

Framlingham is a busy market town providing services and shops for the local community for many miles, including hostelrys, cafes and restaurants. There is a local market on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The town has about 50 clubs and societies catering for a wide range of interests.



## Did you know?

**Public transport** – There are regular bus services from Ipswich, Woodbridge, Diss, Saxmundham. Details from Traveline 0870 608 2 608. [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

**Disabled people** – The walk is unsuitable.

**Car parking** – First the good news. All parking in Framlingham is free!

There is limited parking available at Market Hill but the main public car park, 'The Elms', is situated off New Road, has 71 spaces, and is next to Framlingham Mere. There is also a smaller car park off Fore Street with 36 spaces. These car parks are limited to a maximum stay of 18 hours.

Visitors to the castle may use the car park which is just outside the castle and behind the Castle Inn.

There is also limited street parking

**Dogs** – Dogs should be kept on leads in the vicinity of livestock and other walkers.

### Public toilets (& disabled)

Crown & Anchor Lane off Church St.



## Follow the Country code

**Enjoy:** There are five sections of The Countryside Code dedicated to helping members of the public respect, protect and enjoy the countryside.

**Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs.**

**Leave gates and property as you find them.**

**Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.**

**Keep dogs under close control.**

**Consider other people.**

## The Brownsord Way

### A CIRCULAR WALK AROUND FRAMLINGHAM

This walk was created by the Town Council's Footpaths Committee in memory of Miss Ella Brownsord, who for nearly 30 years was a member of Framlingham Town Council and Chairman of the Footpaths Committee. It was through her efforts and enthusiasm that the footpaths around Framlingham are so well supported.

The Brownsord Way was officially opened on 1st April [Easter Monday] 1991 when 42 walkers and 2 dogs set out to 'christen' it. The 1st edition of the Walk leaflet was published at the same time.

The Brownsord Way takes a circular 11 mile route around the beautiful and historic town of Framlingham. The complete walk could take about 6 hours, but there are several access and exit points allowing for shorter walks.

The walk gives panoramic views of the town including different views of the castle, church and college and passes through undulating farmland where wheat, barley, rape sugar beet and blue linseed can be seen. The woodland tracks and hedgerows are a haven for native plants as well as for many birds, mammals and insects. There are also many interesting farm buildings and restored barns to be seen on the way.

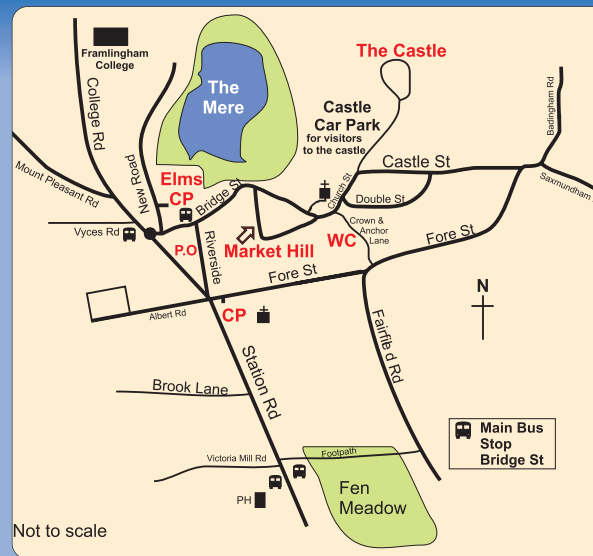
Framlingham is situated 19 miles north of Ipswich and some 14 miles from the coast. For more information see [www.Framlingham.com](http://www.Framlingham.com) [www.discoversuffolk.org.uk](http://www.discoversuffolk.org.uk) the Town Trail leaflet and the Town Guide.



### Maps

The OS.Explorer 212 1:25000 scale (Woodbridge and Saxmundham) shows more detail of rights of way in the area.

### Framlingham town centre



## A circular walk around Framlingham, Suffolk



## Framlingham Brownsord Way

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If you would like this leaflet in large type phone 08456 066 067.

### Getting in touch

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**Telephone:** 01473 265106

**Website:** [www.suffolk.gov.uk/Environment/CountrysideServices](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/Environment/CountrysideServices)

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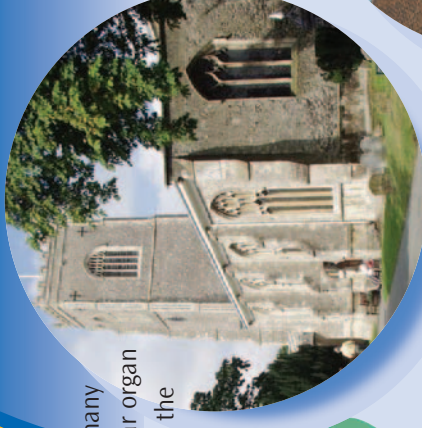
# The Brownsord Way

Main circular route is marked in green and the feeder paths in red.

**1** The **12 century castle** with its curtain wall and 13 towers dominates the surrounding countryside. It is now in the care of English Heritage and is open daily. The town's Lanman Museum is housed within its walls.



**2** The **Mere** was dug out in the late 12th century by Roger Bigod, who also built the castle. The area is under the management of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, which has put up information boards on the circular nature trail about the many birds and flowers which can be seen. In 1997, a good spring clean was carried out, removing 40,000 tonnes of mud, and now many more birds visit and even that shy animal the otter has been seen.



**3** The **14th century church** with its 96 foot tower, contains many treasures including a mediaeval wall painting, a rare Thamar organ and the magnificent tombs [said to be the finest in Europe], of the Howard family; who as Dukes of Norfolk occupied the castle.

## SUGGESTED STARTING PLACES:

- The castle, entering the mere from the white gate by the Castle Inn
  - Elms Car Park, turning right into New Road towards the College then left along the footpath just beyond the Fram Farmers building [used to be the Anglo-American Club for servicemen based at the nearby air base during WW1].
- There is a walkway from the main bus stop in Bridge Street to the Elms car park.

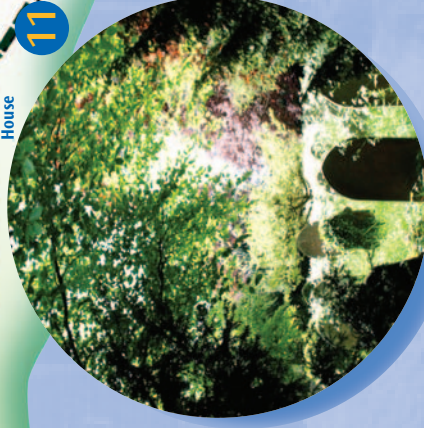
**4** The **Albert Memorial College** was opened in 1865, built by public subscription under a Royal Charter as a memorial to Prince Albert. It is a thriving fee-paying school now known as Framlingham College.



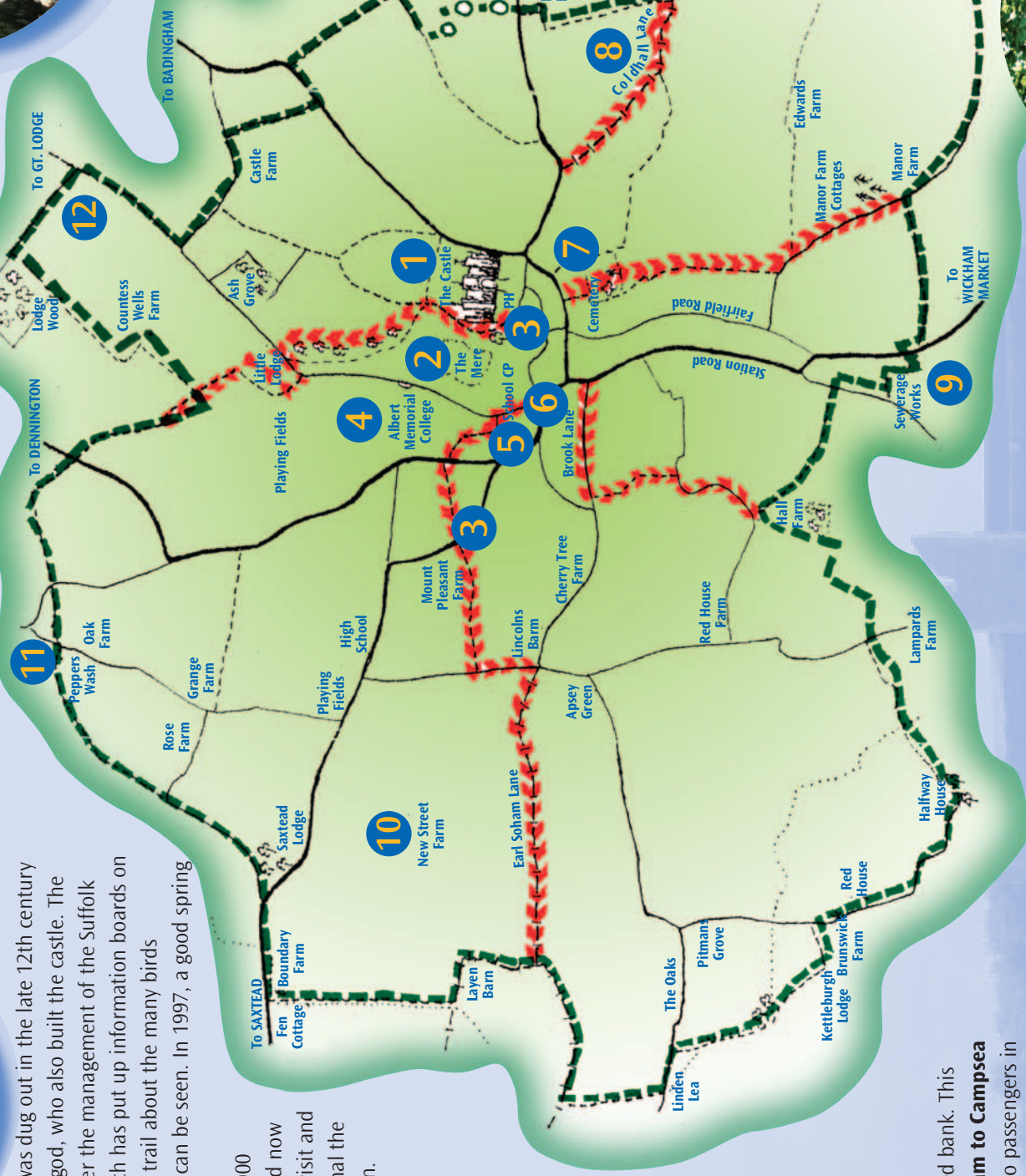
**5** As you leave the car park you will see in front of you the **Hitcham's Almshouses** built in 1654, using materials from the demolition of buildings within the castle as laid down in Sir Robert Hicham's will. (The building at right angles was the original Hitcham's School, now the Masonic Hall). Before you take the left turn off New Rd, its worth walking on a little to see the finest view of the castle and mere from anywhere in the town.



**6** The **Mills Almshouses** were built in 1703, and on the other side of Brook Lane, also fronting Station Rd, you will see a small building in the garden of Tomb House, where Thomas Mills [a non-conformist and great benefactor to the town] is buried.



**7** The **cemetery** was opened in 1856, the new part by the footpath can be walked through to the old cemetery behind it. It is managed by the Town Council as a wildlife sanctuary and wildflower meadow with advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust. During the spring and summer it is full of wildflowers and birds.



**12** The **Great Deer Park** – as you walk past Great Lodge Farm, you are in the heart of the old Hunting Park which surrounded the castle and stretched several miles to the north.

**11** **Pepper's Wash** – this ford dates from Roman times. The area is rich in Roman remains indicating a substantial settlement here.

**10** From **New Street Farm** Nicholas Danforth set out to sail to America in 1636 with his children. His eldest son Thomas founded Framlingham in Massachusetts, with which town informal links are still maintained.

**9** Running alongside the sewage works, you will see a raised bank. This carried the single-tracked **branch line from Framlingham to Campsea Ash** which was opened in 1859. The line finally closed to passengers in 1952 and freight in 1964.

**8** **Coldhall Lane** – it is said that Mary Tudor, who stayed in the castle in the summer of 1553 before being proclaimed queen, used to ride along this track on her way to a day's hunting at Parham.