

## Bures Walks 7: A Gentle Stroll around Bures St Mary – about 3k



From the Community Centre car park follow the tarmac path to the Millennium Bridge. Don't cross the bridge, but turn left along the riverbank, river to your right. Follow this permissive field-edge path until you reach a kissing gate with footpath fingerposts. Pass through the gate and turn left on a lane.

Cross Nayland Road into Claypits Avenue. Very soon you will see a gate / footbridge leading right into a field. Go through and follow the permissive field-side path uphill to your left. At the top of the hill you can explore the small but beautiful Community Wood and enjoy the views from the benches.

Leave the wood by the short downhill path leading towards the top of Tawneys Ride. This comes out on a track leading up to Windwhistle Ridge, but only follow this track for a few yards before turning left onto another permissive path which runs above Tawneys Ride and Pikes Marsh, hedge on left.

Just before the path bends right to climb Cuckoo Hill, turn left down a grass slope into Friends Field. Turn right onto the road, and right again onto Cuckoo Hill opposite Pilgrims Garage.

Go uphill past the almshouses, and then turn left into the cemetery. Pause to admire the magnificent redwoods at the top of the cemetery hill.



Bear right by the redwoods, and

then turn left by the cemetery shed. Follow the path along a wall and down steps into St. Edmund's Lane.

Cross the lane, diagonally left, to join a footpath which you follow downhill. This joins Sudbury Road opposite Croft End Cottage. Cross with care, this can be a busy road and has a blind bend. Turn right towards Sudbury, and immediately beyond the lower end of the cottage garden turn sharp left, through a kissing gate, into a narrow path between hedges. Don't miss Bures's other dragon!

This path emerges into The Croft, which is followed to the High Street where turning right will bring you to the church. Just beyond the church turn left into Wharf Lane which leads into the sports ground. Cross, veering left beyond the tennis courts, to return to the start of this walk.

**If you find any of these directions inaccurate, or encounter any problems, please let me know at [hughturner447@gmail.com](mailto:hughturner447@gmail.com). Thank you.**