

	<p align="center">GRANTHAM MACHINE GUN CORPS ARMISTICE TRAIL</p> <p align="center">PT287 – 10km</p>			
START VENUE	Wyndham Park, Hill Avenue, Grantham NG31 9BB			
CAR PARKING	At the start (Wyndham Park) for free spaces, but if these are taken there are pay and display car parks close by			
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	Nearest train station is Grantham: Local bus services in Grantham from bus station to start point are available or alternatively a short walk Guildhall Square from the train station, from where the route could be started			
DISTANCE/GRADE	10km – Grade 2			
TERRAIN	Minor and Main roads, tracks, river bank paths, farmland paths, some steep hills and woodland paths. There are stiles on this route and as such it is not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs			
GENERAL INFORMATION	Grantham has a unique place in World War 1 history, as it was from this town that the first ever female police officer (Edith Smith) to be given full powers of arrest. As a result of the moral panic that was enveloping the town with prostitution and drunkenness becoming a real problem with the amount of men serving in and around the town when the nearby Belton Park Estate became the Depot and Training Centre for the newly formed Machine Gun Corps for the Empires Armies. A total of 64,604 British men were trained at the Depot. There were many Kiwi troops also trained here too. WPC Smith had to do her duties patrolling the streets and keep law and order during the period of 1915- 1918.			
REFRESHMENTS:	At the start and in many places along the route			
TOILETS	Public Toilets at the start point and may be available in public houses on route			
BWF / IVV	This trail is registered until 31 December 2019			
ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK/UPDATED	9 th September 2018 (Please check you are using the latest version if you printed this off a while ago). Admin Update 30Dec18 Do not use old route dated prior to 9 September 2018 as access no longer available			
BWF DECLARATION	The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.			
DATA PROTECTION	The data provided on his form will be retained until 1 st February 2020 for statistical analysis and will then be securely destroyed.			
ENTRY FORM	Please complete the section below and send your IVV log books, Payment and an SAE to the Contact Address. Please check the postage rate for weight/ thickness of the envelope. Overseas postage is more expensive.			
ENTRY FEE	£1.00 per walker (Cheques payable to: Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club)			
AWARD	Due to manufacturing costs, a cloth badge/award is not available			
SOUVENIER LOG BOOK	Free stickers for your souvenir log book are available on request. Quantity Required _____			
CONTACT/ ADDRESS FOR STAMPING OF BOOKS	Rob Eddington, 56 Westbeck, Ruskington, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 9GU. Tel: 07834 121220 e-mail: robbeddington@aol.com			
NAMES OF THOSE COMPLETING THE WALK				
DATE WALK COMPLETED		PAYMENT ENCLOSED	£	
EMAIL	(in case we need to contact you about your entry)			
PT POSTAL CARDS	Will be stamped if you do not wish to send your IVV books - YES/NO *			
QUESTION 1		QUESTION 2		
QUESTION 3				

Please Note: IVV book stamping is only by the contact (see details above), Rob Eddington . It is not possible to send them to Pat Charlton, the contact for Lincoln based walks.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

From Wyndham car park head towards road, turn left into gateway into park (see plaque on wall) on exiting gateway at cross paths turn right and see the memorial sculpture commemorating the Machine Gun Corps on your right, ahead to reach the end of the park, turn left and continue approx. 200m to cross the road at the pedestrian crossing immediately after bridge.

Enter onto the Riverside Walk, and continue with the River Witham on your right following this until you reach the footbridge on your right. Turn left

Q1: On milestone marker how far is it to Nottingham?

Pass half way through children's play park, bear right at the footpath sign to reach gap in hedge, go through gate and follow path bearing left to reach top corner, then follow fence line to reach the road. CROSS ROAD WITH CARE, turn right and follow path until last house before church.

(During the First World War this road was a restricted area, as it led towards the Machine Gun Camps and the Depot at Belton Park and more camps on the Lincoln Road)

Turn left at footpath sign. Follow path along edge of field with hedge on right, straight on to footbridge. Cross bridge and straight on with hedge on right, continue straight across field to end of hedge. Turn left and then turn right on path with stream on left to footbridge on left. Follow path under railway, through tunnel, approx. 30m after tunnel turn left through avenue of trees, at corner of field bear left towards railway railings and through the dip and around to the right into a field. Turn left along the tree line with field on your right. In corner turn right to gateway on your left, go through to emerge on road, follow ahead to end of Applewood Drive. Turn left to bottom of Cherrywood Drive. Cross road and turn right following this road (Hazelwood Road) to the end.

Turn left and continue along this road back into Grantham to reach traffic lights at junction with North Parade and Broad Street (look out for Baroness Margaret Thatcher's old home on corner). Turn left into Broad Street. Cross junction into Albion Street by No Entry Signs, follow to the right which becomes Albion Place. Turn left to pedestrian crossing by Dawson's Almshouses. Cross road at crossing and turn left in front of Kings School.

There are three Blue Plaques in and around the walls of the school buildings. So please look out for these. 2 of them commemorate brave soldiers and airmen who were pupils at this school, and one of them (around the rear of the older part of the school) is dedicated to Sir Isaac Newton who was also educated here.

Q2: When was Lance Corporal Joseph Tombs VC awarded his medal?

Turn right into Castlegate and pass St Wulframs Church on right. *At this church there is a commemorative cross and dedicated plaques on the church walls with the names of all 313 Grantham men who lost their lives serving their country during World War 1.*

At the end of Castlegate cross road with care into gardens, *(SKDC Customer Service Centre has a Victoria Cross on display during opening hours). This VC was awarded to Company Sgt Major Charles Richard Sharpe who was from nearby Pickworth. He was awarded his medal whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment at the Battle of Aubers Ridge in France on the 9th May 1915).*

Go through garden to emerge into Guildhall Square, turn left passing the Isaac Newton Statue on your right. Turn left down Edith Smith Way to view the Blue Plaque on wall half way down on left, retrace your steps to Guildhall Square turn left and pass Grantham Museum on left *(open Thursday – Saturday 10.00 – 16.00, free admission with more local history and exhibits)* and head towards junction.

Cross St. Catherine's Road and continue straight on, passing Sainsbury's and Halfords on your left. At traffic light junction turn left signposted PWG Barracks. *(At the top of this road (A52) approximately 1.5 mile away there is The Prince William of Gloucester Army Barracks, but prior to this current military usage there was an airfield which housed The Royal Flying Corp Station which opened in 1915 as RFC Station Grantham, becoming RAF Station Grantham on 1 April 1918 - a name it bore until 1942 when it was renamed as RAF Station Spitalgate. Throughout the First World War the station was a flying training facility and headquarters of No. 21 Group RAF).*

Continue along Bridge End Road passing White Lion PH on your left. Cross bridge and turn left into Harrowby Road, signposted Crematorium and College. At Zebra Crossing, cross to opposite side of road and continue in same direction.

Q3: At the Church of St Anne sign which parish are you currently in?

Pass Grantham Cemetery on your right, although you may wish to enter as *Grantham Cemetery contains 55 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 58 from the Second. There is also one Dutch war grave. Most of the First World War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery but a number of Australian and New Zealand machine gunners are buried together in Section 15. The Cross of Sacrifice is near the eastern side of the cemetery, between sections 2 and 3, and serves as a central memorial to the service men of both wars buried here.*

At the traffic lights cross Beacon Lane and continue on Sandon Road for 15 metres to reach Grantham Old Barracks.

If the gates are open you may wish to view inside and also take a look at the old Quick Reaction Rifle Rack on the left wall as you enter. The old barracks were designed for the South Lincoln Militia and completed in 1858, the barracks had also become the home of A Squadron, the Lincolnshire Yeomanry. The squadron was mobilised at the old barracks at the outbreak of the War in August 1914 before being deployed to Salonika. The building was used as an Auxiliary Military Hospital during the First World War, and had 620 beds.

Retrace your steps to traffic lights and turn right crossing Sandon Road and head down hill along Stonebridge Road, passing Grantham College on your right. Turn right onto Riverside Walk at fingerpost and continue ahead. When you reach the fork in the paths, take the left riverside route to enter Wyndham Park. *(This park was named in honour of Captain (The Hon) William Reginald Wyndham who was killed in action at Ypres on 6th Nov 1914. The park was opened in 1924, after Lady Leconfield donated £1000 towards it as a memorial to her son).*

Continue ahead back to the car park and the end of your walk, passing the newly restored wonderful memorial pavilion on right

Welcome back, Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club hopes you enjoyed the Grantham Machine Gun Corps Armistice Trail