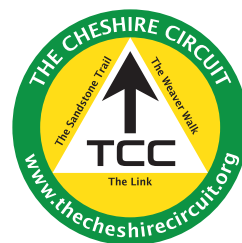


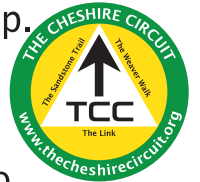
This is the last map following the Sandstone Trail.

An interesting towpath walk passing Grindley Brook Locks to a small cantilever bridge. Turn east, walking the towpath of the old Whitchurch Canal (soon abandoned and paved over) and then the final walk into Whitchurch, to a car park and the official end of the Sandstone Trail.



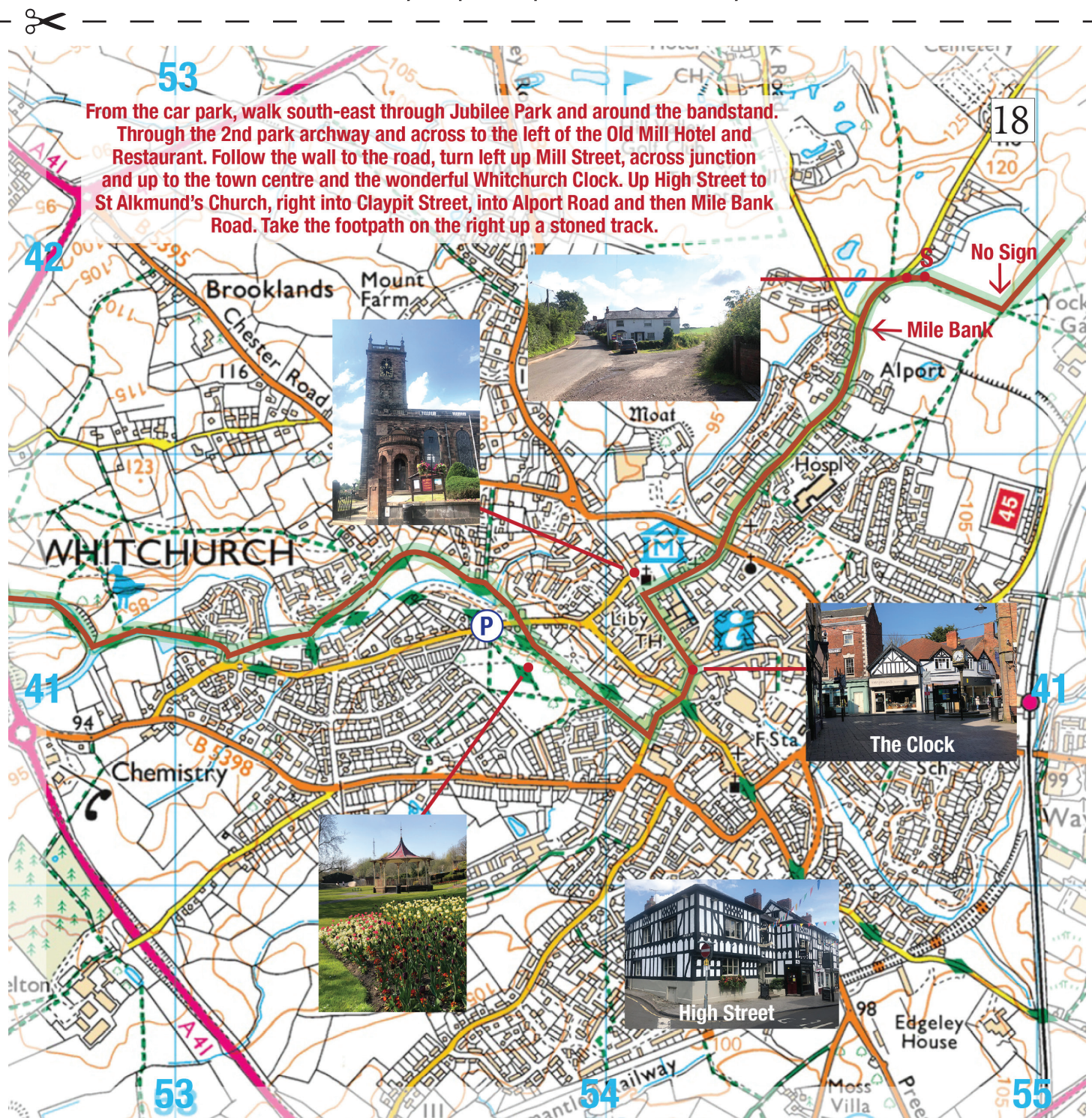


You begin your walk from Whitchurch across to the River Weaver on this map. When putting together a chain of public footpaths and a very small bit of very quiet tarmac – there were two false starts. My first attempt stopped on a footpath that had been removed by local residents and there was an ongoing range war. I fully support the demands of local walking groups who wanted the footpath reinstating but did not want to hold up the TCC Link across to the River Weaver. So I found a deviation.



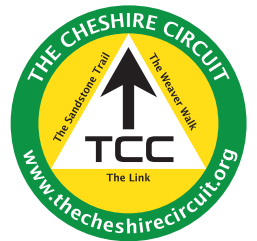
However, when I was reconnoitering the first link I met a local walker who recommended I look for a route further north which passed through more interesting country passing Oss Mere. This I did and is now the northern part of the TCC Link across to the River Weaver. There is a very small but very quiet walk on tarmac but certainly should not distract from your enjoyment.

Follow the script instructions on this map to take you from Jubilee Park and out to the north east of Whitchurch where you pick up a cross country Link.



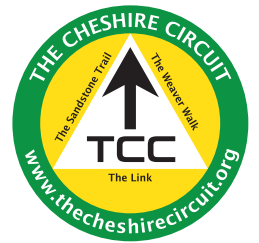


Walk to Brick Kiln Farm (the old brickworks is situated just to the west – buildings remains still visible). After crossing the railway, Oss Mere is a delight, slow down and enjoy. Walk north and then East to Larder Wood – the beginning of Combermere Park, careful navigation here.



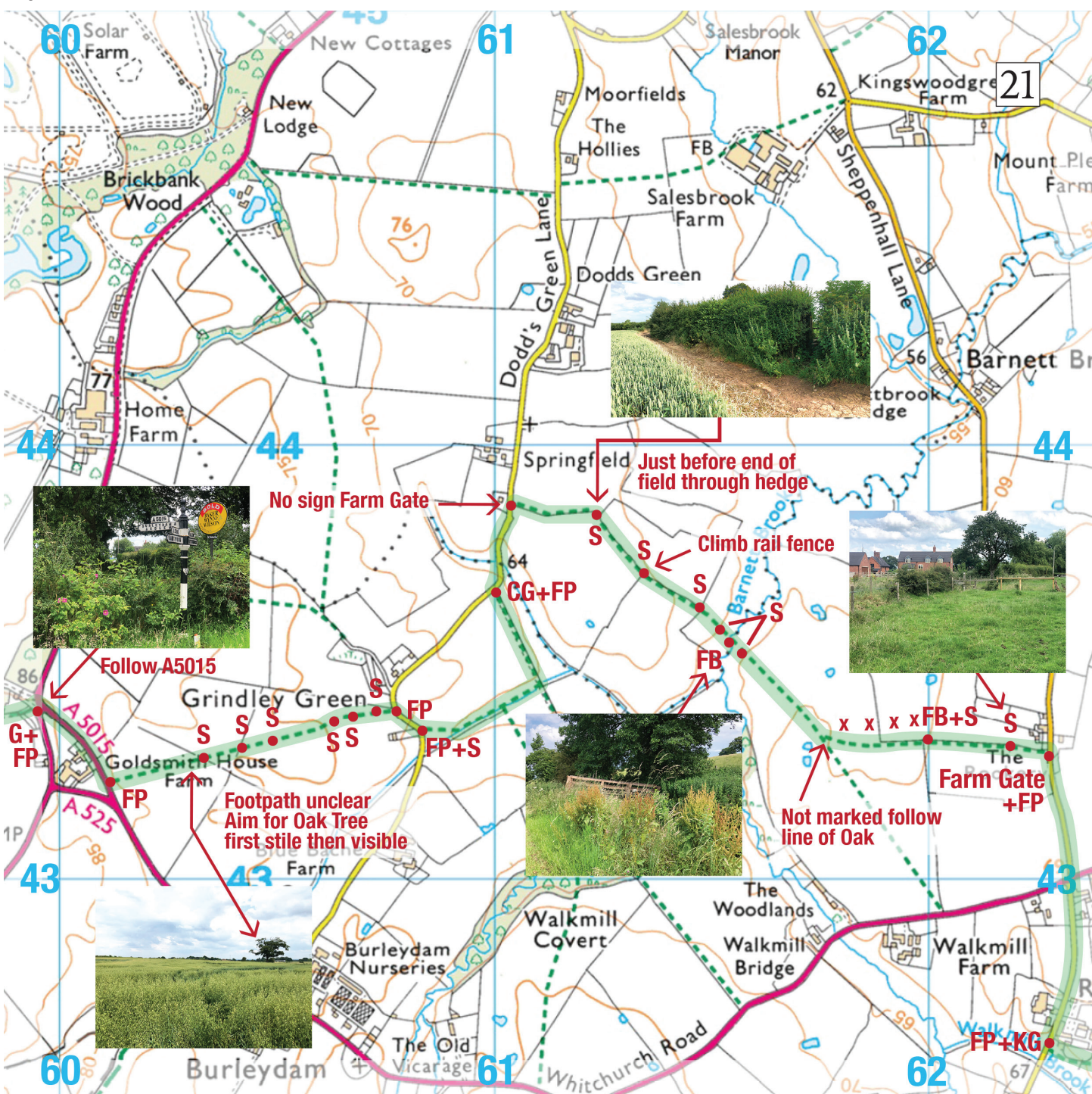


As you leave map 19 to map 20 walk through Hollyhurst Wood, Larder Wood through the Combermere estate the path is heavily overgrown (to be cleared I'm told).



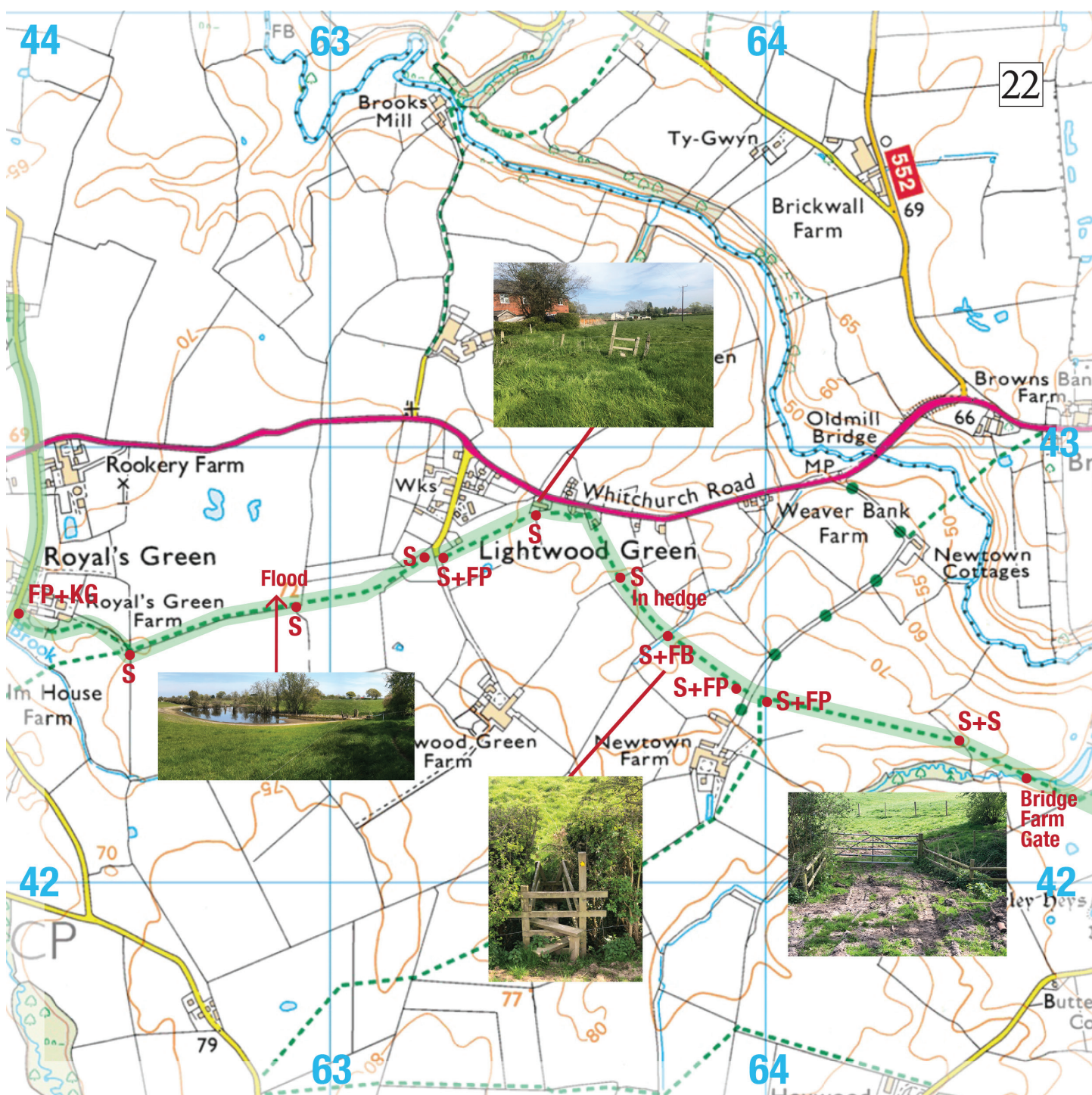


An easy walk – care with navigation; Goldsmith House Farm – turn east to Grindley Green and follow the map to Barnett Brook, turn south onto a small lane, cross Whitchurch Road to Royal's Green.



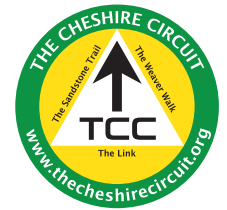


From Royal's Green Farm an easy walk to Lightwood Green, turn south east cross Newtown Farm's drive and on to a farm bridge and gate. Care with your direction – finding some of the stiles could be tricky and a compass is always useful.





I always wanted the walk north to be a River Weaver walk – wherever possible.



My first thoughts were to end the link at the Shropshire Union Canal, South of lock 3, and begin the walk back to Frodsham by the canal. However if The Weaver Walk begins at the River Weaver on map 23 and ends at The Manchester Ship Canal map 43 it feels more like a river walk with bits missing! So The Link ends here, at the River Weaver and The Weaver Walk begins.

Much of the walk returning north will follow some parts of the Weaver Way but will pick up footpaths to take you as near as possible to the River Weaver. The route cuts out large chunks of towpath walking (though the towpath is always given as an alternative deviation). This “leg” has much to enjoy.

