

## January to March 2026 Programme

### West Suffolk and Surrounding Area

**FREE Wellbeing Walks are led by trained volunteers across the county, offering something for everyone.**

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Date	Name of Walk	Grade	Mins	Start Time	Meeting Point/Parking Information & Post Code for meet point
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Haverhill Beginners Walk from Abbeycroft Leisure Centre	2	60	2:00pm	Meet at the Leisure Centre, free parking for walkers. Lordcroft Lane, Haverhill, CB9 0ER. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Botesdale Village Walk	2	Up to 60	10:00am	Meet in the Park View Chapel from 9:45am for 10:00am start. Chapel Lane, Botesdale - IP22 1BU. Assistant dogs welcome.
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Stanton Wellbeing Walk, near Bury (fortnightly)	1-3	Up to 60	10:00am	Meet at the Stanton Church Rooms, Old Bury Rd, Stanton – IP31 2DA. Parking available on local roads or at the village hall car park. Dogs welcome on a short lead. Refreshments available after the walk.
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Walk around the Havehill Persimmon Estate	3	60-90	10:30am	Meet at the Farrant Road from 10:15am for a 10:30am start. Playground car park, Haverhill, CB9 7JX. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Newmarket mid length walk – Rowley Drive/ Queen's Statue	3	60	1:30pm	Park in the Guineas car park (pay and display). Meet in the Orangery Café, Newmarket Day Centre, Fred Archer Way. CB8 8NT.
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Walk and Talk with Geoffrey at Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds	2/3	Up to 80	10:00am	Meet on the grass area near the car park pay machine in Nowton Park. Parking fees apply – IP29 5LU.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Brandon Abbeycroft Leisure Centre wellbeing walks	1 / 3	30-45/60	9:30 am	Meet and park at the Brandon Abbeycroft Leisure Centre at reception on Church Road, Brandon, IP27 0JB. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
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Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Clare Tuesday Walk	3	90	10:30am	Meet at the Old Goods Shed, Clare Castle Country Park from 10:15am for a 10:30am start. Local parking charges apply. Dogs welcome on a short lead. CO10 8NW.

Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ickworth Park, near Bury St Edmunds – short and long walks	1-2/ 3-4	45/90	10:15am	Meet at 10:00am in the Ickworth House car park – near the bike hire. Free parking for Wellbeing Walkers. IP29 5QE. Dogs welcome on short leads.
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Birdbrook on paths, Haverhill	2	60-90	10:30am	Meet outside Birdbrook Church, The Street, CO9 4BJ.
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Newmarket longer walk – Rowley Drive/ Newmarket Heath	4	90	1:30pm	Park in the Guineas car park (pay and display). Meet in the Orangery Café, Newmarket Day Centre, Fred Archer Way. CB8 8NT.
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Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Clare Tuesday Walk	3	90	10:30am	Meet at the Old Goods Shed, Clare Castle Country Park from 10:15am for a 10:30am start. Local parking charges apply. Dogs welcome on a short lead. CO10 8NW.
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Stanton Wellbeing Walk, near Bury (fortnightly)	1-3	Up to 60	10:00am	Meet at the Stanton Church Rooms, Old Bury Rd, Stanton – IP31 2DA. Parking available on local roads or at the village hall car park. Dogs welcome on a short lead. Refreshments available after the walk.
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Haverhill East Town Park	3	60-90	10:30am	Meet at East Town Park Memorial Gardens. Parking available at East Town Park car park, Haverhill, England, CB9 7UW. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Newmarket short walk – Severalls, town or Yellow Brick Road	2	60	1:30pm	Park in the Guineas car park (pay and display). Meet in the Orangery Café, Newmarket Day Centre, Fred Archer Way. CB8 8NT.
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Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	West Stow / Forest Lodge Walk	3	Up to 90	10:15am	Meet in the car park of West Stow Country Park, IP28 6HG, for 10:00am. Parking fees apply. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Newmarket Houldsworth Valley (with or without steps)	3	90	1:30pm	Park in the Guineas car park (pay and display). Meet in the Orangery Café, Newmarket Day Centre, Fred Archer Way. CB8 8NT.
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Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Explore Bury St Edmunds – monthly town walk	2/3	Up to 90	10:15am	Meet 10.00am outside Bury Library (opposite Bus Station), St Andrew's Street North, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1TZ. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Walk along the Haverhill Parkway via Cambridge Way	3	60-90	10:30am	Meet at 10:15am for 10:30am start. Meet in front of the Sainsburys store on Haycock Road, Haverhill, CB9 7HN. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
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Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Walk from Stoke by Clare to the Pond and back	3	60-90	10:30am	Meet at 10:15am for a 10:30am start near the Lion Public House on The Street, Stoke by Clare, CO10 8HP. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
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Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Lackford Lakes (options of 2 walks)	2-3/ 3-4	60/90	10:15am	Meet at 10:00am for a 10:15am start for either walk in the car park at Lackford Lakes, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6HX. Suggested donation of £3 for the Reserve.
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Kedington Footpaths near Haverhill	3	60-90	10:30am	Meet at 10:15am for a 10:30am start. Meet at Kedington Community Centre car park, Great Meadow, Arms Ln, Kedington, Haverhill, CB9 7QQ. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
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Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Working Haverhill	2	60-90	10:30am	Meet at 10:15am for 10:30am start. Meet in the Travelodge car park, Haverhill CB9 7AE. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
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Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Walk at Blackthorpe Barn	2/3	75-90	10:15am	Meet at 10:00am in the car park by Blackthorpe Barn to start for 10:15am. IP30 9HZ. Dogs welcome on a short lead.
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If this is your first Ramblers Wellbeing Walks your walk leaders will ask you to complete a new walker registration form. This helps us monitor numbers and ask that walkers are aware they are taking part at their own risk.

Assistance dogs are welcome on all walks. Walks that do not allow dogs are noted in the programme.

For more information about refreshments and/or toilets available, to check on parking and any charges, whether a walk is accessible for wheelchairs, or via public transport, please do not hesitate to check via the website - <https://feelgoodsuffolk.co.uk/be-active/wellbeing-walks/>, contact our Feel Good Suffolk Advisors on **0345 603 4060** or email [wellbeingwalks@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeingwalks@suffolk.gov.uk) for more information.

Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date programme as scheduled walks are subject to change - [www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/wellbeing-walks](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/wellbeing-walks)

Programmes are available for East Suffolk, Mid Suffolk and Babergh, West Suffolk District Council's and Ipswich Borough Council - <https://feelgoodsuffolk.co.uk/be-active/wellbeing-walks/>.



## Walk Grading Criteria

- A Grade 1 walk (Easy Access) is a short (up to 30 mins), slower pace and over easy, flat terrain. They are open to everyone but are especially aimed at those who are least active, and it is suitable for wheelchair users.
- A Grade 2 walk (Easy) is like Grade 1, but likely to be a bit longer, and mainly on a flat surface – up to 60 minutes.
- A Grade 3 walk (Leisurely) is up to 75 minutes, usually around 2 miles. There may be some slopes, but good surfaces for walking on.
- A Grade 4 walk (Moderate) is more challenging, may include steeper slopes, rough ground, or mud in wet weather – between 60/90 minutes.



- A Grade 5 walk (Challenging) is anything up to 90 minutes, and not more than 5km/3miles. It can include stiles, uneven and varied terrain underfoot. Often includes steeper slopes/hills and likely to be faster in pace.