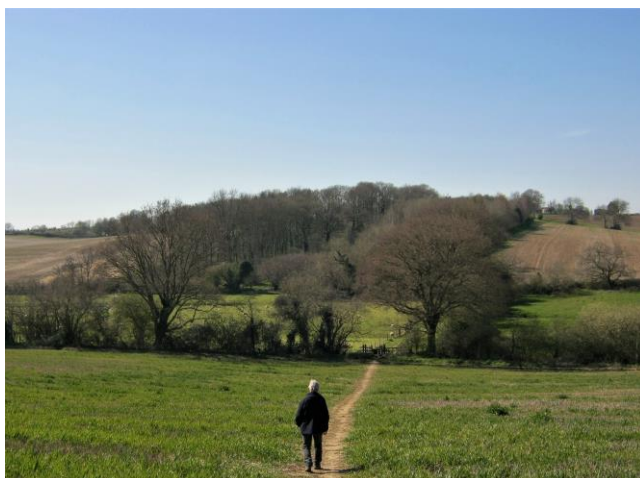


Bures Walks 1: Bures to Arger Fen Round Walk – about 8k



Leave the village via the bottom of Cuckoo Hill. Pass Pilgrims Garage, the Almshouses and the cemetery entrance, and take a signed footpath left. This follows the field side (hedge on right) for a few yards before bearing left across a large field. The track ahead is NOT a public right-of-way.

After rising to the skyline in the centre of the field follow the same line towards some trees. On reaching them take the path onto the road, which you cross. Enter a paddock with lovely views, wall on your left. At wall end bear left, go through gate into next paddock and bear slightly right to a kissing gate on the far side.

Emerge onto a track, turn right and go downhill past Moat Farm. At the end of Moat Farm garden turn left. After a couple of hundred yards go through gap towards a small lake. Continue with the lake on your left. A good way beyond the lake, where there is a waymark, take the bridge across the stream (there are earlier bridges, but ignore those). Turn left with hedge on left and continue through fields, ignoring more minor bridges until you get to an obvious public footbridge. Cross to next field.

Turn right after crossing the bridge and continue with hedge on right until you get to a minor road. Turn right onto the road and use the footbridge to bypass the ford. Continue uphill.

At top of hill, just before car parking area, take the small gate on your left into Arger Fen. Follow the path downhill and at bottom bear left to cross a wooden walkway. Go up steps ahead. On hilltop take the right-hand path (though to extend walk you can wander further into the woodland).

If you have taken the right-hand path as suggested, follow it until it meets a woodland track. Turn left and very soon you will find a gate on your right leading into a field. Turn right along the field edge and walk with Arger Fen woodland on your right until the next gate where you turn right through a garden. Leave house on left and join drive to road.

Turn left onto road. After passing some ramshackle barns on your right take a track to the right. Follow this to a hill brow with magnificent, wide-sweeping views. There is a useful bench here.

When rested, turn right along field side, and quite soon turn left where waymarked. Follow path across field and down hill to a stile. Cross stile and continue ahead to footbridge and further stile.

Walk ahead, uphill, until the path reaches a gravel track. To the left are St. Stephen's Chapel and great views of the Bures Dragon, both worth a visit.

Rejoining the track continue ahead through Fysh House Farm to the road. Turn left and join the track ahead which leads along Windwhistle Ridge. Turn immediately right onto a permissive path which follows the bank above Cuckoo Hill. Great views again. This path brings you back into the village at Friends Field.

If you find any of these directions inaccurate, or encounter any problems, please let me know at hughturner447@gmail.com. Thank you.