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.

