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SOUTHWOLD**KING'S HEAD** Tel: 01394 387750
17 Market Street, Woodbridge, IP12 4LX

Location: Town	Restaurant/dining room	Yes
Garden/courtyard	Bar meals	Yes
Children welcome	Accommodation	-
Disabled access	Dogs welcome	Yes
Parking available	Credit cards welcome	Yes

CHERRY TREE Tel: 01394 382513
73 Cumberland Street, Woodbridge, IP12 4AG

Location: Town	Restaurant/dining room	Yes
Garden/courtyard	Bar meals	Yes
Children welcome	Accommodation	Yes
Disabled access	Dogs welcome	Yes
Parking available	Credit cards welcome	Yes



Cherry Tree

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"Adnams has been proud to work with Suffolk Coast and Heaths for many years on a variety of projects. We are based in Southwold, just inside the AONB and it is with this beautiful location in mind, that we have great respect for the built, social and natural environment around us. Over several years we have been working hard to make our impact on the environment a positive one, please visit our website to discover some of the things we've been up to.

We often talk about that "ah, that's better" moment and what better way to celebrate that, than walking one of these routes and stopping off at an Adnams pub for some well-earned refreshment.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the walks (and the pubs!), please upload your comments and photos to our website adnams.co.uk."

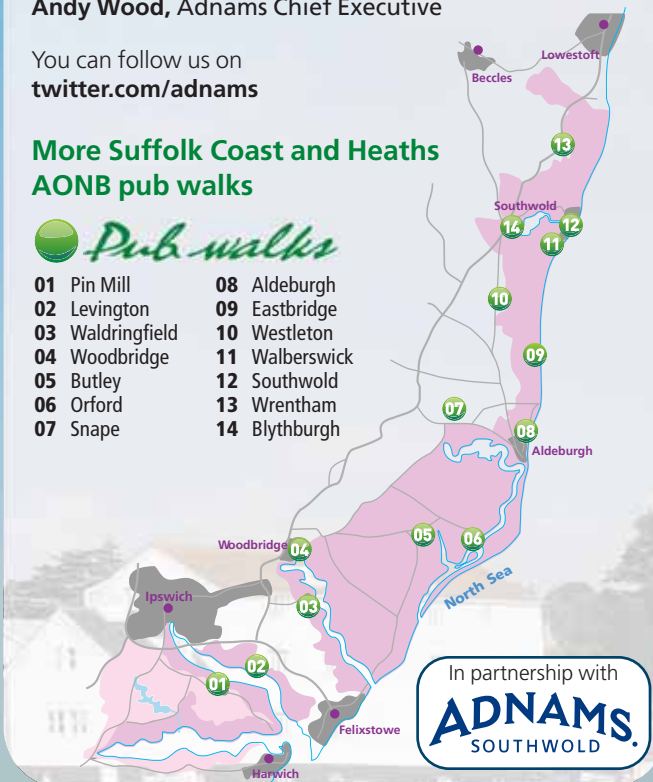
Andy Wood, Adnams Chief Executive

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Woodbridge Route overview

These walks both begin and end at Woodbridge Station, and take in the two Adnams pubs, the King's Head and the Cherry Tree.

One is a smaller loop within the other, so if you start out with good intentions but get distracted, you can opt for the short cut. The routes head upstream along the river wall, but where the short route heads back through the town, the longer walk takes in the neighbouring village of Melton. They meet up again at the King's Head, then return via the Cherry Tree to the station.

There are some hazards to take in: railway and road crossings in particular. Ferry Quay and the Granary Yacht Harbour are working

Further information

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boatyard areas. High tides occasionally cover Ferry Quay, but not normally for more than about 30 mins, and you will be able to see this from the station footbridge. The paths are nearly all well-surfaced and can all be negotiated with buggies, given a bit of determination.

Dogs can be exercised off the lead on Melton and Kingston playing fields. There are no livestock or open countryside areas on either walk, but dogs must be under control on public footpaths. This is a very well-used area, so please tidy up after your dog.

Woodbridge walks

Short walk – 2 miles/3.2 km

Long walk – 3.75 miles/6.0 km

Both walks 1 and 2 start off following the same route: From station car park cross railway by footbridge ①. Turn left and follow path around edge of Ferry Quay ② past houseboats and crane.

The brick-built warehouses of **Ferry Quay** date from the 18th century, but Woodbridge was a thriving port from the 15th century, taking part in the wool trade, and growing as a market centre. Salt was produced too: the **pans** were where the trains now run.

The quay turns left, towards the Tide Mill.

The jetty-like structure on the opposite side of the river is a **tidal attenuation barrier**. This is an innovative method for retaining saltmarsh – a habitat that is being lost in front of our flood defences around the estuary.

On the left are the great sheds of the defunct **Whisstock's boatyard**, a bit of a vacuum in this historic landscape. Some 700 vessels – dinghies to 100ft yachts - were built here between 1926 and 1990, and the yard pioneered a technique for wooden boat building incorporating modern resins.




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The **Woodbridge Tide Mill** was the last working tide mill in the whole North Sea basin. It ceased trading as a corn mill in 1957, after a history of milling on this site since at least 1170. It fell into a state of dereliction, but has now been restored with the help of Heritage Lottery funding, and the tide again turns the wheel. The original pond, once filled by the tide to power the wheel, is now the Marina. (Tide Mill open every day May-Sep, weekends Apr and Oct.)

 **At road near Tide Mill 3 turn left (briefly) then, immediately after a floodgate, turn right onto footpath along river wall (marina to right).**

This river wall protects Woodbridge and Melton from tidal surges, and was upgraded in the 1990s with the sheet piling you can see today. Openings in the wall, e.g. at boatyards, are protected by flood gates that are closed when very high tides are expected.

 **Path leaves river wall, joins unmade road - leave Robertson's Boatyard to your right.**

Woodbridge was once a shipbuilding centre of excellence, using oak from the heavy lands of High Suffolk. Naval vessels, ocean going traders, coastal-trade schooners and gentlemen's yachts were built.

The main shipbuilding yard was here at **Lime Kiln Quay**. Men-o'-war were built here in the 1630s, and the Sovereign of the Seas, built for Charles I, was the largest vessel in the world at the time and served for an amazing 60 years.

Times change – but **Robertson's Boatyard** is nationally renowned for its traditional wooden boat workmanship.


 **Follow road round to left, to railway crossing 4.**

Across the river are the **Sutton Hoo** burial mounds, on the top of the ridge behind trees. You can see them if you walk a little way further up the river wall. The high land is formed from the dry sandy Red Crag, to which we owe the preservation of this ship burial and grave goods. An exceptional National Trust site, it is a few minutes drive from Woodbridge, and is open most days.



The Long and Short routes diverge here meeting up again at the King's Head, and returning to the station together.

Short walk – continued

 **Short Walk: cross railway to road, then uphill (Lime Kiln Quay Road) to traffic lights and pedestrian crossing 5. Turn left into Thoroughfare. After about 300m turn right into New Street - pedestrian route only here. Continue to T-junction on bend, turn left (still New St) up to the Market Hill 6, passing under the old steelyard. Beyond the Shire Hall is the King's Head pub (continued overleaf).**

Long walk – continued

 **Do not cross railway – stay on footpath to follow the river upstream for about 1.2 Km.**

On the opposite shore is an expanse of saltmarsh, water and mudflats beyond a broken river wall. This was reclaimed land until WWII, but a stray German bomb breached the bank, allowing the tide in.

The Deben is highly valued by migratory birds for winter feeding. High-tide roost sites are particularly scarce as man has often brought this land into his own use. In anticipation of sea level rise, and to make up for saltmarsh losses elsewhere, areas like this are candidates for encouraging regeneration of the saltmarsh habitat. Look out for estuary birds in winter – Black-tailed Godwits, Dunlin, Oystercatchers, Redshanks, Grey Herons and Little Egrets.


Continued overleaf.

The Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is one of Britain's finest landscapes. Located on the coast of East Anglia and covering 403 square kilometres, the AONB extends from the Stour estuary in the south to the eastern fringe of Ipswich and to Kessingland in the north.

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Long walk – continued


 **At the Granary Yacht Harbour 7, go left down some steps, through boatyard to railway crossing.**

Go across, and up the road (Dock Lane). After Melton Bowls Club 8 turn left (signed as FP) on private road, then follow footpath between houses to Melton Road.

Turn left, then right up unmade road 9 between Jenners Close and petrol station. Follow road round to left, keeping close-boarded fence on your left. This is Turnpike Lane – once the main road to Great Yarmouth.

After 250m, at the corner of a white cottage 10 – now Pembertons, once an inn - turn right on to footpath (Love Lane) leading up to Pytches Road. Cross to footpath opposite, to join Sun Lane 11. Turn right and immediately left (St John's Hill), passing St John's Church on the right.

In the mid 19th century, Woodbridge worshippers were overflowing the church on the **Market Hill (St Mary's)** and **St John's** was built. Its original spire, damaged by corrosion, was removed in 1975, and was replaced in 2003, timber-framed with lead cladding.

 **Straight on, down steep hill at corner of churchyard, to T-junction with New Street, 12 and turn right.**

The structure jutting out across the road from the Bell and Steelyard pub on the left is a rare example of a **steelyard**, for accurate weighing – within ounces - of wagon loads to or from the docks.



At Market Hill 6, beyond the Shire Hall, you will find The King's Head pub.

The **Shire Hall** was built by Thomas Seckford in 1575, to house the Sessions. A barrister and merchant, he was granted the manor of Woodbridge by Queen Elizabeth I. His charitable Foundation still benefits the town. Flemish gabling was added in the 17th century, and later, the steps and railings. Today it houses the Woodbridge Town Council and the **Suffolk Horse Museum**.

Long walk – continued

Short walk – continued



Long and Short Walks: King's Head to Station. Halfway down the right hand side of the market square, turn right down a cobbled path to St Mary's churchyard.

Much of what you see of **St Mary's Church** owes its glory to restorations of mid-15th century, an exciting time for Woodbridge, when East Anglian cloth trade and shipping thrived, the nation's population grew, and medieval and monastic controls were loosening. Conveniently close to the market, the churchyard was used as a business centre, the tombs were the office furniture, and a urinal was installed against the church tower.



Turn left by the church, and follow path out into Church Street 13.

Many buildings in Woodbridge are older than they look. It was particularly fashionable in Georgian times to dress up

the fronts of houses with facades, hiding Tudor and medieval structures. Opposite you, above **Webbs** shop front, is an example of 'mathematical tiling' – tiles hung, and pointed, to look like bricks.



A little further down the hill turn right into Turn Lane - past the Quaker Burial Ground 14.

The disused **Quaker Burial Ground** has recently been restored, with Heritage Lottery Fund assistance. It is a place of quiet, and a wildlife refuge, in the middle of the town.



At the end of Turn Lane, turn right into Cumberland Street.

There was a garrison stationed just outside Woodbridge in the Napoleonic era. The fine Georgian fronted houses of **Cumberland Street** were built (or rebuilt) by its officers, and some still carry their names.



At next junction (Station Road) turn right. The Cherry Tree Inn is 100m or so on the left.

Turn left beyond the pub - Cherry Tree Road. Cross playing field, to far left hand corner, then cross railway at level crossing 15. Go straight on until you reach the river wall path, and turn left.

This may not be a very 'wild' wildlife spot, but it's just the place for feeding the ducks and swans. In spring you may see large groups or 'creches' of Shelduck chicks, overseen by several adult females.



At station, go back over footbridge to car park.

