

Access land around Kirkby Stephen allows you to explore, on foot, some of England's most spectacular and unique landscapes. Together with the local rights of way network there are many opportunities to enjoy this remarkable area. The map on this board shows nearby access land

## The Kirkby Stephen Area

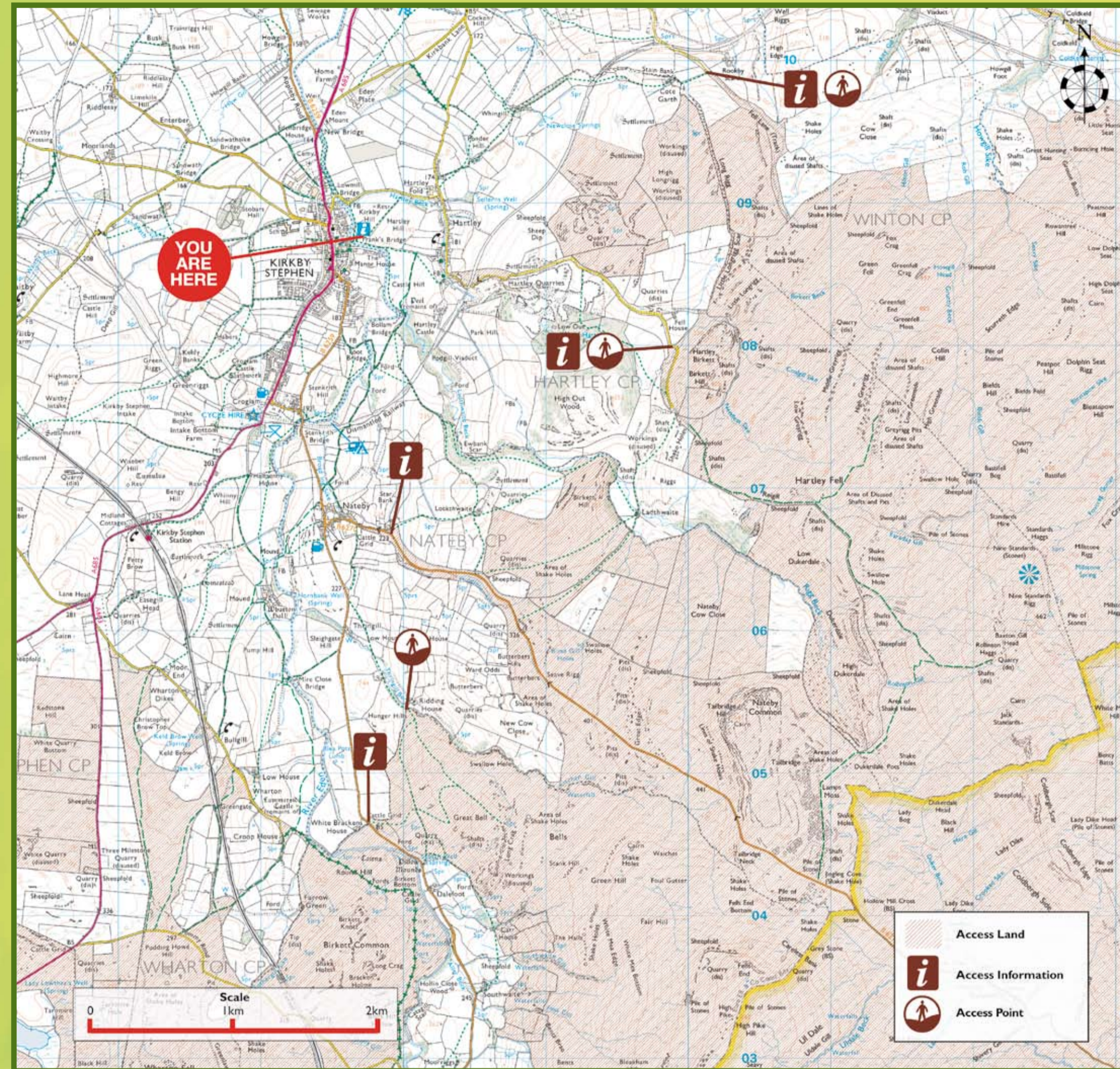
Kirkby Stephen is situated at the head of the beautiful Eden Valley with the North Pennines, the Yorkshire Dales, Howgill Fells, Orton Fells and Mallerstang all in close proximity. These special landscapes vary markedly in character, each having their own individual charm.

The closest access land can be reached by following Wainwrights' Coast to Coast route, up past Hartley Quarry. At Nine Standards Rigg, with its imaginatively rebuilt stone cairns, you are at the watershed of Britain. Listen out for the unique bubbling, trilling call of the Curlew: one of the ground nesting wetland birds that breed in the area.



Groups of native fell ponies can be encountered living a semi-feral existence out on the local fells. They have a stocky build, a full mane and tail and 'feathering' on the lower legs. They are predominantly black in colour and able to survive under the harsh conditions of the fells in

winter. The Fell Pony has roamed the hills for hundreds of years but is now on the endangered list of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust



When you see this symbol it shows that land may be open for public access on foot. Access rights for other activities may also exist



This symbol shows there are no public access rights beyond the point where it is displayed



The right of access on foot also applies to wheelchair users. Where reasonably possible gates have been provided to allow access although please note that open country is often very rough terrain

For further information contact Cumbria County Council on 01228 601052

## The Countryside Code

Respect ... Protect ... Enjoy

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Keep dogs under close control
- Prevent uncontrolled moorland fires
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Consider other people



## With rights... ...come responsibilities

You are welcome to explore access land in the Kirkby Stephen area but remember that the area is privately owned, internationally important for wildlife and a home and place of work for many people. Please exercise your rights responsibly.

- Please use the Public Rights of Way Network or other signposted routes to get to access land – look out for the access symbol
- Be careful. Access land can be rough to walk over. Keep your eyes open for hidden holes and other hazards

## Dogs in the countryside

On access land:

- Keep your dog on a fixed short lead between 1 March and 31 July. This is to protect ground nesting birds from disturbance
- Local restrictions may include a ban on dogs
- Note that dog restrictions do not apply to guide or hearing dogs

On Rights of Way:

- Dogs must be kept under close control, preferably on a fixed short lead

## Plan ahead

Avoid disappointment by getting the latest information. Your rights to access open country can be restricted while work is carried out, and for safety or nature conservation reasons.

- Follow local signs and advice - any restrictions will be posted at access points
- Visit [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk) or call the Open Access Helpline on 0845 100 3298 for up-to-date information on any restrictions
- Restrictions can be short or long term
- Public Rights of Way are not affected by restrictions to open access country
- Access land is shown on new series OS Explorer maps