

# Doorstep Walks

## A Closer Look Guide

### How far can you see? – A Closer Look guide for Doorstep Walk 1

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Those of you who have walked the first Doorstep Walk regularly may have heard from locals that it is possible on a clear day to see Lincoln Cathedral from Laughton Church. The views from around the area seem to be pretty far reaching but its sometimes hard to put a distance on things. Whilst out in the summer I thought it would be interesting to take a compass and see just how far the views from Laughton are.

Stand by the seat half way along the ridge from Kings Wood to Laughton (about half way along from point 7 on the walk), face towards the valley ahead and slightly left, keep turning right as you follow this description.

The village ahead is Slade Hooton (1 mile), which you passed to the South of earlier in your walk, turning slowly right, the town on the horizon is Maltby (2 miles), home of one of the few remaining working pits in the area. Below and to your right is Kings Wood (1 mile) through which you have just passed. Turning further there are some very clear indicators of distance; three power stations which can be seen quite clearly seen on a sunny day. The first is at West Burton (just South of Gainsborough) (32 miles), whilst further right is another power station at Cottam (34 Miles). Cottam lies about 9 miles West of Lincoln; if the Cathedral is indeed visible from the area it should be just slightly right over from this, it lies approximately 43 miles from the spot you stand on and in theory should be visible bearing in mind the lie of the land between you both.

Turning right again, the last power station visible is the one at High Marnham a few miles North of Newark (40 miles), immediately to the right of this is Long Thwaite Wood at Firbeck (2 miles), whilst almost with your back to the valley you will be able to see Swinston Hill Wood at Dinnington (4 miles) lies to the right of this. The church at Laughton, with its 185 foot spire lies ahead on your walk, whilst below in the valley is the railway viaduct for the Tickhill-Worksop freight line.

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