

Walk 2: Rash all over

4km or 2.5 miles Approx

Park on green sward next to the Church. (P) [Pic 1](#)

Head west, up hill, on road signposted to Redgrave and Hinderclay.

After 100m turn right onto footpath and continue across field until meeting a broad farm track. [Pic 2](#) (1) Turn and look back for a fine view of the Church and Hall Farm. [Pic 3](#)

Keep ahead with hedge on your right. [Pic 4](#) First on a track and then a field edge. After 100m, at the end of ditch on your right, turn right [Pic 5](#) to again follow field margin with hedge on right.

After 100m (2) turn left onto a wide track which soon becomes a green lane heading downhill for about half a mile. [Pics 6, 7, 8](#) The hedges on either side of this lane proved to be the most species rich in the parish when surveyed in 2006.

At the end of the lane (3), turn right onto the road, passing Ling Farm on your left. [Pic 9](#) Carry on for about 800m / half a mile until Wortham Ling opens out on both sides. (4) [Pic 10](#)

The Ling is open heath characterised by undulating, rabbit cropped grass and heather from which it gets its name. (Ling is another word for heather) It is peppered with low hawthorns and gorse bushes.

Turn right off the road [Pic 11](#) and choose your own path keeping the road on your left and the belt of trees which marks the edge of the common on your right. [Pic 12](#) Keep angling gently to the right until eventually passing a group of houses including Battely's Cottage.

Turn right onto the road (take care on the bend) [Pic 13, 14](#) for about 75m until a footpath sign on your right next to a post box in the wall. (5) [Pic 15](#)

Turn onto the narrow path between houses [Pic 16](#) and, keeping straight, pass a thatched cottage on your right. Then ahead through a kissing gate [Pic 17](#), now with a hedge on your left. Continue up this lovely secluded valley. [Pic 18](#) Meadow land grazed by cattle and guarded by giant pollard oaks.

Pass through 2 farm gates [Pics 19, 20](#) and at the third gate (6) [Pic 21](#) angle to the right. Heading for wooden gates with the church now visible beyond. Through one more kissing gate in the corner of the field [Pic 22](#). Into the delightful churchyard which has a number of interesting grave stones, a war Memorial and a fine lychgate.

The church is also worthy of exploration. The round tower is an excellent example of early flint work and is thought to date from c1160 the same date as the original building. There was a major overhaul of the rest of the church between 1890 and 1912