



## PIGNEYS WOOD

Pigneys Wood is a community woodland with local ownership and involvement. The Wood is open to the public at all times. It is situated along the Paston Way, in the Parish of Knapton and is approximately 2 1/2 kilometres (1 1/2 miles) north east of the market town of North Walsham. The whole site extends to 23.5 hectares which comprises of 1.7 hectares of mature mixed woodland, 7.8 hectares of new woodland, 8.5 hectares of open ground and 5.5 hectares of low lying wet grassland.

The site was sold to the North Norfolk Community Woodland Trust by a local farmer who found the land unsuitable for arable and he no longer kept animals to use it for grazing. That farmer's son is now a trustee and approximately 8 hectares of the wood is leased to him which is put to set aside in return for which he cuts the grass. This arrangement is mutually beneficial to both parties and provides financial stability to the site.

Over the past 10 years more than 20,000 trees of 40 different species have been planted. This work has been carried out by volunteers, and some trees are now over 9m (30 feet) tall. Other features of the site include a renovated barn, information boards, bird hide, reed beds, a scrape to attract wading birds, newly planted oaks to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar, and the North Walsham and Dilham canal. An easy access path has been created from the car park on Hall Lane to a viewpoint over the whole site. A native hedge of over 1300 plants has been situated alongside this path, together with information boards on wild flowers, butterflies, trees and birds.

Visit [www.pigneys-wood.co.uk](http://www.pigneys-wood.co.uk) for further information.



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## FURTHER INFORMATION

### Travel to North Walsham

The town is served by several bus routes, notably the 5 from Norwich to Cromer, and One Railway's Bittern Line from Norwich to Sheringham. For routes and timetables phone Traveline **0870 6082608** or visit [www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk](http://www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk).

If arriving by car, leave the bypass, going in the direction of the town centre, at the Cromer Road A149 junction. Turn left at the next traffic lights then take first right, keep to the right and cross over to car park. This route is shown on the map.

### Places to Eat

On the route of the walk you can visit the Cockerel Tearooms, opposite the car park at the beginning and the Orchard Gardens pub on the way out of town. Opposite the entrance to Sainsbury's is the The Three Cottages Fish Restaurant and takeaway. There are a number of other places in and around the Market Place including coffee shops, pubs, restaurants and take aways.

### Toilets

The nearest public toilets are situated near the tower end of the church, just off the Market Place. During opening hours you may also use the toilets in Sainsbury's.

### Tourism Information

The Area Partnership office is situated at the start of this walk and can be contacted on **01629 407509** or visit [www.griffon.org.uk](http://www.griffon.org.uk).

### Other Local Walks

Guides to other walks are available in the Area Partnership office including the Paston Way, a 32 kilometres (20 mile) journey from North Walsham to Cromer via 15 churches and 15 villages and towns, and the Weavers Way, a 98 kilometres (61 mile) path between Cromer and Great Yarmouth visiting Aylsham, North Walsham, Stalham and Acle.

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## WALK ONE: PIGNEYS WOOD

A circular walk of 5 1/2 kilometres (3 1/2 miles) from North Walsham to Pigneys Wood community woodland



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