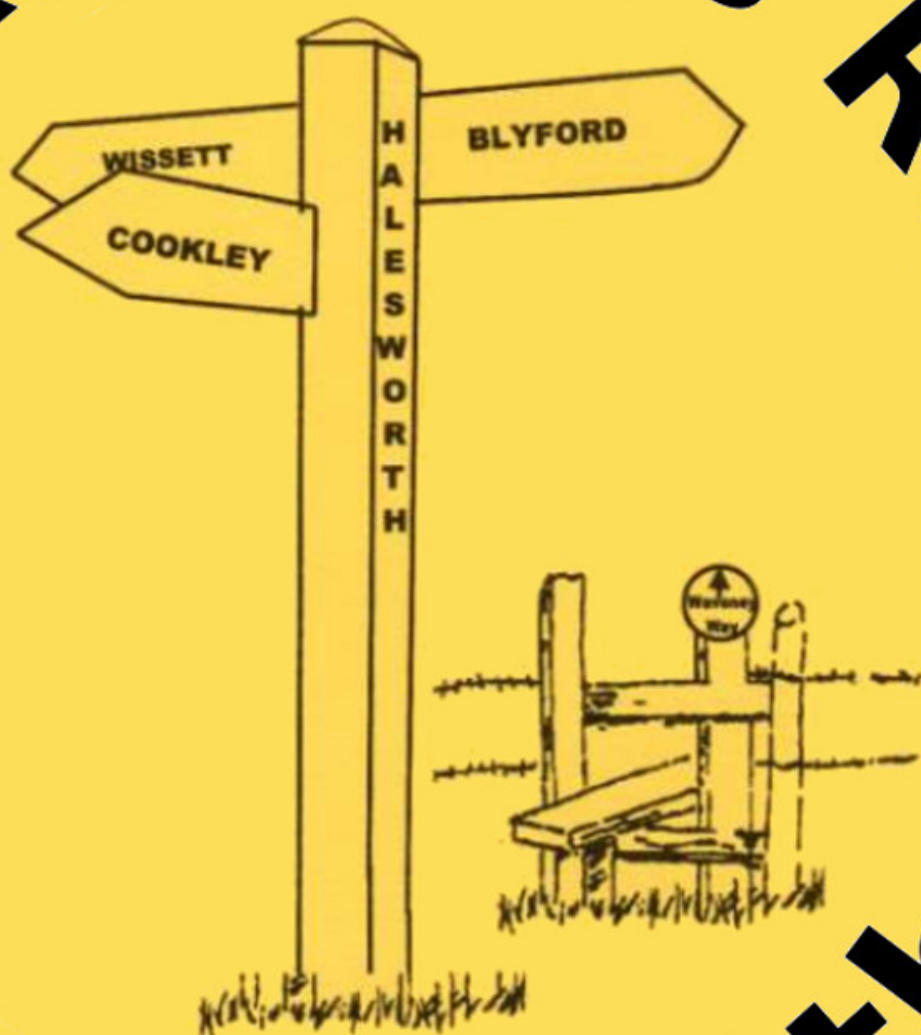


# **Rural Rambles Round Hailesworth**



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These tracks were recorded using a handheld GPS receiver.

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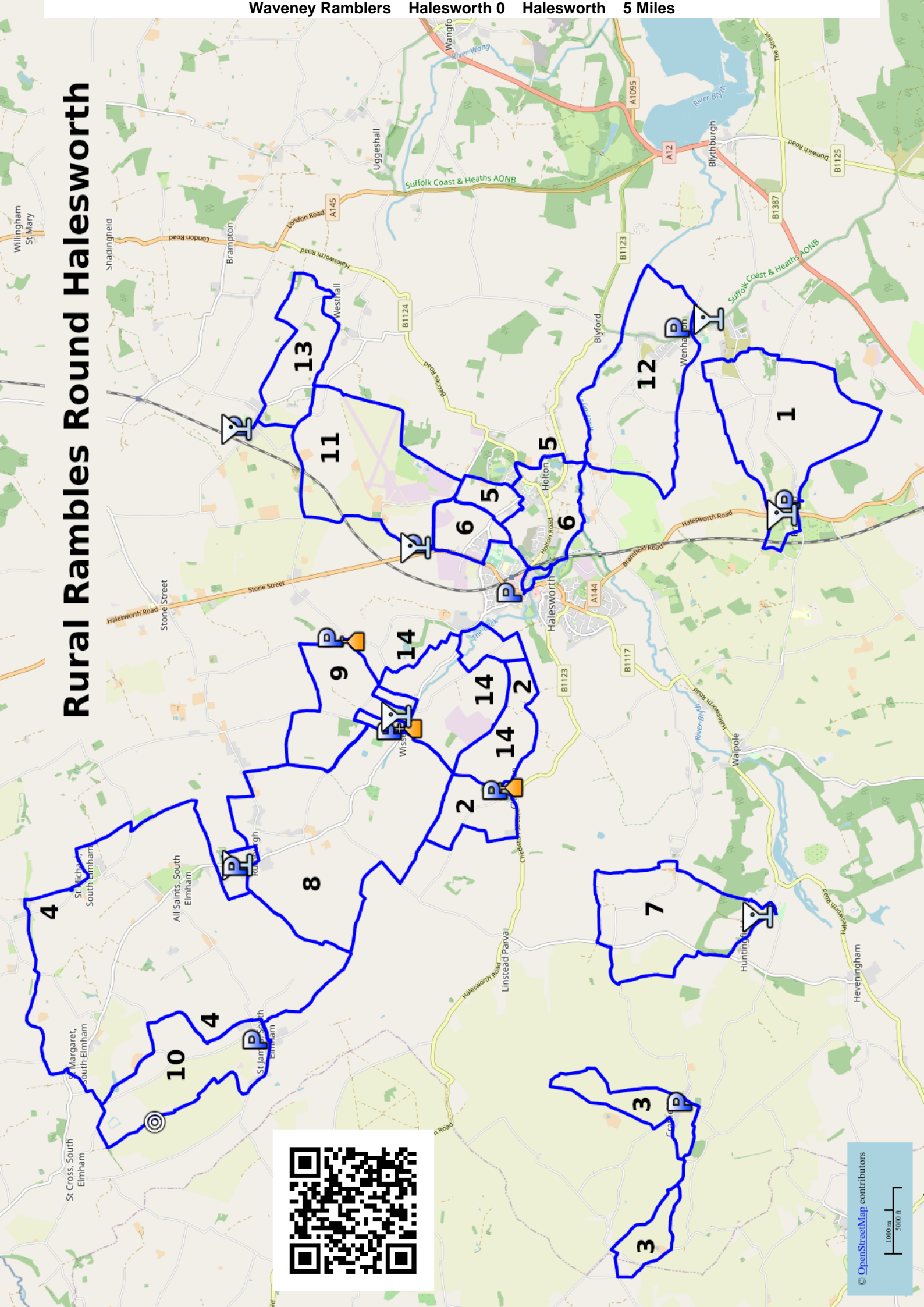
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# Rural Rambles Round Halesworth



# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 1 Bramfield Thorington and Wenhaston

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Start from Bramfield village hall along Bridge Street. Turn right out of the car park and after 100 yards go right along a signed footpath. Pass through a gate into Castle Meadow and keep to the left-hand path (hedge left). Ignore two more obvious paths to the right. Go through a metal gate into the next field and keep ahead on a wide, grassy track to reach a stile. Cross into a large arable field. Ahead, in the distance, is a small clump of trees. Head across the field, aiming for the right-hand side of the trees. Bear right and cross a footbridge onto a field-edge path (ditch left). When the ditch swings left, keep ahead across arable field towards a large gap in the hedge and a concrete drive. Cross into another arable field and head straight for the corner of a wood. At this turn left along a wide, grassy track. At a cross-hedge, turn left then right over a footbridge through the hedge. Go straight over an arable field to reach a stile. Cross into a meadow. Keep ahead and pass through a gate to the left of a telegraph pole. Cross a small meadow to a stile, then keep ahead over a small arable field to the corner of a wood. Follow the wide, grassy track (wood right) which soon swings left. Pass a derelict house (right) then after 500 yards look for a path to the right about 50 yards before a telegraph pole. Turn right through bushes and immediately left onto a grassy track (hedge left, fence right).

Keep ahead and go through a small metal gate into a garden. Keep left through this and go through another metal gate to a road. Turn right and take the track to The Balancing Barn on the left. Take the left of the two tracks. Just before the building, bear right to another track and continue to large metal gate. Take footpath off left here through a small wood. At the bottom of the slope turn right, go through a gate and turn sharp left across a marshy area. Cross a long, wooden bridge (gated both ends) into a meadow. Keep ahead and cross stile to right of cottage. Turn left here and keep on track to reach a road.

Cross over onto Wenhaston Black Heath. After 20 yards bear left through gorse bushes, then, at a clearing, turn right up a slope to a fence and a house. Turn left then sharp right along a signed path. Keep ahead across arable field and, at a hedge end, pass this and bear right and left along a field-edge path. Turn left onto a track at Church Farm and follow to road. Cross over and take path ahead. After 100 yards turn left along the field-edge (ditch left), then after another 100 yards turn right across an arable field. Head towards the left-hand silo in the distance. Pass to the left-hand side of several poultry barns, to reach a road.

Turn left then right along a field-edge path (hedge left). Cross a footbridge in a hedge, then go diagonally left across the corner of field to pass through a small gap in the hedge. Go diagonally right across a sloping arable field to reach a bridge at the bottom of the hill. Cross and take the path opposite (trees and sparse hedge on right). At the top of the field go through a gap in the right-hand corner, then turn left and right along a grassy track. Pass through a gap in the hedge on left and keep ahead on track to reach road. Follow the lane ahead for about half-a-mile to the main road (A144).

Cross over and keep on this quiet lane for half-a-mile. After Edwards' Farm (right) take the signed path left, go over the level-crossing and turn right before a house. Cross stile into meadow and keep ahead to another stile and a road. Turn left into the village centre. On your right, note the fine, long crinkle-crankle wall (Bramfield Hall). Opposite, St Andrew's Church is well worth a visit, with its separate, detached round tower making it unique in Suffolk. Inside, the splendidly carved and decorated 16th century screen is a real gem. The paintings of some of the saints are well preserved.

Continue to the main road (A144), where you will find the Queen's Head P.H on your left, a good stopping point for refreshments. They serve excellent lunches here. Cross over into Bridge Street and back to the village hall and the start on your right.

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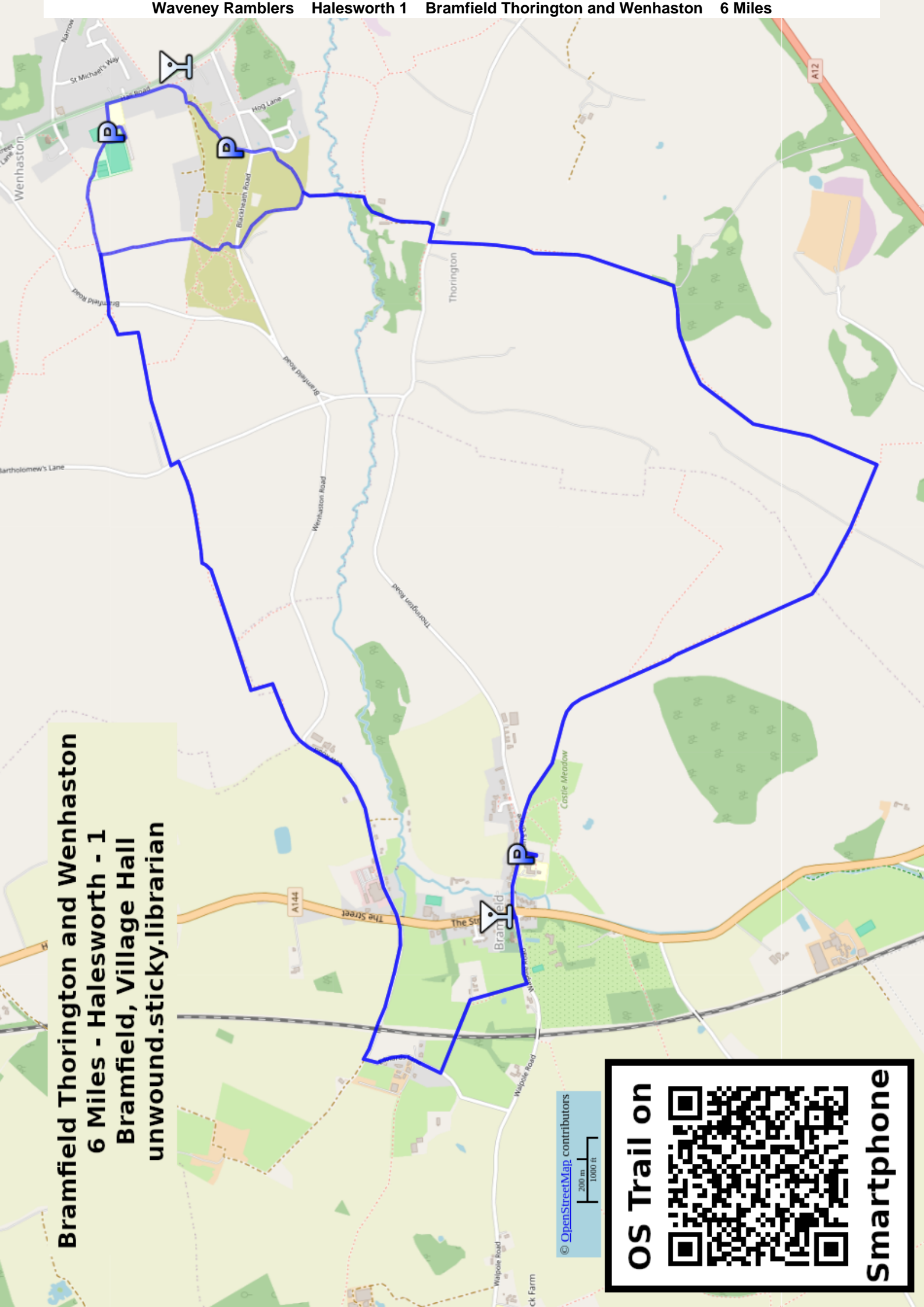
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## Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 2 Chediston

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Start the walk from St Mary's Church, Chediston car park. Leave the car park along the track that you came in on. Cross the road onto the path opposite, go through a gate and continue straight ahead across pasture. When you reach a hedge, continue ahead with hedge on right. Cross a bridge and after about 40 yards turn right through a hedge and bear left to a gate. This is the first of five gates you will pass through as you go diagonally across several small pastures.

After the last gate you emerge into a large arable field. Go straight ahead and join the track to Chediston Hall Farm. (Ahead of you, in the distance, you can see Halesworth.) Skirt left around a large pond and bear right down the farm road. Just after a row of conifers, turn left along a track heading towards Halesworth. After about 350 yards, at the boundary of the second field on your left, turn left along a field-edge path and when you reach the end of the field on your left, turn left along a wide, grassy path towards Chediston Wood.

Keep going ahead for about 1.25 miles along field-edge paths, with the hedge on your left all the way, to reach a lane. Go straight ahead and continue in the same direction with the hedge still on your left. After about half-a-mile, at the end of the fourth field, turn left over a footbridge into a long, narrow meadow. Go ahead (hedge on right) to reach a road.

Turn left and after a quarter mile, after the second bungalow on your right, turn right onto a bridleway. Keep ahead (hedge on right) and enter a field. Bear right at a waymarker and pass a seat and hedge on your right. Continue to the end of the hedge line, then turn left down a field to reach the road, passing Packway Farm on the left.

Turn left along the road towards Chediston. When you are level with the drive to Packway Farm, walk along the grass on your right parallel with the road. When you reach a bungalow on your left, return to the road. Continue along the road for about 200 yards, then cross over onto a path through a hedge. Be careful that you don't miss the signpost concealed in the hedge! The post is about 100 yards before the "road narrows" sign.

Climb through a wooden fence and go diagonally right across a pasture, aiming to the left of some fenced trees on the right. Cross the stile into a small wood and go ahead back to the car park.

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**Chediston**  
**5 Miles - Halesworth - 2**  
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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 3 Cratfield and Linstead Magna

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 31359 74847](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7 Miles    Updated:

Park in the lay-by at St Mary's Church, Cratfield. Walk down the road and take footpath on right through a metal gate. Go ahead through two fields of pasture, keeping close to the hedge on the right. Pass through a metal gate and turn left along a field-edge path (hedge left). When you reach the second signed footpath on your left, go over a footbridge into a thicket. After about 80 yards reach a metal gate and a road. Turn left and then right along Tongs Lane, which soon becomes a fine, enclosed green lane, part of an old Roman road.

Follow this track for about a mile to reach Silverley's Green. At the road turn left. After 100 yards take the path on the right at the side of double wooden gates. Keep to the left through some scrubland and emerge into an arable field. Cross this diagonally left to reach a hedge. Go over the footbridge and out onto Chippenhall Green. Bear left (pond left, road right) and cross the green. Pass Elm Lodge (right) and join the readjust before a cattle grid. Cross this and continue on road to T-junction.

Turn right along Swan Green, pass Grove Farm and a bungalow on your left. Take the path (Jones' Lane) at the side of the bungalow. After about 300 yards, where the wide track ends, bear right between hedge-rows. When the hedge ends, take the path ahead on the left-hand side of the field. After about 60 yards keep ahead and follow the path of a curving field (ditch right). Keep on this to reach Tong's Lane and your outward route and return to the T-junction.

Turn left along a winding lane, pass the village hall (right) and turn left at the T-junction in Cratfield. Just past Holly Tree Farm Barns (left), take the signed path on your right. Cross stile and keep ahead (hedge right) through a small meadow. You are now in the first field of seven that you will pass through at Linstead Farm. This is a traditional farm, full of small fields that give us a good idea of what field patterns would have been like in Suffolk, before the days of widespread hedge removal.

Keep ahead through all the fields, some arable, some pasture, on the well-signed and well-maintained paths. You might well see barn owls in a field left to rough grass. At the end of the seventh field cross a footbridge and emerge into a large arable field, a stark contrast to what you have just passed through at Linstead Farm.

Keep ahead, pass to the right of a large pond and head in a northerly direction with no obvious signposting. Using Magna Farm to your right as a guide, cross a wide grassy track and aim for a telegraph pole ahead. Keep ahead and soon after passing the farm buildings way over to your right, turn right and head towards the farm. You will probably have to use tramlines here if the field is cropped.

As you near farm buildings, bear right to reach the farm drive. Turn right and follow this then turn left at a T-junction of tracks. Take the field-edge path on the right (pond left). After about 100 yards turn right across an arable field. Here you should notice a slight mound at the edge of the field. This is all that remains of St Peter's Church at Linstead Magna, a ruin in the 1920s. If you look closely you will see flint and brick remains, still there after decades of ploughing over the site.

Keep ahead, cross over a farm drive onto a grassy track, with the hedge on your left. When the hedge ends turn left along a wide, grassy track, with hedge on your left. At the end of the third field you reach a cross-road of paths. Keep ahead, taking the path to the left of the hedge. Ahead of you, up the hill, is Cratfield. Cross the bridge in the field corner and keep ahead on the field-edge path (ditch right). At a bungalow, bear left then right along a track between houses to reach the road. Turn right then immediately left into Church Road and back to the start.

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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 4 South Elmhams St James Michael and Margaret

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The walk starts from St James' village hall. Turn left out of car park, then right and right again into enclosed path. Go right at cross track, pass pond and bear left at barn into meadow.

Swing right along grassy track and pass through two more meadows to reach track at gap in hedge. Veer left and follow track (St James' Lane) for half a mile. When lane becomes hedged on both sides, turn left into grassy track. At second bend bear right and head for telegraph pole and Bloom's Hall ahead. Pass cottage on left then take path left across arable field. Cross footbridge, turn right, cross another footbridge to reach a bridge and road.

Cross over onto field-edge path. Go over concrete bridge and keep ahead to cross-road of paths, then turn left over grassy path between arable fields. Keep ahead on good track, pass traditional Hulver Farm to reach a road. Turn right and after 200 yards take field-edge path on left. When hedge ends, keep ahead across arable field to fingerpost and concrete drive. Cross over and follow path (hedge left). Where hedge ends, turn left into enclosed track, pass house and, just after pond (right), veer right across St Michael's Green to church. (There might be electric fencing around the common at certain times of the year.) St Michael's Church is a good place to stop, although you might be deterred by the advice on the recently restored stone sundial on the south wall!

At church gates go left then right over common, alongside the churchyard hedge. Cross footbridge, turn left and right on field-edge path. Go through gap in hedge and keep ahead on path down to a footbridge, to cross The Beck. Turn left on a grass path between the fence and hedge, pass through metal gate onto gravel drive in front of cottages, to reach road. Turn right then left onto grassy path. (Note: this footpath has been omitted from the recent Explorer 231 map, but the error will be rectified in future editions. However, the path is officially signed at the road).

For the next 3/4 mile go ahead through four water meadows to reach a road. Cross and take path on left into meadow. Cross footbridge in hedge into a small meadow and reach lane. Turn right along field-edge path (hedge right). At poplar trees, bear left, pass more poplar trees and keep ahead to a lane. Turn left up field-edge path, then right across arable field to reach road at St Margaret's Church.

Cross into churchyard, pass porch and veer left through white wicket-gate/footbridge into pasture. Keep diagonally left and pass through three fields to emerge onto grassy track. Turn right to lane where turn left. After Frog Hall cottages, turn left into lane signed St James and Metfield. After 50 yards turn left over footbridge and bear right over lawn and go through gate onto field-edge path. Turn right and cross footbridge at lakes. Take path between lakes. Keep ahead along grass track (hedge right, fence left) and pass Old Hall Farm on left, to reach road.

Turn left, then right at Church Farm into lane signed Eel's Foot. At Eel's Foot House, keep ahead on footpath and enter meadow. Keep ahead (hedge left). When hedge ends, go ahead across meadow towards right-hand corner, following hedge line as it curves round to a large, wooden gate. Go through and take path between fields. Turn left over footbridge into field of rough grassland.

Keep ahead on this path for 1/2 mile, ignoring paths right and left. Cross stile into meadow and keep ahead to stile/bridge and reach road. Cross to footpath opposite, follow grassy path to cross track and turn right in front of St James' Church. Bear slightly left and pick up enclosed path that you used on your outward journey. Turn left and left again to return to starting point. (If you have time, St James' Church is worth exploring. It has some unusual carvings made by villagers at woodwork classes in the early 20c.; most are lodged in the chancel.)

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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 5 Halesworth and Holton

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 38642 77698](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 4.6 Miles Updated:

There are several pay & display car parks in Halesworth. Alternatively, you could find suitable street parking.

Start the walk from outside the library in Bridge Street. With your back to the library, walk ahead into the pedestrian precinct (The Thoroughfare). Go through the archway on your left by the side of Flick Estate Agents. Pass through the car park, cross the by-pass (or use the subway) and take the tarmac path to the right of the public toilets. Follow this through the park, cross the bridge and turn right, walking past a skate park and a basketball court. At the end of this, turn left then right and walk alongside New Reach river. Ignore paths to left and right and keep ahead along the tarmac path into a meadow, part of Halesworth's Millennium Green. (The path is signed Blyth Road Industrial Estate). Just after a telegraph pole on your left, turn left at a path signed Wenhaston/Mells. Go under a railway bridge, then through a gate and enter Blyth Meadow. Follow grass path ahead, soon reaching fence and river on your left. At some willow trees turn left through a gate. Go over a footbridge and turn right to follow the fenced path.

Cross another footbridge and, after 60 yards, go over a bridge and through a gate. Turn left across the meadow. Aim for the footbridge ahead. (In the distant trees, to the left, look out for Holton's post-mill with its fan-tail). Cross the bridge and keep ahead (river right). Ignoring metal/wooden bridge on right, carry on and pass over a gated bridge, go through another gate, then a gated footbridge into a wood. Continue ahead over a sleeper bridge, then a footbridge through a meadow to reach a path through some bushes, in the right-hand corner of the field. At the road, turn left.

Follow this lane for about 400 yards to reach the B1123 Halesworth-Southwold road. Cross over and turn right on the pavement for about 200 yards, then go left into a hedged footpath. Follow this until you see a path on left between two earth mounds in some trees. The official route is straight ahead, but if this path is overgrown take the unofficial route left and bear right, after the trees, onto a well-maintained grassy path. Keep ahead (ignore path to left) to reach a cross-road of paths. Go ahead onto signed footpath and follow path around the disused pit (left). When you reach a cross-track, turn right and follow the concrete track to a road.

At the road cross onto a pavement and turn left towards Holton village. Pass a path (right) and take the second path right, alongside St Peter's Church. If you have time, have a look at the fine, tall and slim Norman round tower (lower part probably Saxon). Keep ahead to join a road. Here turn right and follow road for half-a-mile and at the T-junction turn left and pass Bernard Matthews' factory (right). Keep on the grass verge in front of the US war memorials. These are well worth a look. They commemorate the 489th Bomb Group, the fifth Emergency Rescue Squadron and Zemke's Wolfpack Fighter Group, who all operated out of Holton Airfield in the latter part of the Second World War.

When you are level with the Halesworth (Holton) Airfield Memorial Museum, cross the road onto the footpath opposite. Follow this clear field-edge path for half-a-mile to reach a lane. Cross and take the enclosed footpath almost opposite. Follow this attractive path for 1/2 mile, ignoring path to left. Emerge into a field and bear right (hedge right), then left for 40 yards, after which turn right into a small meadow. Keep ahead to farm track and turn left. Follow this track which soon becomes a road. Keep ahead to reach B1123 road (Holton Road). Turn right and take this back to Halesworth. On the way pass some interesting buildings: an 1842 malthouse (now converted into flats) and Quay House in Quay Street, a reminder of the town's past as an important inland port. When you reach the roundabout, note Hooker House (left) where Sir Joseph Hooker, the famous botanist and a director of Kew Gardens, was born in 1817. There is also a plaque to his father, Sir William, who created the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. Cross over the roundabout and return to the library and your start point in Bridge Street.

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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 6 Halesworth and Mells

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 39264 79064](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 5.4 Miles Updated: 2018

By arrangement with the Triple Plea, park at the pub.  
Or park in Halesworth and start the walk from there.  
This walk follows a stretch of the Waveney Way.

(A) From the pub, head east along Sparrowhawk Road.

The road bends right, SE, then south.

Just after the aircraft museum, turn right, south, hedge right. There is a kink at the start of the path.

At Bungay Road, turn right and left, up the ramp.

Head SW, trees both sides.

Take the first path left, SE, hedge right. The path bends right and left and continues SE.

Near houses, the path bends right and left and emerges onto Orchard Valley.

Turn left, NE, along Orchard Valley.

Follow the road round to the right, SE.

Turn left, NE, back to Bungay Road.

With a left right kink, head NE along Lodge Road.

Turn right, SE, along a footpath, hedge both sides.

At the B1124, turn left, NE. The road bends right, east.

Turn right, south, along a concrete farm track. The path bends left, east, then right, south.

Continue south to the B1123, Southwold Road and turn right, west.

Turn left, south, towards Mells.

Drop down to the River Blythe.

Just before the bridge, turn right, west.

Head west through several meadows, river left.

There are several bridges over tributary streams.

The path bends right, NW, and crosses the Blythe. Head NW, river right.

Cross under the railway and turn right, north.

(B) Head north, staying close to the railway line.

Emerge on the B1123, just west of the railway bridge.

It's safer to move a little away from the bridge so you are not crossing on a blind corner!

Cross the road and turn right, east, under the bridge.

Turn first left, north, into Loam Pit Lane.

The lane bends right, NE, almost immediately.

Just before farm buildings turn right, east, through a hedge gap, then left, north, trees left.

Head north through another gap, back into the same farm and head north past the chicken sheds.

At Harrisons Lane, turn left, west.

At the A144, cross over and turn right, north. If it's busy, use the pelican crossing a few paces away.

At the roundabout, turn right, east, then left, north, back into the Triple Plea car park.

If you start from the town centre car park, head SW along River Lane towards the railway.

Don't cross the line. Instead head north and pick up the instructions at (B) above.

At the pub (A), visit if you'd like refreshments.

At the end of the circular loop (B) head back to the town centre car park.

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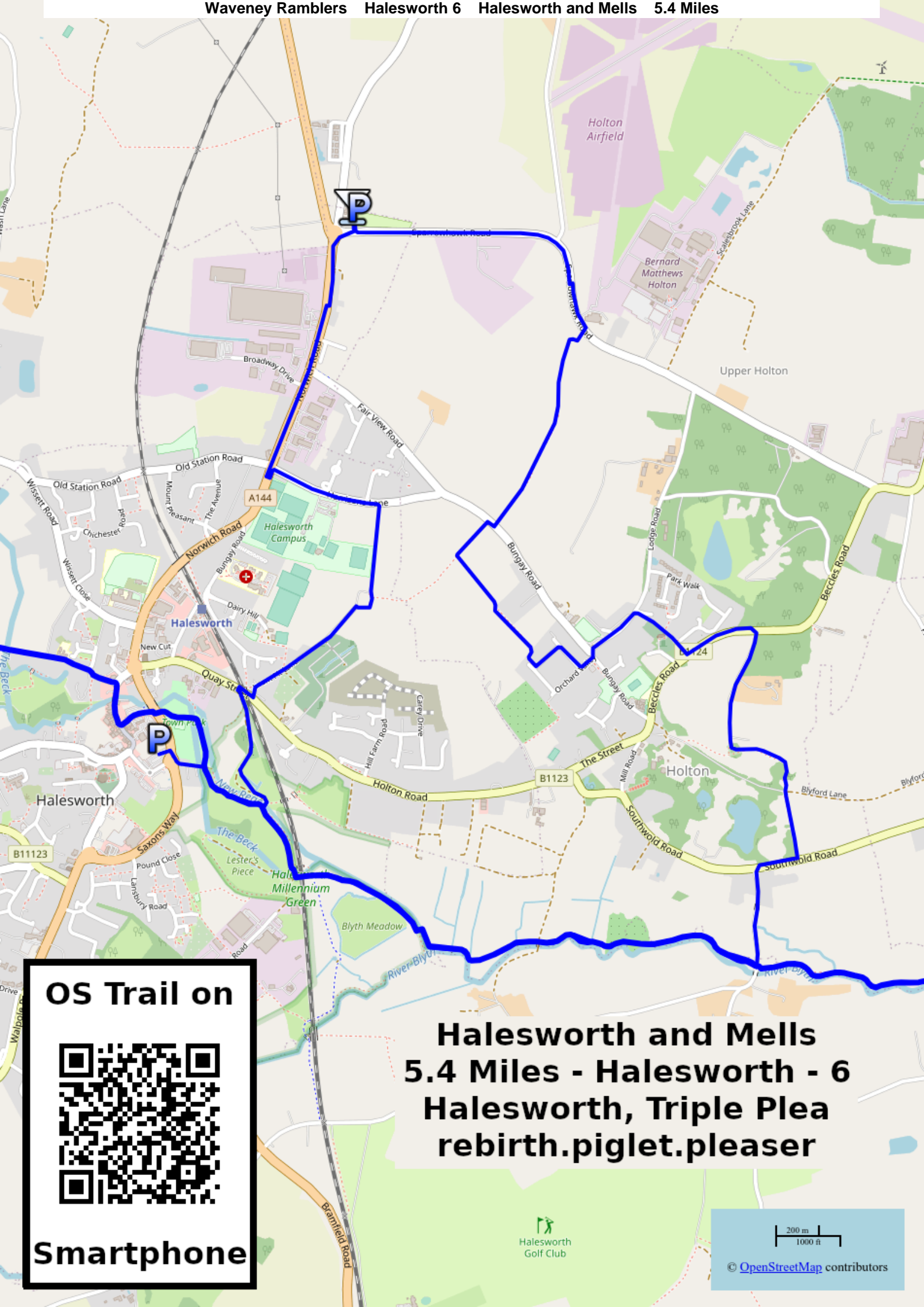
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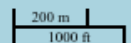


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5.4 Miles - Halesworth - 6  
Halesworth, Triple Plea  
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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 7 Huntingfield and Cookley

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 34206 73818](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.1 Miles    Updated: 2023

This walk starts from Huntingfield village hall car park in the centre of the village opposite the Huntingfield Arms pub. Turn right out of the car park, pass the village sign and take the road signed Walpole and Halesworth. Cross the bridge and where the road bends right, turn left into the drive to Huntingfield Hall. Before you reach the hall, take the way-marked grassy path on your right that runs uphill past the fenced-off ancient Queen's oak on your right. A wounded deer is said to have sheltered here after being shot by Queen Elizabeth I whilst she was staying at the hall with her cousin Lord Hunsdon.

Continue straight uphill, with new plantations to left and right. When you reach a concrete drive, follow this down to the road ahead. Going down the hill there are fine views of Cookley church nestling in among a small cluster of cottages. At the road turn right and after about 150 yards, turn left up a field-edge path. At the top of the field take the grassy track left at a small clump of trees. After about 80 yards turn right and follow the field-edge track up the slope with hedge on your right. Keep going ahead, ignoring all side tracks, until the end of the right-hand hedge. Here continue your direction ahead with the hedge now on your left. After passing a partly-enclosed pond, turn left onto a waymarked field-edge track with hedge on right.

Follow this ahead, ignoring all side tracks, until you reach a small meadow with a dilapidated barn at the bottom right-hand corner. Follow the left-hand edge down to some scrubland in the corner. When you reach a five-bar gate at Bush Farm, take the waymarked path to the right. (Ignore the first path to the right that goes to Linstead.) Go through some bushes, cross the ditch and emerge into an arable field. Turn left up this field aiming for a tall tree, just to the left of a farmhouse, which you will soon see on the horizon. The tree you are targeting is at the end of a hedgerow. Pass this and cross footbridge into a meadow. Continue ahead to a road and turn left for about 150 yards. When you reach a postbox on the left, turn right into Mary's Lane (not marked), which is signed to Cratfield and Linstead Magna.

Follow this winding lane for about 300 yards and, at the second right-hand bend, take the path left at a clump of trees around a pond. Ahead of you, across the field in the distance, is a tall clump of trees and a lower group to the left. Walk across the field, which may well be cropped, aiming for the lower clump of trees which is at the end of a long hedgerow. When you reach the trees continue ahead on the field-edge path with hedge on left, until you reach a cross-hedge with Towranna Farm on your left. Turn left at the oak tree and pass the farm with hedge on your left. When you reach the farm track follow this ahead, pass a bungalow on your left to reach the road. Turn right and go downhill (BareIPs Hill). Pass Old Mill House and entrance drive to Manor Farm, both on your right. Soon after you reach a signed footpath on your left.

\* At this point you might wish to make a short detour to visit Huntŕ,ŕingfield Church. If so, take the road ahead and turn left to soon reach the church, which is well worth a visit. The church is renowned for its brightly-painted nave and chancel roofs. These were painted in the 1850s and 60s by Mildred Holland, the rector's wife, whose colourful work is a real labour of love.

Cross the bridge and follow a delightful path that runs parallel to the stream all the way to the village centre. The path widens to run through some attractive beech trees. If you are doing the walk in the spring, the many daffodils here are an extra pleasure. When you reach the road, turn right and retrace your steps to the start. The Huntingfield Arms makes an excellent stopping point for lunch.

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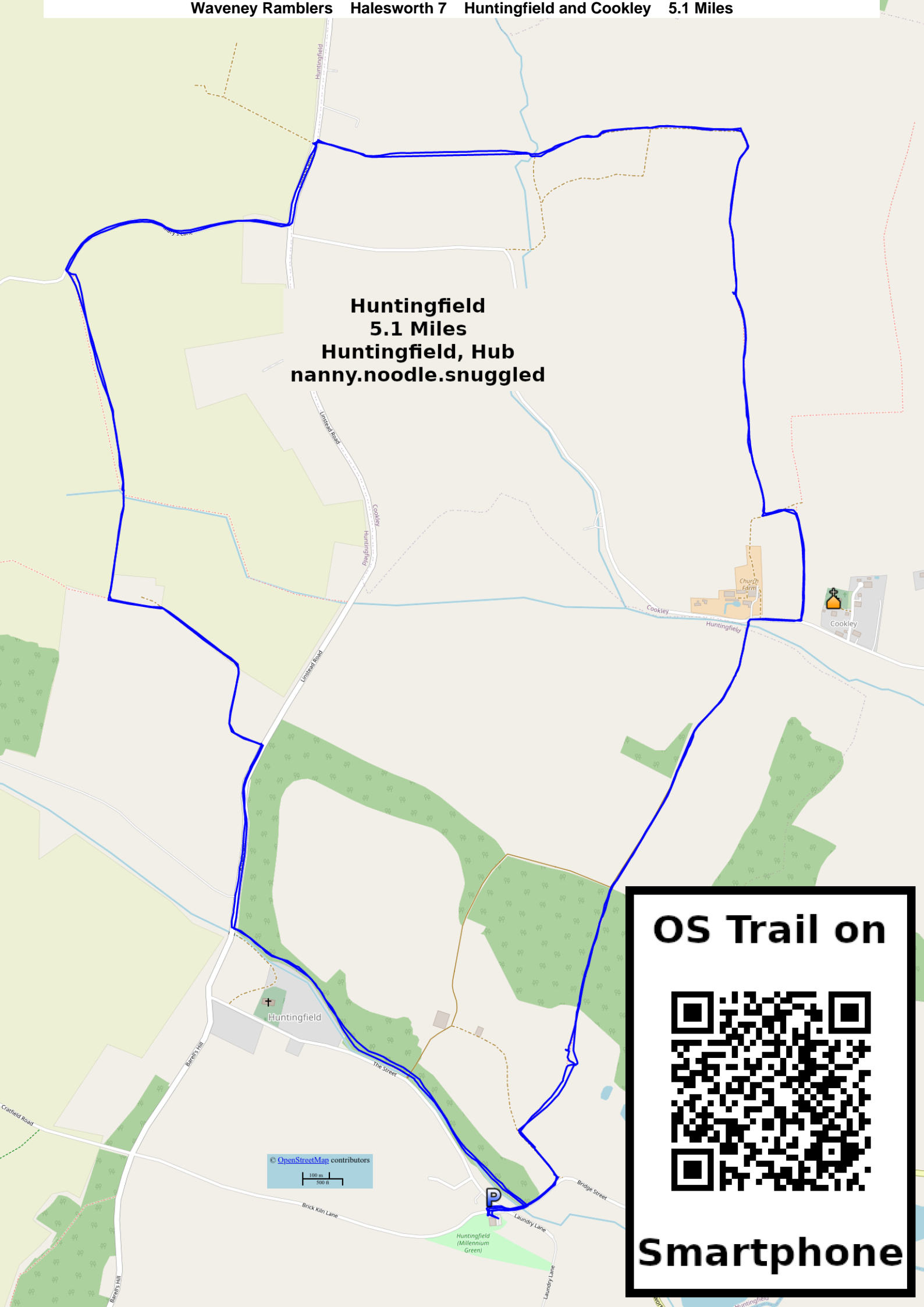
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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 8 Rumburgh and Wissett

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 34501 81460](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    8 Miles    Updated: 2018

Park at Rumburgh village hall. Turn right out of the car park and right again. Pass The Buck P.H. and after 200 yards, turn left into The Street. Pass Whyteway and after the last bungalow take the footpath left. At the end of this turn right onto field-edge path (hedge right), cross a footbridge and keep ahead on field-edge path (ditch left).

At the end of this field cross footbridge and turn right along field edge (ditch right). After 100 yards the path crosses over the other side of the ditch to reach a road. Turn left and after V\* mile take the footpath on right, opposite the thatched Willow Cottage.

Follow the field-edge path for nearly half-a-mile, first with the ditch on the left then later to the right. Where you meet a bridleway coming in from the left, continue ahead on a wide, grassy track. This soon becomes a hedged path. Where this ends, turn left onto another bridleway. Follow this in the same direction for just over half-a-mile, bearing slightly to the right where you meet a large, green, metal fence. When you reach the road turn right. Follow this to a T-junction, turn left then right again into Lodge Road by St Andrew's Church, Wissett.

If you have time it is worth looking at this well-kept church, with its Saxon round tower and impressive Norman doorways north and south.

Just past the church, take the path on the right along a field edge. When you reach a lane turn right. Follow this lane for about half-a-mile, passing Wissett Lodge on the way. Take the signed path on the right (opposite one to the left). Now follow a wide, grassy track through four fields until you reach a cross hedge. Cross a footbridge ahead (ignore footbridge to left) through a gap in the hedge and keep straight on (hedge left). When the hedge ends, bear left then ahead for 30 yards, veer left then right through a thicket and cross a footbridge into a field. Follow the field-edge path (ditch right) for 50 yards then turn right through a gap in the hedge and left along a farm track at Leggett's Farm.

When you reach a road, turn right. Follow this for a quarter-of-a-mile, then take the field-edge byway on the left. Keep on this winding track for nearly a mile, firstly across open country then through an attractive enclosed path (St James' Lane). When the right-hand hedge ends, turn right along a wide, grassy track across prairie land. At the second bend bear right (ignore track ahead) and head for a telegraph pole and Bloom's Hall ahead.

Near the hall the track becomes a metalled road. Take this back to the village hall and your starting point on the right.

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8 Miles - Halesworth - 8  
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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 9 Spexhall and Wissett

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 37847 80242](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4.5 Miles    Updated:

This walk starts from the road outside Spexhall Church. Park here or at the nearby village hall.

With your back to the church, turn left along the road signed to Rumburgh. When you reach an overhead power line on your right, turn left onto a signed footpath and cross an arable field to reach a small wood. Cross two bridges and enter a long, narrow meadow. Follow the path ahead (hedge on right) into another meadow and into a wood to reach the road.

Turn right and after about 300 yards turn left along a track (bridleway) signed Bulhams. After passing a house the track becomes grassy and, when you reach a cross-ditch, bear left and continue ahead with hedge on right. The path soon becomes an enclosed track. At a crossway of paths turn left. When you reach a large metal fence bear right, pass a barn and follow the fenced, and later hedged, bridleway to reach a road.

Turn left up the road and, just after The Red House, turn right into a lane signed Spexhall. After about 200 yards take the path on the right alongside a bungalow. Go straight ahead through two pastures with hedge on right. At the bottom of second field, take the signed path on the right when you are level with some telegraph poles. Cross bridge into another pasture and go ahead into an enclosed path between houses to reach the main street in Wissett.

Turn left and walk through the village passing the Plough P.M. (refreshments served all day) and Bunting's Lane on your left. Soon after, at the entrance to Bond's Farm, turn left up a good track. Near the top pass a barn on your right and, when you reach Thyme Cottage, bear left over a footbridge into a field. Turn right up a field-edge path (hedge on right) and continue ahead to pass through a gap in the hedge into another field. Turn left then immediately right and follow a field-edge path (hedge on left) to reach a lane. Turn right and then left into the drive to Halleluia Cottage.

Take a path to right across the meadow at about a 15° angle and head for a waymarked gap in the hedge ahead. Go through this small pasture to the waymarker ahead, then into another field continuing in the same direction. Cross the bridge over the stream and clamber up some steps into an arable field. Strike across this aiming to the left of the house ahead near the trees. Enter a clearing next to a wood and go ahead into the churchyard and back to your starting point.

If you have time St Peter's Church, Spexhall, is worth a visit. The Norman round tower collapsed in 1720 and was rebuilt in 1910. The church has some interesting buttresses, one of which protects the 14th-century priest's door on the south wall.

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## Spexhall and Wissett 4.5 Miles - Halesworth - 9 Spexhall, Village Hall



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# Waveney Ramblers    Halesworth 10    St James St Cross and South Elmham

OS Map: X 230, 231    Track: [TM 31990 81042](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.25 Miles    Updated: 2018

Start the walk from the village hall car park at St James South Elmham. Turn left out of the car park entrance, then right along the main street. After 20 yards turn right into an enclosed footpath. Keep ahead (ignore footpath on right) and when you reach the end of the churchyard on your left, turn left into an enclosed, grassy path. When you reach the road, cross and take footpath opposite into a meadow. Follow the left-hand hedge across the field (farm on left), then through a gap in the hedge into the next field. Keep ahead ignoring all paths to left and right and, when you reach a cross-hedge, cross a bridge and turn right along a headland path. Go through a five-bar gate into a meadow, following the hedge (left) around to where the field narrows. Then cross over and walk parallel to the right-hand hedge. Go through a metal gate and pass the thatched Eel's Foot house on right to reach a road.

At the T-junction turn left, pass Church Farm (right) and when you reach Old Hall Farm/Watermeadow on right, turn right onto the signed, gravel drive. Bear left at the fork and continue in front of the house and pond on your right. Keep ahead on track (hedge left) and when you reach two five-bar gates go through and continue ahead between two fishing lakes. Near the end of the left-hand lake, go through a small gate, cross the bridge and turn left onto a grass track (hedge left).

When the hedge ends by a row of poplar trees, go through the small gate on left and cross the grass diagonally to another gate. Cross bridge to reach lane.

Turn right, then left at T-junction signed St Cross and Homersfield. Follow the lane and bear right at South Elmham Hall. About 150 yards after a pair of houses (on left), turn left onto a signed byway and go ahead between hedgerows. When you reach the bottom of the slope, cross over a concrete bridge and immediately turn left over a footbridge into a long, narrow meadow. Keep ahead with hedge on left. Note the old hornbeam trees towards the end of the field. When you reach a cross-hedge, go through a gate in the right-hand corner of the field, ignoring the conservation walks signs on right. Continue ahead into another long meadow (hedge right) with a stream on your left. Ahead of you, well hidden in the trees, are the ruins of the 11th century Saxon Minster, a mysterious and evocative place. You can easily take a short detour, through a marked gate, to see these.

Towards the end of the meadow, bear left over a concrete bridge then turn right through a large gate. Go ahead (stream on right) to the end of the field and, ignoring paths to right and left, go through large, double, wooden gate into another meadow. Pass between two large oak trees ahead and aim for the dilapidated barn (Park Barn) ahead. Pass the barn (right side) and go through a gate and over a footbridge. Turn sharp right and take path around pond and through a hedge. Turn right and follow field-edge path (hedge right). At the field corner go through hedge, over a footbridge and turn right to follow the field-edge path. Bear left at the waymarker sign and the path soon becomes wide and grassy.

When you reach a cross-hedge, turn right along a field-edge path (hedge and telegraph poles on left) and follow this to the left-hand corner of the field. Cross the bridge and stile to enter a meadow. Go left diagonally across this and pass through a gate to reach a road. Turn left and pass the attractive village sign, a Millennium project, on your left. Keep ahead through the village and, when you reach a phone box and bus shelter on your right, turn right into the village hall car park.

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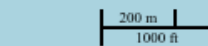
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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 11 Holton and Halesworth

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 39264 79064](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.2 Miles    Updated: 2018

By agreement with the pub, park at the Triple Plea, north of Halesworth.  
There's street parking in Halesworth half a mile south. Head north, then right, east, at the roundabout.

From the pub, head east along Sparrowhawk road.  
The road bends right, south, then left, SE.  
After the Bernard Matthew's factory, turn left, NE, along Scalesbrook Lane, factory left.  
Head past the factore and along a couple of field perimeters, hedge left.  
The terrain opens out and you get a good view of the Holton wind farm.  
Turn right, east, trees right.  
After 500 metres, bear left, NE, turbines left.  
This used to be a concrete road but this has been returned to meadow.  
After 850 metres, the path bends left, NW, briefly.  
Roughly in line with the old WW2 runway, turn right, NE, along the signed footpath.  
Go through a gap and head NW, hedge left.  
At tarmac, kink left and right and head north along Gull Hill.  
After one field, turn left, west, trees right.  
Back at tarmac, turn right, NW. The road bends left, west.  
Cross under the railway and continue west.  
At the crossroads, turn left, south along Butt's Road, a dead end for vehicles.  
The road bends left and ends at a pedestrian and cycle railway crossing. Cross the line.  
Head south still on Butt's Road, a dead end for vehicles.  
At the T-junction turn right, west and soon SW.  
The road bends left, south and passes the Triple Plea.  
Head through the pub garden back to the car park.

If you parked in a Halesworth street, head to the roundabout and then south back towards the town.



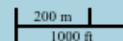
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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 12 Wenhaston and Mells

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 42535 75220](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.5 Miles    Updated:

Park at the playing fields behind the primary school.

Head NW across the sports fields and depart via the footpath in the NW corner. When the paddock ends continue along a field-edge path (hedge right) then, when the path forks, turn right and pass a cottage to reach Bramfield Road. Cross over onto a good field-edge path and continue for half-a-mile to a lane. Cross and continue your direction for quarter-of-a-mile along a field edge. When the path ends, turn right into a meadow and keep left along this and cross stile in left-hand corner (pond left). Go diagonally right across the next meadow, aiming for a clump of trees. Pass to the right of these into another meadow and keep ahead with hedge on right. Go through a large metal gate, pass a path (off right) and follow the hedge around the field edge to reach an awkward stile in the corner near a copse.

Cross stile and keep ahead through wood and go over footbridge into a large field.' Turn right along the field edge (good views of Holton windmill and church in the distance to your right).

When you meet a cross-hedge, turn right over sleeper bridge and take the field-edge path (hedge left) towards a caravan site. Go through a wicket-gate and keep ahead to pass at the left-hand side of the first caravan. Continue to a track, cross and go over a concrete footbridge. Clamber up a slope, through a wooden gate and onto the edge of a golf course.

Keep ahead along the left-hand side of the course (hedge left) and follow the path to reach a lane. Turn left and immediately right along a lane signed Holton. Pass St Margaret's chapel ruins (Mells) on your right, amongst farm building, and go downhill passing Ivy House (left). Cross the bridge over the river Blyth and take the footpath on the right. Pass Holton River Gauging Station and cross stile into meadow.

For the next 1.5 miles you walk through a series of meadows, crossing several stiles, all the time keeping to the right-hand boundary fence that follows the river for much of its course. At the end of this section you reach Blyford Bridge and a road.

Climb the stile here, turn left and pick up the riverside path again, on the opposite side of the bridge. Continue through meadows and go through a kissing gate. Continue along the river bank amidst reeds. Cross a metal/concrete bridge on your right over the river. Go through a metal gate into a meadow. This field can often be boggy. Keep ahead and cross a gated bridge into another meadow. With reeds on your left, continue in the same direction and cross a footbridge into a third meadow. Keep ahead and, before the end of the field, turn left into a narrow meadow. Go diagonally right across this to a large metal gate and small one.

Go through the large gate onto a track, pass a pair of cottages and Low Farm on your right and keep on the track until you reach some newer houses at Blower's Common. Continue ahead south, soon SW to Hall Road. Turn right along Hall road, then left after the printer school to return to the playing fields and car parking.

This walk may be linked to walk number 1.

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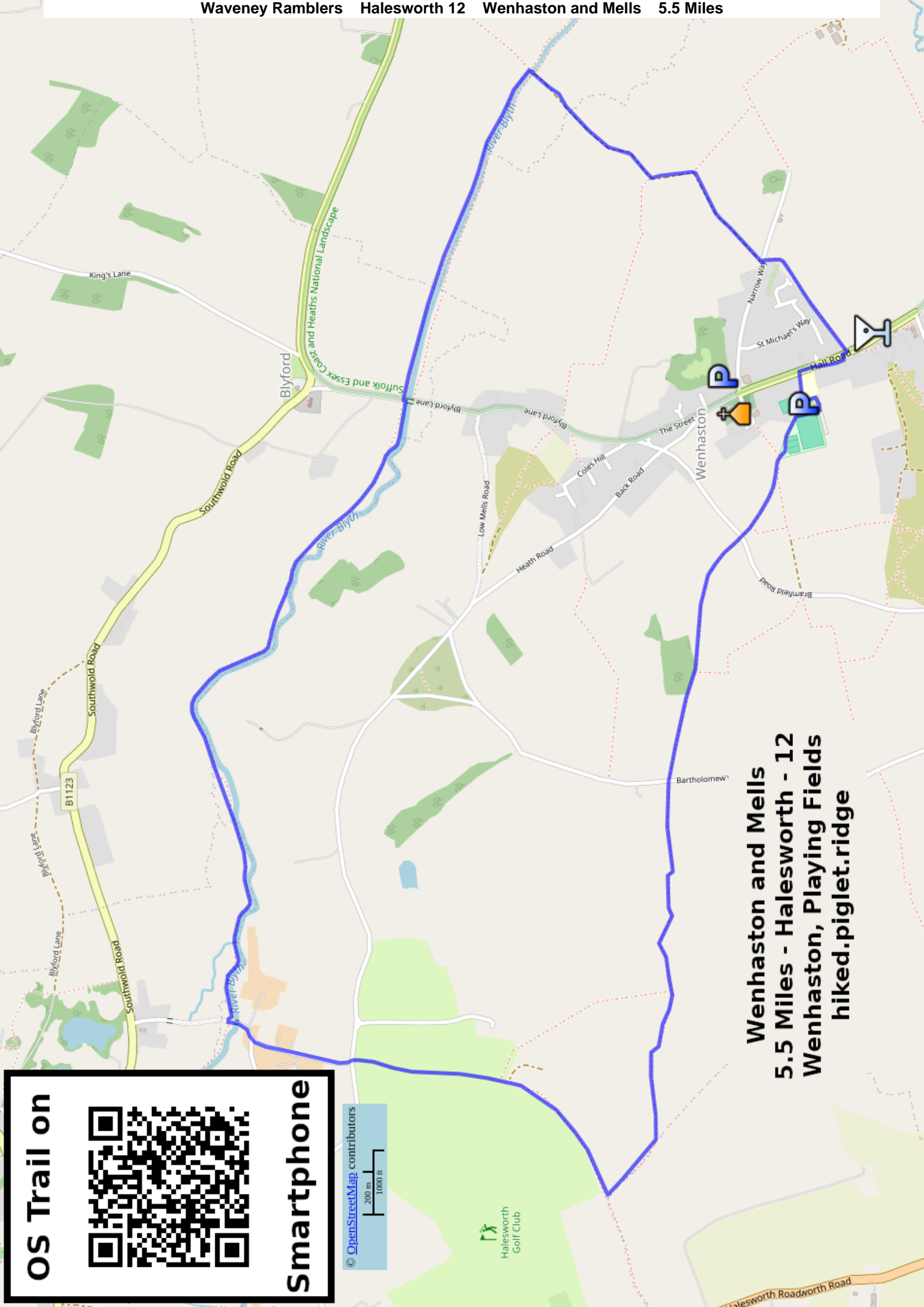
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## Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 13 Westhall

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 40843 81745](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4.1 Miles    Updated:

Start the walk from Westhall village hall car park. Turn left out of the car park and walk along the main street. Pass Lock's Road (left) and, where road forks, bear left along Bacon's Green Road. Follow this quiet lane for about three-quarters of a mile, passing Beacon Farm (right). After the second cross-hedge on your left, turn left into a hedged bridleway, an attractive green lane (Sandy Lane).

Follow this for half-a-mile and, just after a barn and bungalow, turn right at a marked footpath sign onto a good track. When this bears left, go straight ahead on track between hedgerows. When you reach a converted barn (right), turn left through a copse and then right over a footbridge. If the copse is overgrown, skirt left round it and rejoin the path on the right. Continue on field-edge path to road. Ahead of you, in the trees, lies Westhall Church.

Turn right along the lane, pass Downing's House (left) and take footpath left. Keep on the right through the grounds (pond on right) and continue on good track towards the church. At the bottom of the slope, bear right, still on the track. If you wish to visit the church, one of the best in Suffolk for exploring a variety of architectural styles over many centuries, turn left over the large sleeper bridge.

Continue ahead on the grassy track (hedge/stream on left), which soon narrows to a field-edge path. Maintain the same direction as you pass along the left-hand edge of five fields.

When you reach a lane, cross over onto a path through a wood. Keep ahead and continue your direction onto a field-edge path (ignore bridleway to right). Bear right around a pond and continue to a lane. Turn right and, after about 250 yards, take the narrow, enclosed footpath (right) to the left of the sewage works. At the end of the fence keep ahead (hedge left) to reach a fork of footpaths at the end of the hedgerow.

Take the left-hand path, diagonally across an arable field, to some tall trees ahead. Turn right along a short field-edge path (hedge left) and pass through a gate to the left of some bungalows. Follow the tarmac path to the road and turn left along the main street and back to the village car park.

Refreshments: The Racehorse P.H. (check to see if it has re-opened) and at Tony's Stores just beyond the pub.

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# Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 14 Wissett and Chediston

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 36558 79325](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.4 Miles    Updated:

There are three very similar walks. 4.5, 5.24 and 5.32 Miles.

This text is for the longest walk.

Head south from the Wissett village car park and cross the meadow.  
Turn right along Lodge Lane and after the left bend, head SW.  
After 0.8 km, for the shortest walk, turn left, east, soon SE towards the Photovoltaic farm.  
For the longer walks, continue straight along Wissett Road, south, soon SW.  
In Chediston, at the T junction, go left, east. The road bends right, south.  
Opposite the Church access lane, turn left, east, along a footpath.  
The right of way cuts across two meadows. There are four kissing gates.  
Head east across an open field. The path merges with a farm track.  
Head to the farm buildings and, at the pond, follow the lane right, SE for 250 metres.  
Turn left, roughly east for 500 metres.  
For the longest walk, turn left, north. After 300 metres, the shortest walk merges.  
Continue ahead, north, soon NE and head to Mill Road.  
Turn left, NW, along Mill Road for 360 metres.  
Turn right, NE, along the narrow path, fence right, (not the wide track).  
Head past a Christmas tree plantation.  
At the Beck, turn right, SE, stream left.  
Cross the stream and head NE to Halesworth Road.  
Turn right, east, along Halesworth Road for 200 metres.  
The third route rejoins here.  
Head north, uphill, into fields. The path zigzags and follows the field perimeters.  
Zigzag L, R, L, R, L, R to Bleach Farm. At the lane, turn left, NW.  
Take any of the three paths, left, to drop down to Halesworth Road and The Street.  
The Wissett Plough was closed at the time of writing.  
Head NE along The Street.  
Optionally cross the Beck to go via the Church grounds.  
Return to the car park.

# Wissett and Chediston 5.4 Miles - Halesworth - 14 Wissett, St. Andrews Church sidelined.love.proposals



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# Rural Rambles Round Halesworth

