

Old Buckenham

Walk 7

Distance - 6¾km (4¼ miles) **Ascent** - Negligible **Map**: Ordnance Survey Explorer 237, Norwich etc., 1:25,000

Unlike its 'new' sister village, Old Buckenham is a widely dispersed settlement, a pleasant mixture of old and newer properties, with a huge green at its heart. In addition to a church, there are two inns and a shop, all around the periphery of the green. Just off-centre is a former windmill, with Mill House and Mill Cottages adjacent. Although a considerable proportion of this route uses public highways, they are virtually traffic free and entirely acceptable.

Note: It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made. Thank you for your help. *Happy walking!*

Start/car parking - Numerous possibilities around the green. Area by the entrance to the churchyard and the former school is recommended, grid reference O67914. From HPB Old Buckenham is best reached via Barnham Broom, Hingham and Attleborough.

Refreshments - Two inns at Old Buckenham.

WALK

From the churchyard gate, start along a minor cul de sac road at the top edge of the green, passing the Ox and Plough Inn. As the road terminates, continue along a made up footpath. Bear left to cross a road and follow an un-surfaced roadway along the front of green-edge properties. Cross the main road, bearing left again to take an unmade road, parallel with the main road, passing the Gamekeeper Inn and more green-edge properties. Pass a duck pond and a shop before leaving the area of the green by the side of a minor road to head for a row of almshouses. Pass the almshouses and Old Buckenham Methodist Church.

1. About 200m. after the church, turn right at a well used track, with a 'public footpath' sign, an excellent path between trees across the farming countryside. At a junction turn left to continue. This track is 'Ragg's Lane'. On reaching bungalows bear left, soon on an un-surfaced road. Pass modern housing to reach a public road. Turn right.
2. In approximately 100m. turn left at a road junction to follow a 'quiet lane' rising very gently. Bear right at a fork. At a more important road go straight across to follow 'Stacksford'. Stay with the road through Stacksford village, a spaced out settlement of predominantly modern houses. This road is another quiet lane. Go straight ahead at a junction, with an 'Old Buckenham' signpost.

3. Go straight across at a cross roads, heading for a fine old windmill. Pass the mill complex which includes a Mill House and Mill Cottages before reaching a corner of the green at Old Buckenham. Go straight ahead at a junction, turn left at a crossroads and cross the main road to head directly to the parking area by the churchyard gate.

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