

Great Massingham is 10 miles North of Swaffham, just to the East of the A1065. There is plenty of parking space around the pretty green, and with seats around the large pond it is ideal for picnics. There is a Public House and a small shop facing each other across the green.

---

Leave the green and the village with the pond on your left, going towards Harpley. Continue to the little square brick Fire Station where you take the turning on the right (Rudham Road) just before it. At a sharp right hand bend in the road, go straight ahead into a narrow lane. At the crossroads go straight across and continue to the next junction. Turn left and continue through Harpley village and up to the A148.

Go carefully straight across into the lane opposite, ignore the lane on the left and continue down the straight avenue to the gates of Houghton Hall. Turn right here and follow the estate fence to where it meets a little lane. Turn left, still following the fence, straight across the crossroads at North Pole Farm and continue to the next junction. Turn right here and go down the lane, usually populated on the left by hundreds of 'porkers'. If you arrive at the right time there are hundreds of little pink piglets! Continue down here until you arrive at the village of East Rudham, with the 'Cat and Fiddle pub on your right

. Turn right here for a short distance, then turn left (signed West Raynham) and continue for a short distance until you see a little triangular green. Turn left just before the green (Broomsthorpe Road) and keeping to the main track, follow this lane through the houses and out of the village. At the end of the speed restriction the lane bears round to the right and soon after you meet a lane coming in from your left. Continue straight ahead until you arrive at the next junction and turn left for Tatterford.

Passing the fish ponds and crossing a stream continue on the main track to where the lane swerves to the right. Go straight ahead into the smaller (Dunton) lane and, continue to the next junction where you turn left. Soon after this take the turning on the right and shortly after passing the farmhouse turn right again at the junction. This leads you over a bridge crossing the River Wensum and bears round to the left. Where the lane meets another, bear left and continue to the ancient church of Saint Nicholas and, just around the bend, the little hamlet of Shereford.

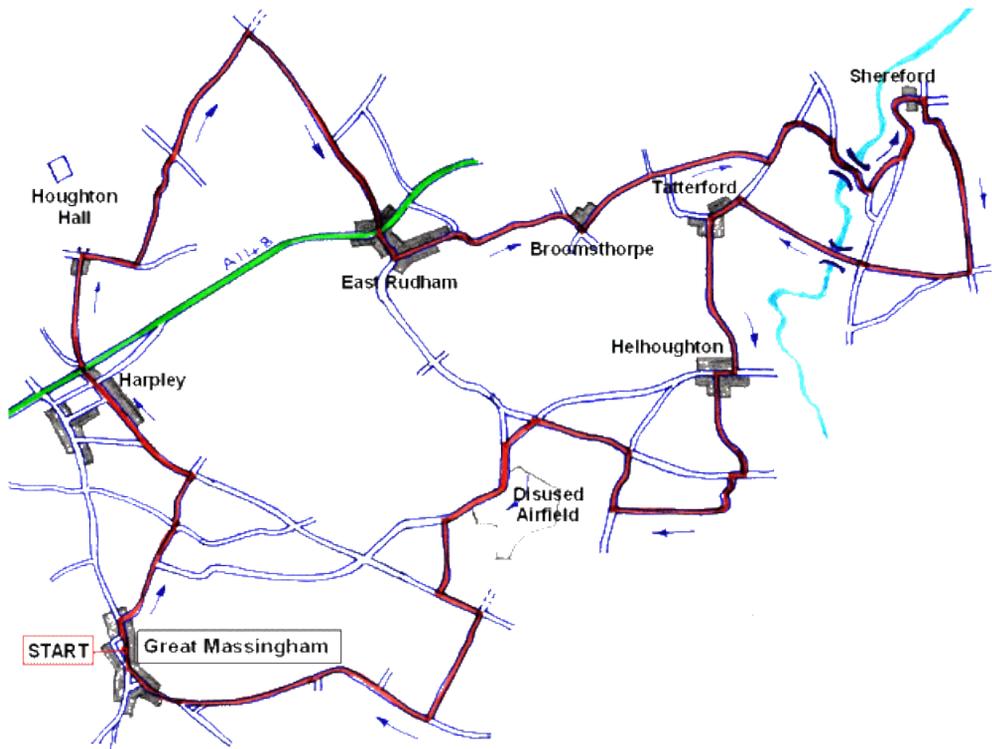
Turn right at the crossroads at the end of the houses, and carry on, round the bends and up to the next crossroads. Turn right here and then in about 150 yards go across and into the road on the right. Continue along this pretty lane to where it starts to descend into the river valley, go straight ahead at the crossroads and soon after passing farm buildings you recross the Wensum and climb out of the valley.

Continue to the next junction and turn left into the village of Tatterford. At the end of the village where the road forks, take the smaller road to the left, signposted Helhoughton. This takes you over the little river Tat and through the woods of Tatterford and Helhoughton Common and brings you to the crossroads at Helhoughton.

Turn RIGHT here and continue to a turning signposted West Raynham. Turn LEFT here to where the main lane suddenly goes sharp left, where you turn right into a smaller lane. After a short distance you will see houses across the field to the left, and you take the next left turn, signposted West Raynham, which takes you through the houses and up to a junction.

Turn right here, passing a small water tower and continue to the next junction by the disused airfield. Turn right, and soon after the end of the airfield turn left at the crossroads. Continue to the next junction where you turn left and shortly left again which brings you to the main gates of the airfield. Here the road veers sharp RIGHT and takes you across West Rudham Common.

At a bend in the road turn left, and with Kipton Heath on your right, continue to the next junction. Turn left here and then at a slight bend in the road take the turning on the right. Follow this to the next crossroads and turn right, continuing along for about 2½ miles, returning you to Great Massingham.



Web design and PDF file © Brian Elliott