

## Restoration work on the River Shep



Boot Lane

**Boot Lane:** Guilden Brook flows into the Shep at Little Rivers. The banks have been rebuilt with bundles and stakes to narrow the channel, enabling the river to clean itself. Vegetation has grown, helping to stabilise the banks.

### Delahaye's Mill Head:

Mill heads provided the volume of water needed to drive water wheels. Over time they have become silted up and overgrown with weed. ForShep hired a mechanical digger to remove the silt, leaving a clear area of water above the mill.



Delahaye's Mill Head

How Moor



### How Moor:

Volunteers spread new chalk and gravel on the river bed. The gravel will provide spawning habitat for brown trout.

For further information, please contact the Friends of the River Shep: [forsherp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:forsherp@hotmail.co.uk)

### How to get there:

Shepreth is situated 9 miles south of Cambridge and 5 miles north of Royston, off the A10.

Shepreth train station is on the King's Cross to Cambridge line.



Manor Farm

### Manor Farm:

ForShep volunteers narrowed the channel with hazel bundles to increase flow and help remove silt. This leaves a clean river where plants such as water crowfoot and water starwort can establish.

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# The River Shep



Charming walks along  
a Cambridgeshire  
Chalk Stream



The Friends of the River Shep  
(ForShep)

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**Docwra's  
Meadow Walk  
(0.1km)**

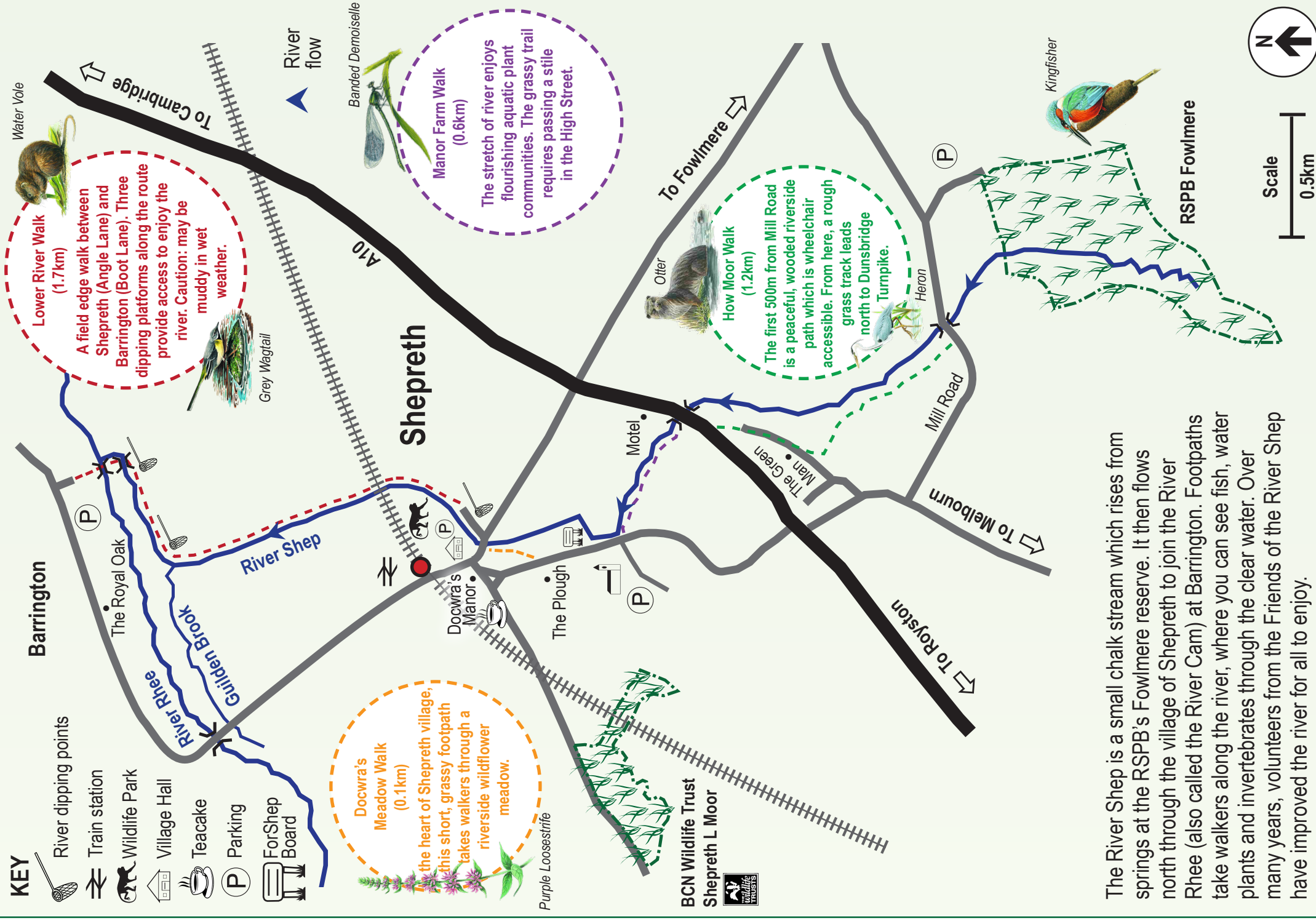
the heart of Shepreth village,  
this short, grassy footpath  
takes walkers through a  
riverside wildflower  
meadow.

Purple Loosestrife

**BCN Wildlife Trust**  
**Shepreth L Moor**



The River Shep is a small chalk stream which rises from springs at the RSPB's Fowlmere reserve. It then flows north through the village of Shepreth to join the River Rhee (also called the River Cam) at Barrington. Footpaths take walkers along the river, where you can see fish, water plants and invertebrates through the clear water. Over many years, volunteers from the Friends of the River Shep have improved the river for all to enjoy.



Scale  
0.5km