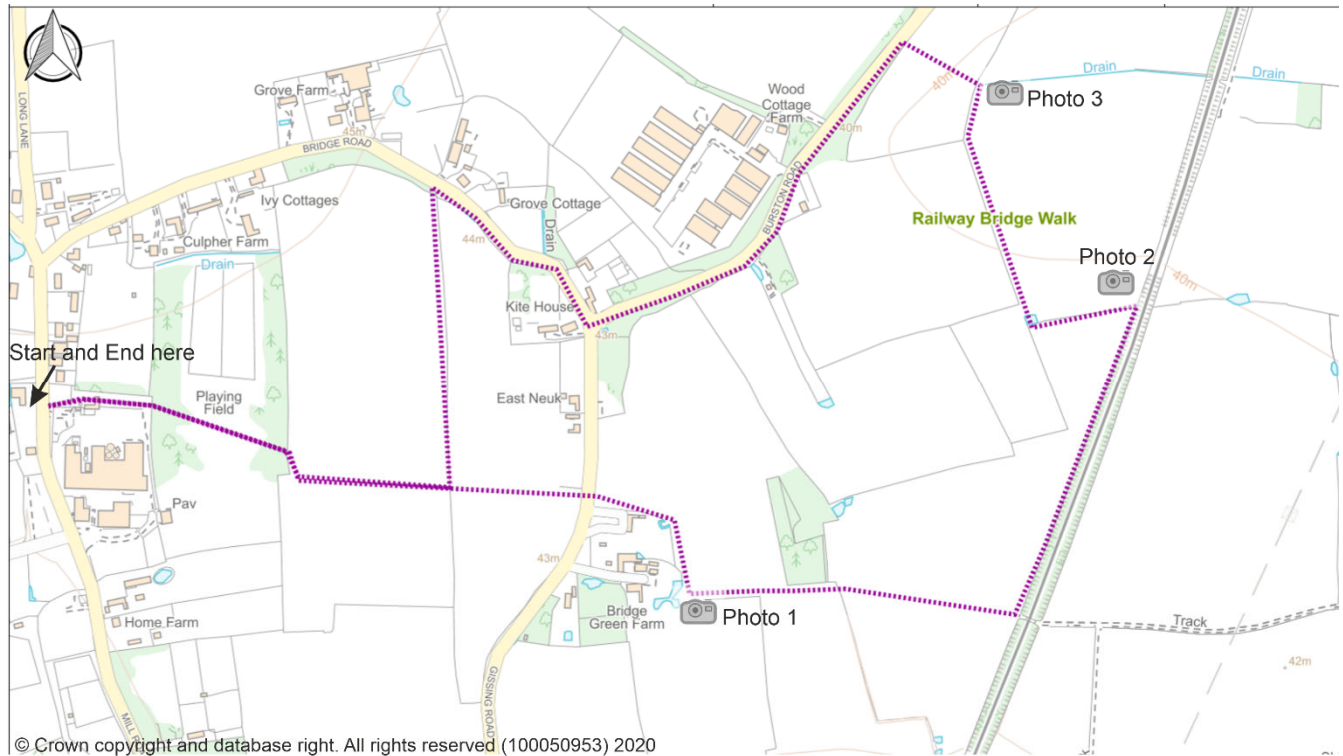


Burston and Shimpling – Parish Walks

Railway bridge walk 3.5KM/2M (approx.) - OS Explorer Map 230

This walk takes you across open fields from Mill Green towards Shimpling before turning towards Gissing and then finally returning to Mill Road. Start at grid reference TM 134839.



Start at the footpath opposite the carpark at The Space Wellbeing Centre on Mill Road by a NCC fingerpost. Follow this treelined footpath with an open field to the left and the ForFarmers Mill on the right.

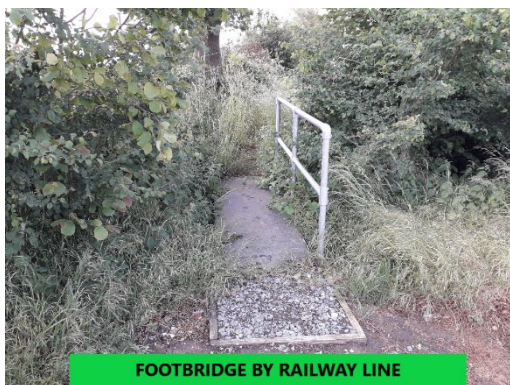
Continue through the woods and then out into the open meadow that forms the wildlife area behind the Mill. The footpath heads diagonally across the meadow to another wooded area before crossing a footbridge into a crop field. The path across the field is quite well defined and leads across two fields to meet the road from Burston to Gissing.

Cross this road and head into the crop field, following the righthand boundary around the back of two residential gardens. At a junction with another field turn left to walk east again with a field hedge to your right and a wooded area ahead to the left.

Follow this path past the wooded area to a foot bridge across a ditch and then across the crop field aiming for the railway bridge in the distance.

Don't cross the railway bridge but turn left (north) to follow the path between the railway fence on your right and a crop field on your left.





After approximately 500m cross a footbridge between a hedge and the railway fence and then turn immediately left to walk along the field edge and the hedge.

After approximately 300m you come to a ditch, turn right and follow the path around the same field but now heading north east aiming for a gap between two large trees in the distance.

After approximately 500m at the large gap between the trees follow the well-defined track left through the crops to meet up with the road between Burston and Gissing (Burston Road).

Turn left on to the road and follow this past Wood Cottage Farm on your right and Three Bears Cottage on your left.



At the junction of Burston Road and Bridge Road turn right into Bridge Road and follow this as it twists past a large thatched cottage (Grove Cottage) to Greenfields Farm.

Here there are two options, either continue along Bridge Road until it joins Mill Road/Hall Road, turning left here to return to the starting point at The Space.

Alternatively, at the main entrance to Greenfields Farm take the footpath signposted left across a footbridge onto a path between a crop field and a hedge. This re-joins the outward path from the wooded paddocks behind the ForFarmers Mill where you simply retrace your tracks back to the starting point, maybe taking a small diversion through the woods which run either side of the central meadow area.

If you are following this walk on the parish council's website there are photos showing parts of the walk plus a sketch map showing the route to follow.

Happy walking and don't forget keep to the footpaths, don't pick any wildflowers and clear up after your dog, others will follow you and want to enjoy the countryside as hopefully you have done.