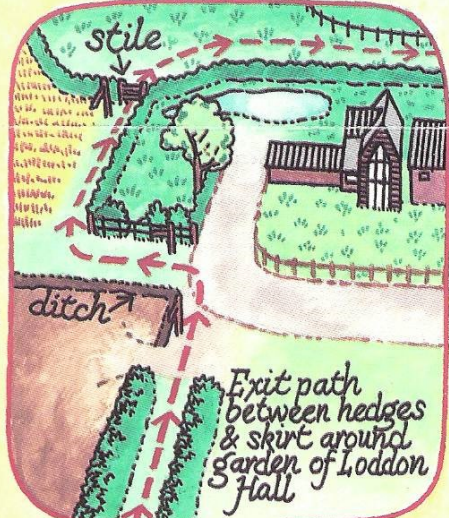
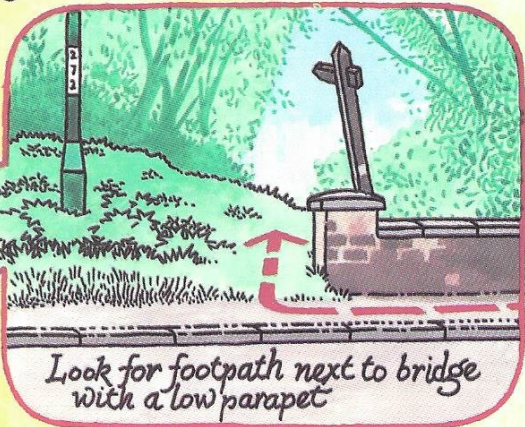
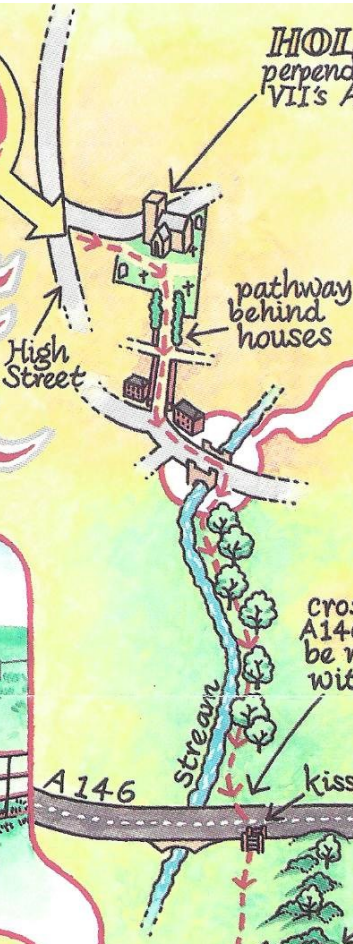



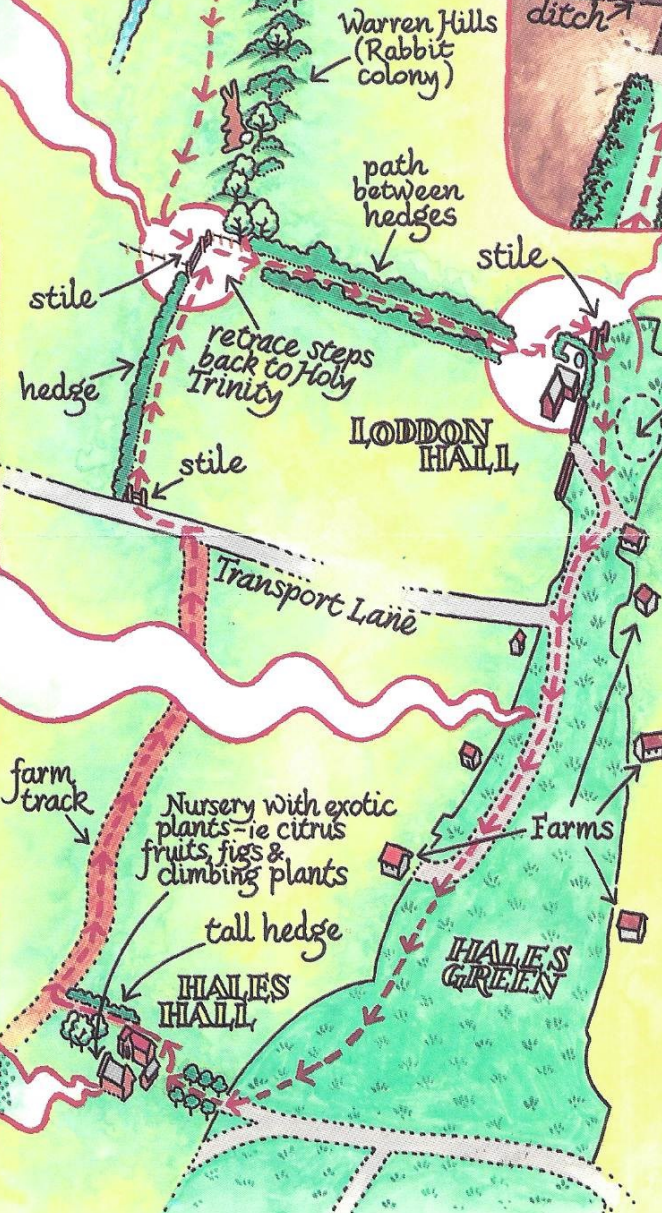
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Start/Finish

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH** - a fifteenth century perpendicular Church provided by James Hobart, Henry VII's Attorney General.

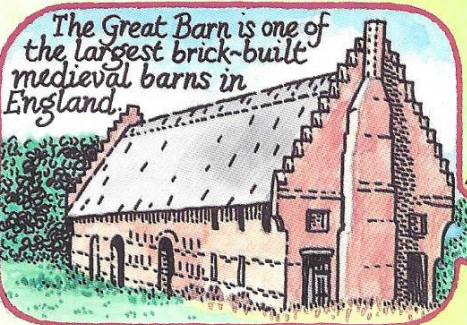


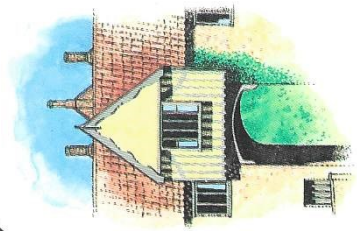
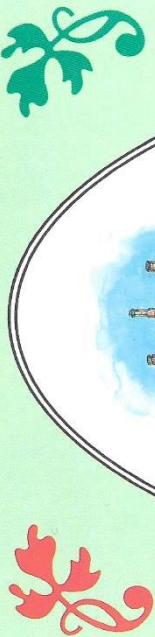
**THE CUCKOO PINT** is one of the wild plants that still survive on Hales Green. Down the ages it has had many uses and many names, being called 'Lords and Ladies' and 'Starchwort' amongst others. 'Starchwort' refers to the way its roots yielded a starch used in stiffening ruffs, when they were the fashion. The same roots were baked & ground for cooking. The tubers however, were once employed as an aphrodisiac.

**HALES GREEN** is common land and has changed so little in appearance since the time of the Hobart family, that they would still no doubt recognise it today.

**THE HOBART FAMILY** owned Hales Hall. Being Catholics, they were often fined and imprisoned, and by 1640, financial problems led to foreclosure of mortgages with the owner of Loddon Hall, who lived at the other end of Hales Green. He finally demolished the Hobart's property leaving only the Gate House, which is all that can be seen today. (The building is privately owned)

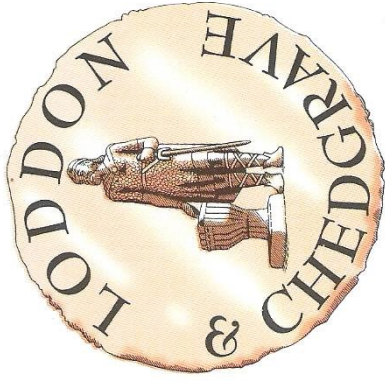




This walk of approximately 6.5 miles starts at Loddon, one of South Norfolk's finest towns. A place of considerable charm, Loddon is located between Norwich and Lowestoft, just off the A146 and handy for many of the regions other attractions.

You can enjoy walking the route illustrated here in an afternoon, and along it experience both the peace of the rural scene, and the fascination of a local heritage that has spanned several centuries.

The theme that links the places and artefacts you will encounter is that of the Hobart family, an important local dynasty whose achievements and tragedies have left their impression on the landscape even today.



# THE HOBART WALK



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