

Start point	St John the Baptist, Church Street, Harleston Grid reference TM246833
Parking	Car park behind church
Distance	3.2 miles
Details	moderate gradient, 20% soft 

Walk instructions

With your back to the church, turn right along Broad Street. Keep right and walk along Redenhall Road, crossing to use the pavement on the left. Follow Redenhall Road out of Harleston towards Redenhall, pass the poplar trees and turn left down the hill into Lushbush.

Turn left at the T-junction, cross the bridge over the stream and turn right on the public footpath up the hill. Walk up this field edge path keeping the trees on your right.

Turn right on reaching the road and after a short distance turn left onto the public footpath just after and adjacent to the drive to a house.

Walk on this wide grass field margin towards and then beside Gawdyhall Wood. After a short distance turn right at the way marker post to cross the field over the hill down to the road, emerging opposite the junction.

Turn right at the road (Church Lane). Look out for the small wooden memorial to a World War One plane crash on the right just before Church Lane Cottages. Turn first right and follow the road over the hill, continuing ahead at the crossroads.

Bear left at the junction and walk up Station Hill and continue along Station Road.

Turn right at the end, cross where possible and return to the start point.

- Dog roses scramble through the hedgerows



- The walk passes close to Gawdyhall Big Wood, an undisturbed Site of Special Scientific Interest. Whilst there is no public access, the footpath is adjacent to it for a short distance and the large wood is visible from many country roads all around. Please keep dogs on leads to avoid disturbance to wildlife. Have a look on the Gawdyhall Estate website www.gawdyhallestates.co.uk, not just for the history of Gawdyhall, but also for interesting agricultural information - helpful in recognizing crops and for understanding modern farming practices.

This farmland walk is particularly enjoyable during the drier summer months.



- In 1813 Mary Turrel was buried in Lushbush having poisoned herself during investigations into the murder of an infant found in a pond. It is said that 'A vast concourse of people assembled to watch the stake being driven through her heart', and that this stake then grew into Lush's Bush, which gives the area its name (Lushbush pictured above).
- When walking along Church Lane look out for a small wooden memorial just before Church Lane Cottages marking the site of a World War One plane crash. On the 20th of July 1917 J. Philips, a Canadian pilot, was killed here.



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