INTRODUCTION
This circular walk is one of a series in the Hadleigh district which have been developed by local walkers and the Town Council. The route is clearly marked by green public footpath signs and waymark arrows displaying a circular walk symbol. The walk is 4.5 miles in length and provides a good opportunity to see the countryside to the east of the town. Allow about 2.5 hours to complete the route and wear sensible footwear in all weather conditions.

HOW TO GET THERE
Hadleigh is an Historic Town and is situated 9 miles west of Ipswich on the A1071 to Sudbury at the junction with the A1141 to Lavenham and the B1070 to Manningtree.

By Road
A1071 from Ipswich. A1141 from Bury St. Edmunds. A12/B1070 from Colchester. A1071 from Sudbury.

By Bus
Eastern Counties Sudbury to Ipswich service Nos. 90, 91, 195 and 196. Rules Coaches from Colchester service No. 751. Partridges from Ipswich, Stowmarket and Bury St. Edmunds services 1, 2, 4, 108, 326 and 484.

With thanks to Hadleigh Town Council, local landowners and farmers for their co-operation and to all who walk the paths.

The following Ordnance Survey sheet shows other rights of way in the area: Pathfinder series, Sheet 1030 TM 04/14 Ipswich.

Country Code
- Enjoy the Countryside and respect its life and work.
- Guard against all risk of fire.
- Fasten all gates.
- Keep your dogs under close control.
- Keep to the 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 wildlife, plants and trees.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Make no unnecessary noise.

PARKING
There are ample facilities for parking in the main car park in Magdalen Road.

REFRESHMENTS
Hadleigh has a variety of shops and several public houses.

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A CIRCULAR WALK
OF 4½ MILES FROM
HADLEIGH
SUFFOLK

DURRANT'S FARM

PRODUCED BY THE
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THE WALK. From MAGDALEN ROAD turn left into GEORGE STREET. Noting the many half timbered houses and the almshouse chapel, continue to TOWER MILL LANE. Follow the farm track to DURRANT’S FARM, fork left just before the house and keeping close to the hedge to the left walk through the garden into the field beyond. Continue east with a shallow ditch to the left and pass through a gap in the next hedge. Follow a good headland path around the next field, then cross two sleeper bridges to join a grass bridle way. Turn right through the farm yard past VALLEY FARM and continue alongside VALLEY FARM LANE to join POND HALL ROAD near an engineering works. Turn left along the road and around some bends — careful here — to the entrance to POND HALL FARM. POND HALL, to the right of the farm was the home in the eighteenth century of John Harvey, a farmer and member of a group of smugglers known as The Hadleigh Gang. Turn right and follow a green lane for 600 yards then cross two pleasant meadows to a stile alongside a large tree at the foot of the railway embankment. The last few yards are always boggy! Cross the stile and a bridge over a stream and follow a well worn path through some undergrowth to some steps leading up the embankment. The definitive path continues over a stile and into the fruit farm, but climb the steps to enjoy some extensive views south west towards Layham. The railway line was opened in 1847 and was originally intended to continue past Hadleigh to Lavenham and Bury St. Edmonds. Follow the old track bed towards the town for about a mile, eventually passing the old station in STATION ROAD. Return to the start via MAGDALEN ROAD.

NOTE: There are several circular walks in the Hadleigh area. To avoid mistakes always consult the map before following waymarks, particularly when close to the town.