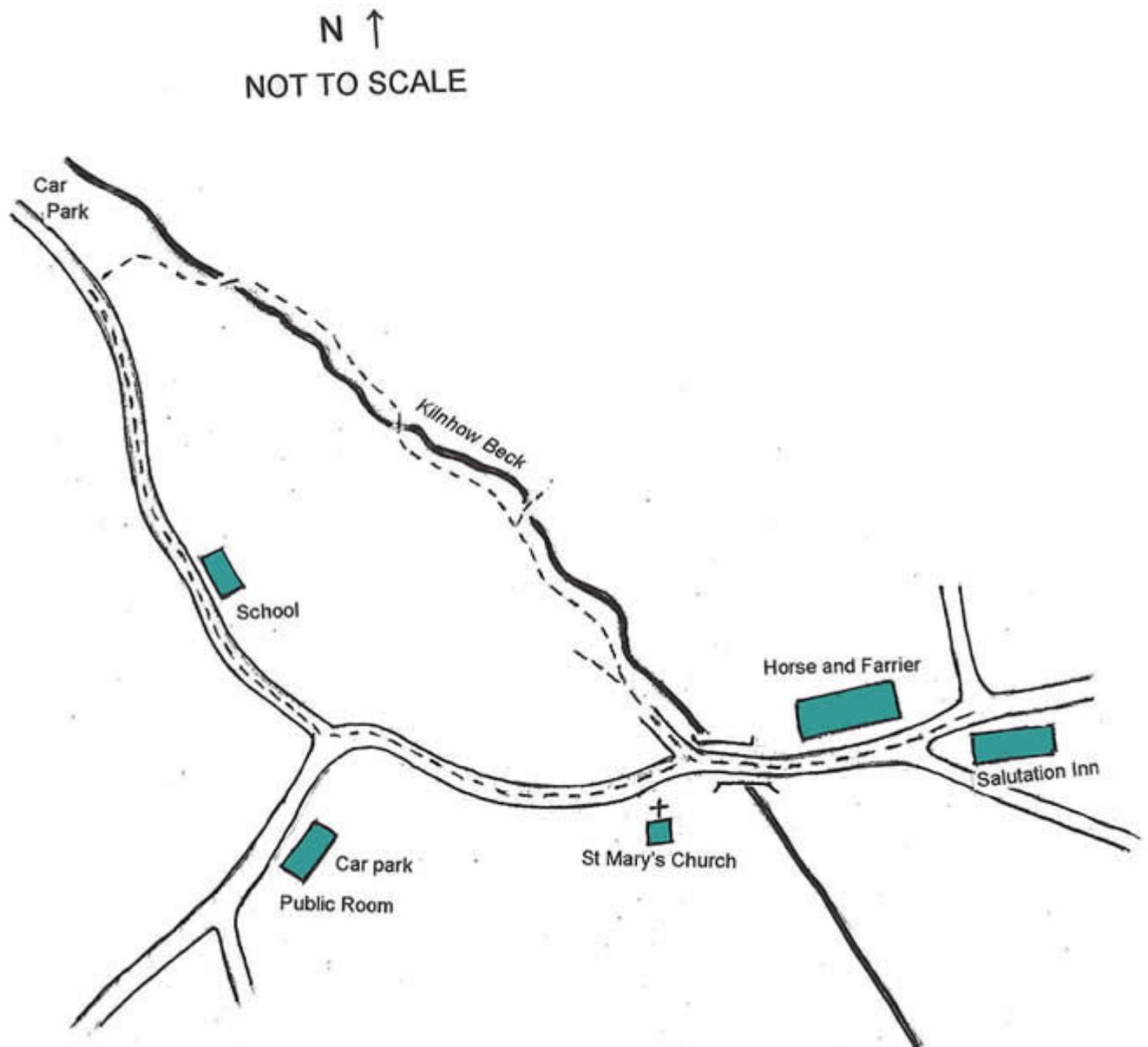


WALK 5: A Stroll Through Threlkeld Village (Easy, 20mins)



This is a short but sweet walk in the village, good for quickly blowing away the cobwebs, or to take a look at some of the “sights”. It takes about 20 minutes of steady walking, a bit more if you look at some of the points of interest.

Turn right outside the Village Hall entrance and walk down through the village towards the two pubs. You pass St Mary’s Church on your right. The present building dates from 1777, on the site of a previous church. It is usually open, and is well worth a visit. The graveyard contains the Huntsman’s Memorial, just inside the gate nearest the pubs; this commemorates several famous members of the fox hunting community of years gone by. The graveyard is also noted for a wonderful display of snowdrops, so don’t miss this in January and February.

Immediately before the bridge over the beck, before you reach the pubs (both excellent establishments), turn left. Just past the cottages on your left, fork right by some huts to take a path which follows the side of the beck - this is Kilnhow Beck, and the area through which you walk here is called Kiln How.

The Parish Council has promoted a lot of conservation work here in recent years. On your left you will see an outdoor classroom overlooking the beck. Keep the beck on your right, ignore a small footbridge on your right and keep going. The track is quite clear, it crosses the beck twice by small footbridges, and emerges at a car park known locally as the Dickney.

If you want, you can extend the walk a bit here by going up the track beyond the top of the car park, beside the beck (now a series of waterfalls). Otherwise turn left down the road (Blease Road) towards the village.

On your left is Threlkeld Primary School. The building was erected in 1849, to replace a former school almost opposite, now a house (The Old Schoolhouse). It is a thriving, popular and well respected school, attended by children from Threlkeld, Threlkeld Quarry and beyond.

Where Blease Road joins the main road through the village, turn right back to the Village Hall.

A major revitalisation project was completed on the Village Hall in March 2014 after about seven years of planning and fundraising. The original building (Threlkeld Public Room) opened in 1901. It has now been comprehensively upgraded and is heavily used by the local community and others. The new rear extension accommodates the Threlkeld Coffee Shop, a social enterprise run as a completely commercial venture with paid, professional staff but with all the profits going back to the Village Hall and the community. Make sure you visit for coffee/tea and cakes, scones, soup or a snack.