


Start point	St John the Baptist, Church Street, Harleston Grid reference TM246833
Parking	Car park behind church
Distance	2.8 miles
Details	Steep gradients, 20% soft 

Walk instructions

Start with your back to the church, turn left and walk to the Market Place. Turn left at the end onto The Thoroughfare, cross the road and turn first right into Recreation Walk. Turn right in the recreation ground and leave via the steps in the corner (opposite the library).

Cross Swan Lane into Weavers Croft opposite and follow this to the T-junction at the end. Turn left, cross the road into Bunn's Lane opposite.

At the end of Bunn's Lane turn right and walk down the hill.

At the junction, if you wish to visit St Margaret's Church continue ahead over the bridge and straight up the road to the church ahead via the lych-gate; return the same way then turn second left into The Street.

If you don't wish to visit the church turn first right into The Street.



At the end of the pavement turn right onto the public footpath just after passing The Rectory. Ignore the track on the left but keep right on the grass path up the steep hill, go around the corner and continue with the hedge on your right. Cross the dismantled railway line, then the bridge over the ditch and continue beside another field up the hill to Bunn's Lane.

Turn left onto Bunn's Lane and at the end cross the road into Weavers Croft. Pass Herolf

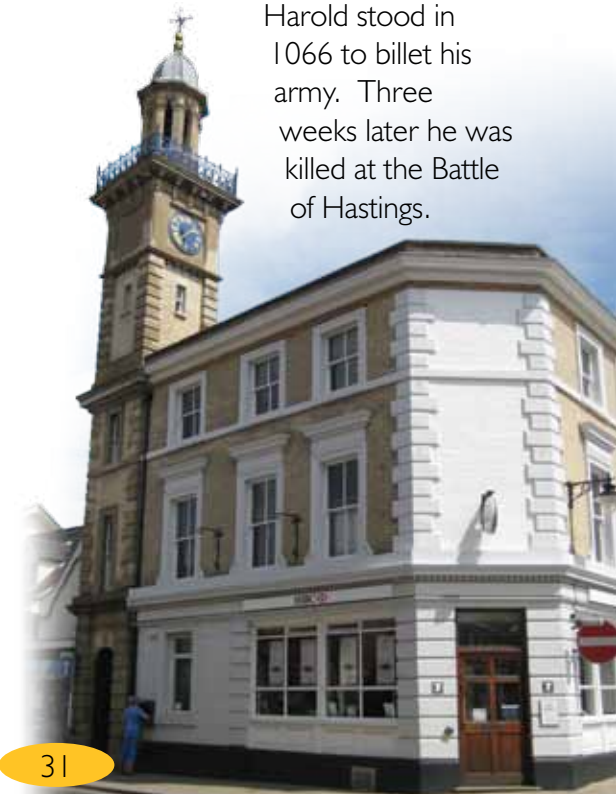
Way and Pilgrim's Way and bear left as the road bends to the right onto the tarmac pathway (between houses numbers 11 and 13). Follow this pathway to the end.

Turn right at the end onto Station Road and right again into Broad Street. Cross the road and return to the church start point.



- Harleston with Redenhall has a well preserved historic centre with over 130 listed buildings. For example, The Swan Hotel is a 16th or 17th century timber framed inn with a carriage arch through the middle, now disguised with an 18th century brick skin. Visit Harleston museum in King Georges Hall to find out more about the town.

- Although it is possible that the name Harleston derives from the Old English name Heoruwulf, a local legend states the name is actually derived from Harold's Stone, a roughly rectangular rock in a pedestrian walkway between The Thoroughfare and Church Street. It is said that this is the stone on which Harold stood in 1066 to billet his army. Three weeks later he was killed at the Battle of Hastings.



Quiet rural walk out of the town; at one point no houses or roads are visible, just fields, hedges and lots of sky!

- Look out for house sparrows in Harleston; noisy, gregarious and cheerful opportunists. Sparrow populations have fluctuated greatly over the centuries, with a gradual decline in the last 100 years. One theory is that a change from horse drawn vehicles caused a major drop in the population in cities due to a removal of an important food source – the cereal fed to horses. In towns lack of food and nesting sites continue to cause decline and it is now listed as a species of high conservation concern.



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- Detour
- Parking **P**
- Church

1/2km
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- Sparrow
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