

Yellow Walk 1½ hours

Take the footpath next to the Old Methodist Chapel and walk south. Notice Yew Tree Cottage on your right, it was built as a folly by Rev C Steggall close to the site of the Old Parsonage.

Cross Mill Road and follow the footpath along the field boundary to College Road. College Farm was originally owned by Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Turn left onto the road then follow the footpath on your right that runs to the left of the Newyearfield, becoming Canada Lane, the junction with the farm track on your left was the site of Canada Farm. Continue straight on the grass track, crossing the concrete track, until you reach the top of this large field.

At High Pastures with the farm on your left, walk to the road, turn right and after about 300m turn right into the entrance of Scholes Farm. Follow the tarmac drive round to the left then continue straight, to the left of the old oak tree. The area on your right was used to store bombs during the war, servicing Great Ashfield airfield.

Pass to the left of the gate into the cleared Hundred Lane,

Look out for Bill's House:

Bill Edrich played cricket for England.

In the 1947 season he scored over 3,500 runs.



this ancient lane marked the boundary of the Hundreds, a Saxon land measure.

Minding the tree stumps, walk until you reach the footbridge on your right; go straight across the field then turn left onto the concrete track. After 100m turn right and follow the right side of the hedge along this field boundary, bear right at the tree and continue along the boundary, once known as Smea's Lane.

Join the road again and walk down Mill Road passing The Plough on your right, Wyverstone's beer house closed in 1953 and past Mill Farm, the site of the original mill and once home to cricketer Bill Edrich.

Turn left and follow the footpath back to The Old Chapel. Winchester House, 50m up the road, is home of Wally Sykes, member of the 1984 Olympic clay shot team.



Pink Walk 1¾ hours

Take the bridleway next to The Old Rectory, built c1830, and follow the field boundaries (bear right at the bench).

Cross Potash Lane onto the bridleway opposite and continue to the end of the field. Turn right onto Kiln Lane.

At the end of the wood area, follow the grass area round the field to your left. Look out for the owl box. At the corner, turn right and keeping to the south side of the hedge, continue until you reach the road at Kells House. Walk just past St Margaret's Church.

Shorter Route: continue to the telephone box and turn right alongside Town Yard cottages. Turn right into the field and follow the boundary until you see the footpath across the field to the 17th century Park Farm. Continue up the drive and into the village.

Longer Route: turn left into the churchyard and follow the footpath into the field. At the stream turn right, note the wildlife area on your left.

Turn right and walk until you reach the track to the right, follow this south down Westhorpe Hall drive to the road. The Hall is on the site

Look out for the Royal Coats of Arms:

St Georges Church is very unusual, it has two Royal Coats of Arms, one to William and Mary and one to George III.

of the home of Mary Tudor, sister to Henry VIII and wife of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk.

Cross the street and take the bridleway immediately opposite.

Continue across The Green, turn right onto the road pass Little Thatch Cottage and turn right then shortly onto the footpath.

Continue along this path following the stream crossing halfway on to Park Farm. Walk up the Farm drive back through the village.

You pass Herons Ghyll on your left, the site of the last village shop; the school (closed in 1963); and St Georges Church (14th century). Hall Barn, behind the church, is on the site of Wyverstone Hall purchased in 1566 by Sir Nicholas Bacon, Keeper of the Seal.



Wyverstone Walks

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Blue Walk 1¼ hours



Walk down Park Farm drive, past the buildings and turn right just past the stream. Follow this path crossing the bridge to the Westhorpe Road.

Turn right onto the road and then almost immediately fork left to walk down Carr Lane to the field at the bottom. On your left you will see evidence of four medieval agricultural strips.

Continue across the field, through the plantation and out into a field on the other side.

Walk for about 100m, cross over a small bridge, turn right and follow the field boundary until you have almost reached Finningham Lane. Turn right and head along the ditch line.

At the next field entrance walk diagonally across the next field

Look out for medieval field strips:

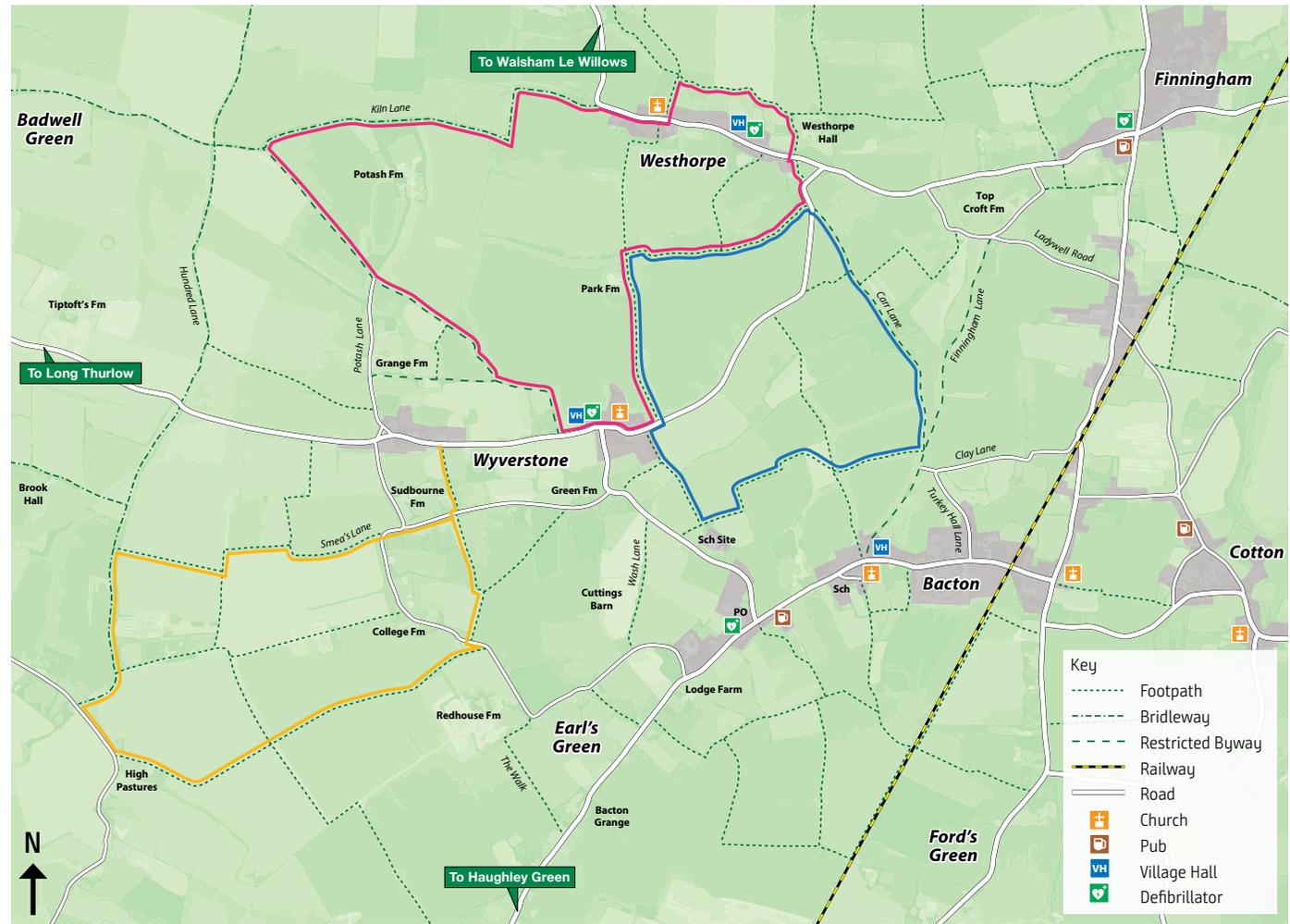
In the past field would have been owned by a landowner who rented strips of land to villagers to grow their own crops.



to the opening on the far right.

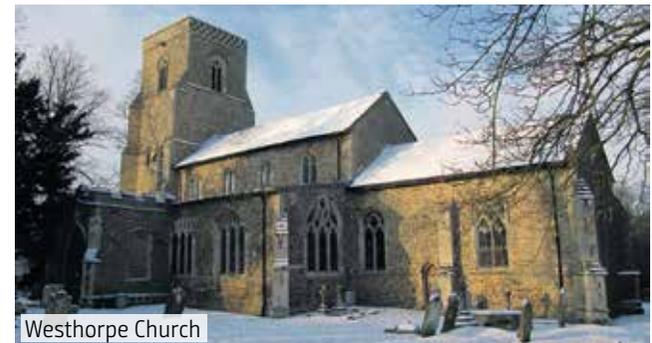
Pass through and follow straight along the ditch to the next field.

Turn left and follow the field boundary around the various bends. The field behind the hedge on your left is thought to be the site of both Roman and an Iron Age settlement. At the point the ditch comes to an end, turn right and follow the footpath across the field up to Westhorpe Road.



Follow the Country Code

- Be safe, plan ahead, follow any signs and take care whilst walking on roads
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Keep dogs under close control
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Leave crops, machinery and livestock alone
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Be considerate to others
- Don't walk on wildlife margins



Westhorpe Church

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