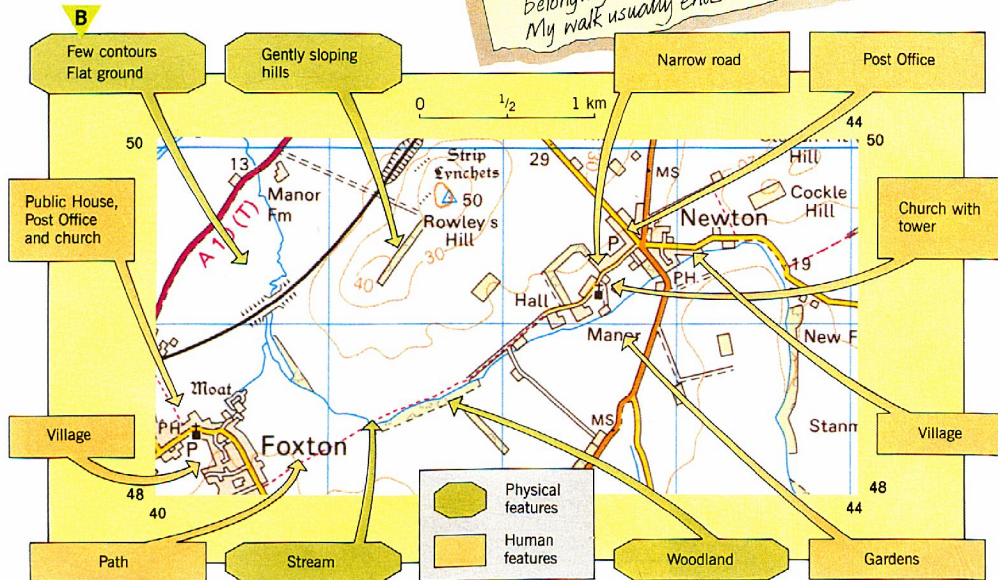
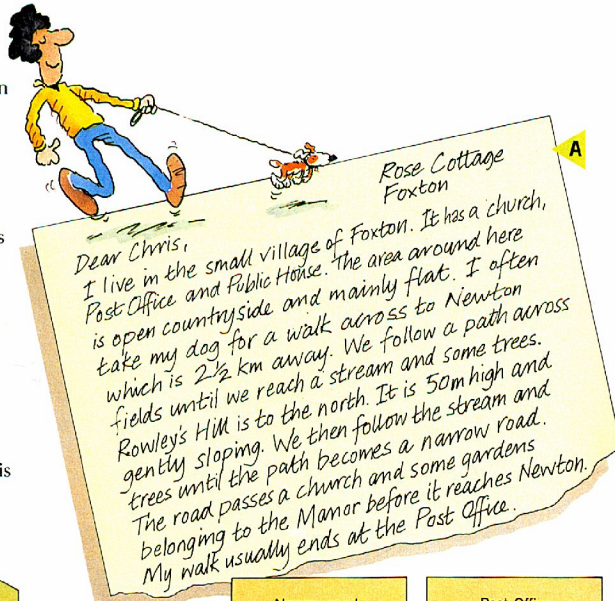


How can we describe routes?

Maps show what things look like from above. They have a lot of information on them. You can use this to describe where places are and work out what may be seen there. Maps are also useful for describing routes between places. These two pages show how to describe routes and places from Ordnance Survey maps.

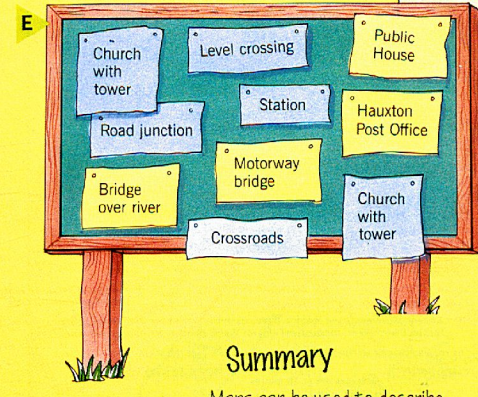
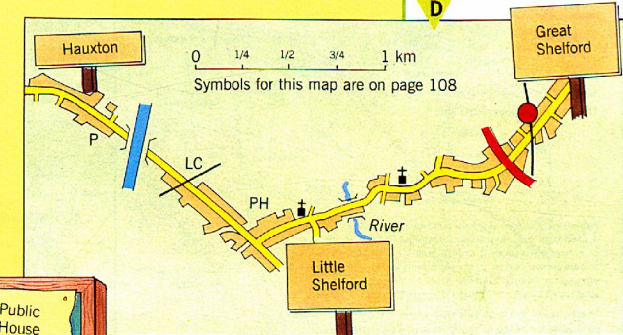
Paul lives in Foxton. He writes letters to a friend called Chris. Part of one of his letters is shown in A. It describes where he lives and a walk he often takes. Map B shows the area, which is near Cambridge. See if you can recognise the things Paul talks about. Can you follow the route?

Paul's description was good. He first described the area in general and then mentioned both the **physical** and **human** features. These are labelled on map B. When describing a place or a route, there is no need to try to include everything, but you must be very accurate.



Activities

- Look carefully at photo C.
 - List **three** physical features and **three** human features on it.
 - Write a brief description of the town.
- Look at Newton on map B.
 - List the physical features and human features in and around the village.
 - Imagine that you own a cottage in the village that you want to rent out. Write a brief description of the village and surrounding area to advertise the cottage.
- Map D shows part of the area covered by the OS map on page 109.
 - Imagine that you have arrived by train at Great Shelford station and have to go to Hauxton post office. Some of the features that you will pass on your route are shown in diagram E. Write out features in the order you would pass them. Begin with the station.
 - What is the distance from the station to the post office? Give your answer in kilometres.



Summary

Maps can be used to describe routes and places. Accuracy is very important when describing things.

EXTRAS

Use the Ordnance Survey map on page 109 for these questions.

- Follow this route:
 - Start at Barton (4055).
 - Go on the A603 to junction 12.
 - Travel by motorway to junction 11.
 - Follow the A10 (T) south-west for 2 km.
 - Turn south-east down the B1368.
 - Stop after 2.5 km. Where are you?
- Describe the route you would follow by road from Haslingfield (4052) to Grantchester.
 - Describe the village of Grantchester and the surrounding area. Mention both physical and human features.