

## Introduction

The circular walk described in this leaflet lies south west of Ipswich in the parishes of Copdock and Washbrook and has been developed in consultation with the Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council. It is approximately 4 miles long with opportunities for short cuts back to the start. The route is clearly marked with green public footpath signs and yellow waymark arrows displaying a circular walk symbol and should take about 2 hours to complete. Although the route can be described as easy walking, waterproof footwear should be worn except in the driest of weather conditions.

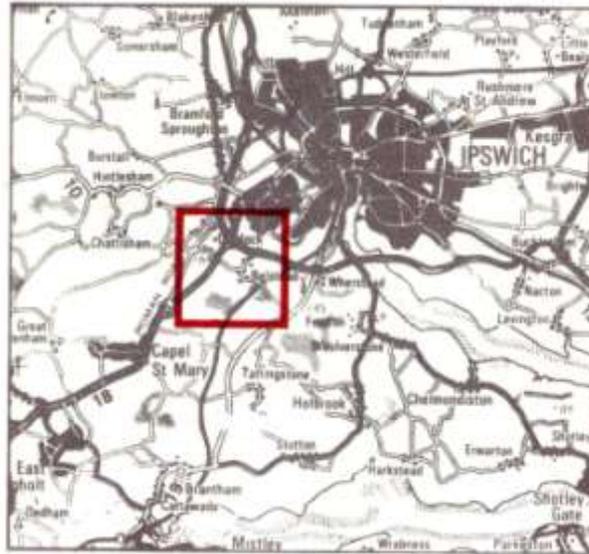
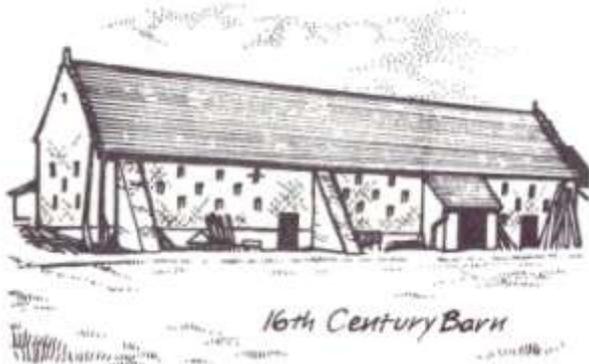
The following Ordnance Survey sheet would be useful to show other rights of way in the area: Pathfinder series, Sheet 1030 TM04/14 Ipswich.

## How to get there .....

By Bus: Ipswich Buses  
Carters Coaches  
Network Colchester  
(Check with operators for details)

By Road: Off A1071 at Sproughton roundabout.  
Off A12 at Bentley Long Wood interchange.

Parking: Ample roadside parking is available in Washbrook village, please park with care and consideration.



## Refreshments

**Public House: The Brook Inn, Washbrook.**  
**Lunchtime food service, except Mondays.**

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<http://thebrookinnwashbrook.co.uk>

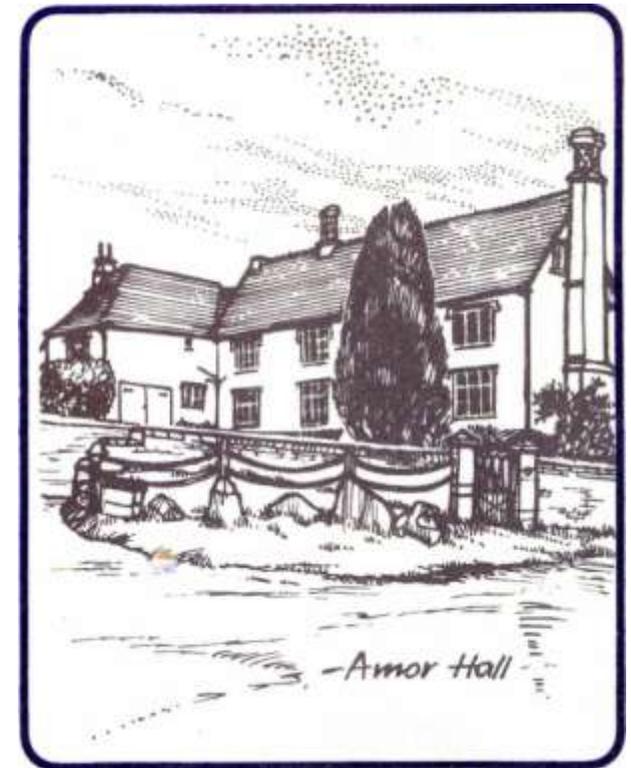
## Country Code

- **Enjoy the Countryside and respect its life and work.**
- **Guard against all risk of fire.**
- **Fasten all gates.**
- **Keep your dogs under control.**
- **Keep to public paths across farmland.**
- **Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.**
- **Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.**
- **Take your litter home.**
- **Help to keep all water clean.**
- **Protect wild life plants and trees.**
- **Take special care on country roads.**
- **Make no unnecessary noise.**

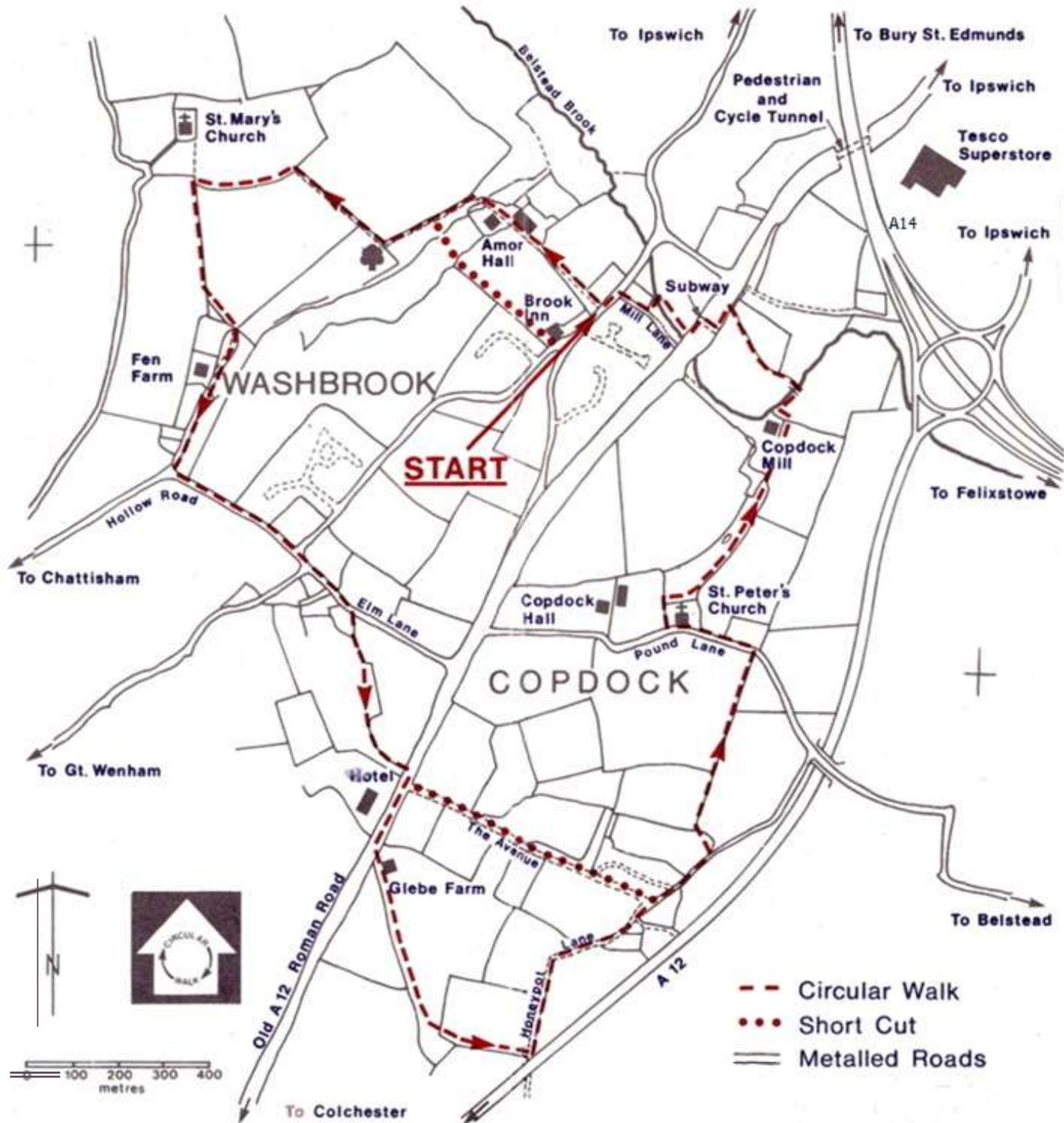
# Countryside Walks

## Copdock/Washbrook (4miles)

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**The WALK:** from Washbrook village take the **drive** to **Amor Hall** once the manor house of Washbrook, passing between the hall and farm buildings. The track leads out to a section of pasture on the left where a stile part way along marks a short cut back to the village.

Continue to the **oak tree** at the track junction and turn right up the hill to the stile. In 1586 this path was described as "The way to the Vicaridge" and in **1646** Isaac Moulton was fined for letting the path become unfit for use. In the pasture turn left following the fence to the next stile where a visit to **St. Mary's Church**, Washbrook can be made. Continue over the stile along the headland path to **Fen Farm**, a 16th century timber frame building dating from Domesday. At the end of the farm drive, join **Hollow Road**; turn left along the lane passing the roads to Washbrook and Great Wenham and turn right at the kissing gate in **Elm Lane**. Follow the hedge to a crossfield section of path and then another hedge to reach the **old A12**. To short cut back to the start, turn left on the roadside footway.

To continue the walk, turn right along the footway past the **Hotel**, crossing the road at **Glebe Farm** to a wooden gate at the start of a path. Keep to the right of the conifer hedge and follow the path to a point close to the **new A12** where access can be gained to the end of **Honeypot Lane**. This ancient track is probably older than the **Roman Road (old A12)** and joins with a made up road where, after 150 metres, a kissing gate on the left leads to a path through pasture and headland to **Pound Lane** and **St. Peter's Church**, Copdock.

Follow the road for a short cut back to the village or rejoin the walk at the corner of the churchyard. The former manor house of **Copdock Hall** can be seen on the left together with a fine example of a late 16th century barn. Follow a series of stiles and headland to **Copdock Mill** and a cartbridge over **Belstead Brook**. There was a mill here in 1086, the present millers house is probably 16th century and was carefully restored a few years ago. Cross the bridge and follow the field edge to a **subway** under the old A12 and on to a footbridge over the brook. Turn right along **Mill Lane** to regain start.