

Follow the footpath past the Silk Mill (K), along Chequers Lane to join Brook Street. The Silk Mill was built in 1824, continuing Glemsford's traditional involvement in the textile industry. Some of the recent royal wedding dresses started their lives here.



COTTAGES IN CHEQUERS LANE

Cross Brook Street diagonally to join a footpath on your right. Follow the headland path to Shepherds Lane.

Follow the lane left. Eventually, you will reach a short length of flint wall (L). This was part of the Ruggles-brise family farm mentioned in 1841 tithe map. The family now reside at Spains Hall, Finghing field. The school at the end of this lane is now a listed building.

Turn right at the end of Sheperds lane to return to Tye Green. You will pass a large timber house called 'Peverells' (M), built in 1495 for a wool merchant at the height of the wealth of 'Old Draperies'. The house was later divided into 3 separate dwellings. It was only restored to one last house in the late 20 century. From Tye green, continue to the village hall to complete the circular walk.



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### Countryside Code – Advice for the Public

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



### Information

#### Buses

A regular bus service operates between Sudbury and Glemsford. For a timetable contact Traveline East Anglia Public Transport Information on: 0870 6082608

#### Refreshments

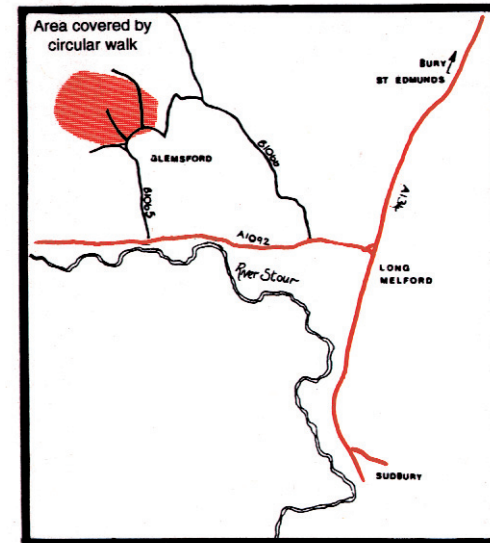
There are public houses, shops a post office and bakery in the village.

#### Footwear

Sturdy, waterproof footwear is recommended.

#### Maps

This leaflet can be used in conjunction with Ordnance Survey Explorer 196 1:25,000 Sudbury, Hadleigh and Dedham Vale.

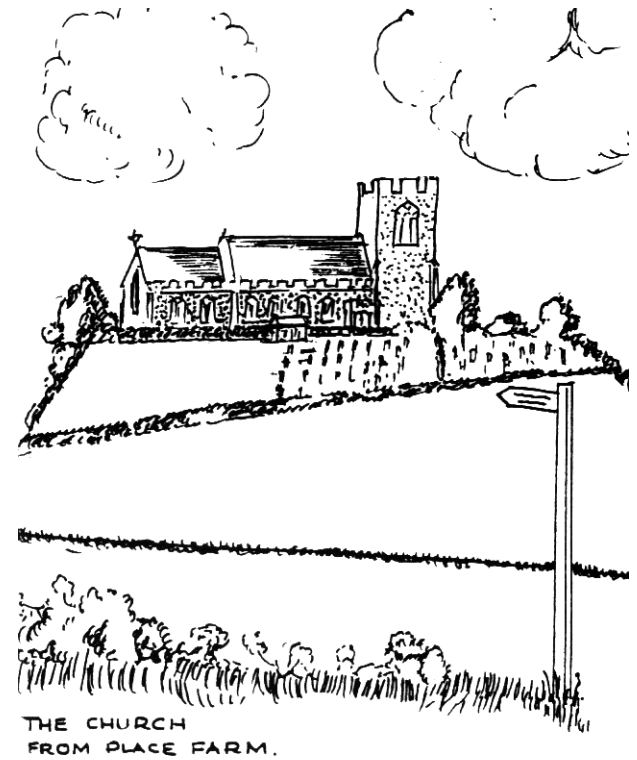


Drawings and map by Ron Redman, November 1993.

## Countryside Walks in the Stour Valley




# Glemsford



Most of the walk follows fairly flat ground with only two sections of steep gradients.

This attractive walk follows public rights of way, lanes and tracks in the parish of Glemsford. It passes through open farmland with panoramic views of the Suffolk Countryside. On the route there are many features of interest, including , several Tudor houses built when Glemsford was a booming wool town in the fifteenth century.

-  The Walk
-  Other Rights of Way
-  Permissive Path



The walk is waymarked at gates, stiles and major changes of direction. Look for green disks with yellow arrows bearing the circular walk logo.

The route is described in a clockwise direction from the village hall (A), through the walk can be joined at other points and may be followed in either direction.



Turn left out of the village hall car park (A) and follow the road across Tye Green into Cavendish Lane. Turn left and at the end of the paling fence turn right along the field edge to join a footpath. When the hedgeline turns continue straight ahead across the open field, aiming for the corner of the hedge opposite. Continue along the headland with the hedge on your left as far as a sleeper bridge on your left. Cross the bridge and walk to New Street. Bear right to a thatched cottage. The route continues ahead along a gravel track to New Street Farm (B). Samuel Biggs farmed here in the 18 century. He died a rich man, with wheat and pease in the barn and stack and twenty five sacks of corn in his bedroom!

Continue on the track. A little further along, on your right is the site of the lost farmstead of 'Jacksens' (C), the masonry from which can still be seen in the field. At the edge of the track pass through a gap in the hedge and follow the headland to a deep ditch. Turn left, on the permissive path continuing along the farm headland until you meet a farm track. Follow this right down into the valley. In spring time look for primroses, cowslips and dog's mercury which all grow in profusion on the banks of the ditch (D).

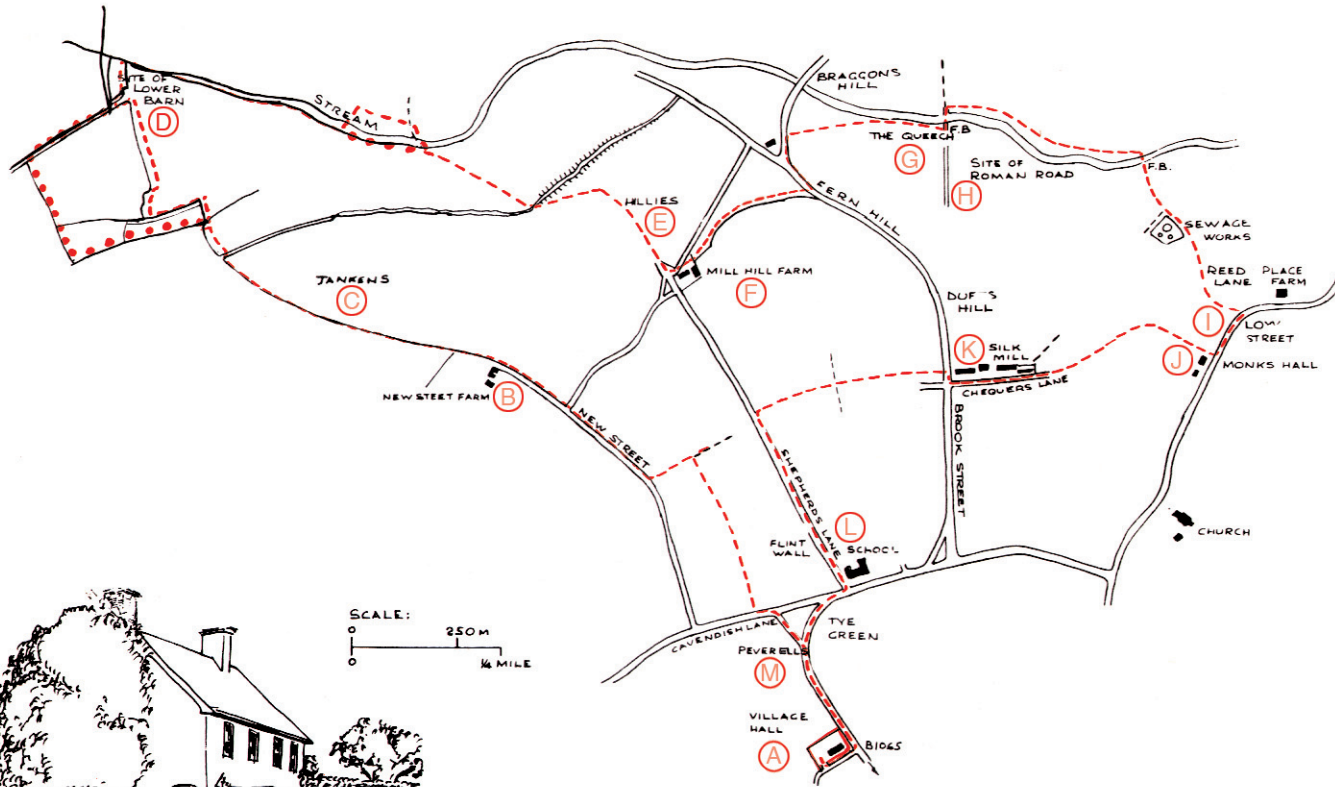
At the stream turn right and follow the field headland with the stream on your left. Cross the plank bridge and, soon after bear right to follow a steep uphill track.

And soon after bear right to follow a steep uphill track (known as 'Hilly's or 'hillies' (E) to Mill Hill Farm (F), formerly the home of the Goodchilds, who were involved in the agricultural labourers dispute in 1875. On reaching the farmyard turn left across the yard to a stile into a meadow. Follow the hedgeline down the lane at Fern Hill. Turn left, then right at the road junction towards Braggons Hill. Almost immediately take the stile, on your right opposite the thatched cottage.

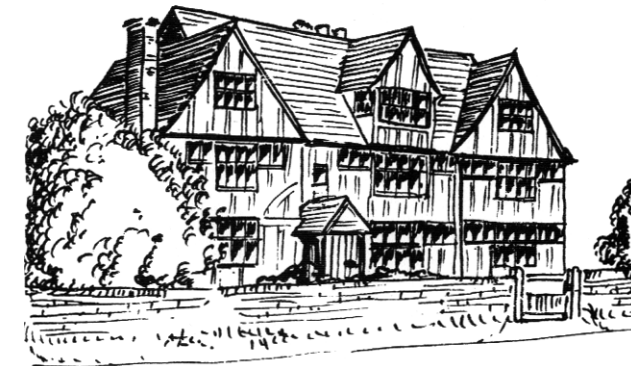
Now follow the path along the valley bottom. This area is known locally as 'the queech' (G), an old Suffolk word meaning an irregular shaped field, usually awkward to cultivate. On joining a farm track bear left over a bridge and immediately right along another track. The North/ south farm track you have just crossed is the line of a Roman Road (H). Follow the track until you see a foot bridge. Turn right to follow the path past sewage beds in Reed Lane to join the road.

Turn right and proceed a short way along Low Street towards Glemsford Church (I). The church was built in the late 14 and 15 centuries in the style known as 'Perpendicular' Financed by local wealth derived from the booming cloth making industry.

Turn right onto the footpath just before Monks Hall (J). A fine old timber framed building, home of Ambrose and Christine Kerrington in 1614. The Kerringtons were a very wealthy family who made their money in brewing and merchant shipping, owning premises at Wapping in London..



MILL HILL FARM



MONKS HALL