## Waveney Ramblers 0 Scole and Billingford

OS Map: X 230 Track: **TM 14769 78637 GPX for SatNav** 8.3 Miles Updated: 2021-08-12

Approaching from the village centre, park at the southern end of Bridge Road, Scole.

Head NE along Bridge Road. Turn right. east, along Bungay Road.

After 500 metres, turn left, NE, onto the footpath for 80 metres.

Turn right, east, along the footpath.

After 600 metres pass the ruins of St Mary's church, left.

Ignore the left bend and continue ahead on a track to Hall Farm.

At Norgate Lane, turn left and right and continue east towards Hall Farm.

Continue east after Hall Farm. Turn right, south along Kiln Lane.

Cross the A143 and turn left, east, along the lay-by.

After 160 metres, turn right, south, pumping station left.

Drop down to the Waveney and head left, SE, river right.

At The Crotch, right, the river Dove joins the Waveney.

Stay close to the river and turn right into a meadow used by wild swimmers.

This is 3 miles into the walk and pleasant for a short break.

At the weir, cross the river into Suffolk and follow the Mid Suffolk path south.

At the B1118, turn right, west, and head to the church (St Peter and St Paul).

Visit the church, then head south down Church Hill to the village centre.

Head south passing the Swan, Hoxne.

Cross the Gold Brook. Head along Low Street, then right, SW, into Eye Road.

After 400 metres, turn right, off Eye Road and head north, hedge right.

The path bends left, NW and soon left, SW through poplar woods.

The woodland path bends right and crosses the River Dove. Continue west.

The path becomes a track and soon a tarmac lane.

Bend left, SW, and join Upper Oakley (road).

Turn right, NW, along Oakley Church Lane.

St Nicholas, Oakley church has seats and would make a good picnic stop.

Head east away from the church. After the lych gate, turn right, south.

Follow the footpath back to Upper Oakley and head SW through the village.

Turn right into Buck Lane and immediately left, NW, parallel with The Street.

This is a good permissive path avoiding the tarmac.

Turn right, north along a wide farm track, reservoirs left.

Head north through Warrenhill Farm.

Cross the B1118 with a right/left kink. Continue north.

Cross the A143. At busy times divert via the safer roundabout islands.

Head NE into Scole Pocket Park.

Cross Scole Bridge to return to the parking area.

The Crossways and Scole Inn are handy for refreshments.

