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## Hargrave

<b>KEY</b>		Footpath
		Bridleway

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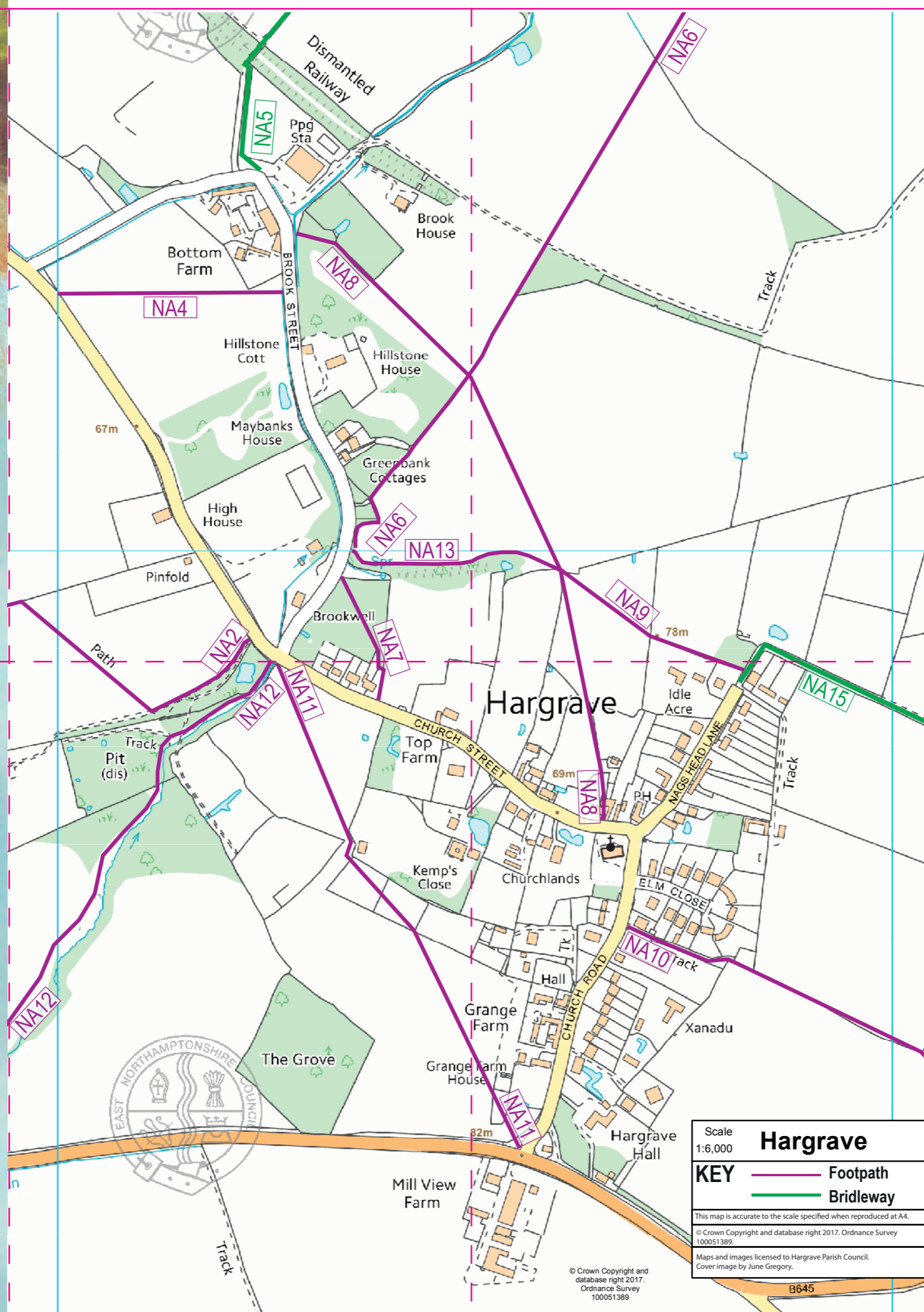
## Walks and rides along the public footpaths & bridleways of

### About Our Village...

Hargrave is a small village on the eastern boundary of Northamptonshire, bordering Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire.

There are 14 public rights of ways in the parish of Hargrave, which traditionally formed ancient networks for social and commercial links both within the parish and to other local villages. Today these same footpaths and bridleways provide scenic routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders to enjoy recreationally. There are small circular routes within the village, as well as the opportunity to travel beyond the parish boundaries to neighbouring villages in all three counties.

This map has been produced by Hargrave Parish Council showing the marked rights of way, please follow the routes shown. If you have any questions on public rights of way around Hargrave, the Parish Council can be contacted at [clerk.hargravepc@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.hargravepc@outlook.com)



### The Countryside Code around Hargrave



#### Respect other people

Respect the needs of local people and visitors alike, don't block gateways, driveways or paths with your vehicle. When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slow down or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room. By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse-riders on bridleways. Co-operate with people at work in the countryside. Stay out of the way when farm animals are being gathered or moved and follow directions from the farmer. A farmer will normally close gates to keep farm animals in, but may sometimes leave them open so the animals can reach food and water. Leave gates as you find them and follow instructions on signs. When in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave gates. There is no open country or common land in Hargrave, so please follow the marked paths, deviation is trespass which is a civil offence. If you think a sign is illegal or misleading on a public path, contact the Parish Council. Leave machinery and farm animals alone – don't interfere with animals even if you think they're in distress. Try to alert the farmer instead. Be careful not to disturb ruins and historic sites.

#### Protect the natural environment

Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home. Take care not to damage, destroy or remove features such as rocks, plants and trees. They provide homes and food for wildlife and add to everybody's enjoyment of the countryside. Litter and leftover food doesn't just spoil the beauty of the countryside, it can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals – so take your litter home with you. Dropping litter and dumping rubbish are criminal offences. Fires can be devastating to wildlife and habitats, people and property so be careful with naked flames and cigarettes at any time of the year. Always ensure your dog does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or other people by keeping it under effective control. This means that you keep your dog on a lead, or keep it in sight at all times, be aware of what it's doing and be confident it will return to you promptly on command and ensure it does not stray off the path. It's always good practice to keep your dog on a lead around farm animals and horses, for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals. A farmer may shoot a dog which is attacking or chasing farm animals without being liable to compensate the dog's owner. However, if cattle or horses chase you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it. Your dog will be much safer if you let it run away from a farm animal in these circumstances and so will you. Dog mess is unpleasant and can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly – 'bag it and bin it'. Make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

#### Enjoy the outdoors, but plan ahead and be prepared

You're responsible for your own safety and for others in your care – especially children – so be prepared for natural hazards, changes in weather and other events. Wild animals, farm animals and horses can behave unpredictably if you get too close, especially if they're with their young – so give them plenty of space. Check weather forecasts before you leave. Part of the appeal of the countryside is that you can get away from it all. You may not see anyone for hours, and there are many places without clear mobile phone signals, so let someone else know where you're going and when you expect to return. Follow advice and local signs. To see the signs and symbols and to read the full countryside code visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>

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**KEY**

- Footpath
- Bridleway

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