



**Key:** **P** Car Parking & Walk Starts  
 - - - Footpath  
 -|-| Bridleway  
 <-> Byway

**walk 1:** 4½km (2¾ miles), taking approx. 1½ hours, gentle flat walk, mostly hard surface paths.

**P** Wistow Rural Centre

From the entrance of the car park turn right and walk along the road for 450m past Wistow Hall and take the footpath left at the side of the church. This attractive small church was dedicated to St Wistan, a Mercian royal prince who was martyred here 849.

**A** Go over the bridge beyond the church, and bear left across the fields towards Newton Harcourt in the distance. At the road, turn right to enter the village. You will see St Luke's Church on the right and the attractive manor house, once a dower house, on the left. This was built in the early C17.

Continue over the Grand Union Canal and the railway line, and immediately turn left along the footpath to the School House (built 1866).

**B** Turn right into Post Office Lane and follow it to reach Glen Road. You will see opposite the Octagon Cottages, which in the past formed the toll-house where drovers paid tolls for watering their cattle.

Wistow is set in pleasant parkland and attracts many visitors. The old village has disappeared but Wistow Hall remains. Here Charles I sheltered after his defeat at the Battle of Naseby in 1645. Wistow Rural Centre also provides a welcome break at its tearooms, garden centre and craft shops.

**P** All walks start from the car park at Wistow Rural Centre, Wistow

