

A Brief History of Elsenham

Elsenham is mentioned in the Domesday Book, though there have been settlements here since pre-Roman times. Parts of the village church, built on the site of an earlier Saxon church, date back to the 12th Century.



The railway arrived at Elsenham in 1845. The station, originally at Fullers End, was moved to its present location in 1847.



Sir Walter Gilbey came to Elsenham Hall in 1878, and in addition to his Gilbey's Gin and

Elsenham Jam interests he bred many winning racehorses at the Elsenham Stud. This was later the home of Dorothy Paget, owner of the legendary Golden Miller which won 31 horse-races including 5 Gold Cups.

The Robin Hood public house closed in 1988, leaving The Crown as the only village watering-hole.



Elsenham's population has risen from 450 people in 1901 to about 3000 today. The village is a thriving community with more than 30 clubs and organisations, shops, a Post Office, golf course, bowling green, tennis courts, cricket and football pitches.

When you unfold this booklet and follow the map you will discover many enjoyable walks in and around the village, and a wide variety of bird and other wildlife habitats.

The Countryside Code



- Respect
- Protect
- Enjoy

Respect other people:

- ♦ consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- ♦ leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- ♦ leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- ♦ keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- ♦ plan ahead and be prepared
- ♦ follow advice and local signs

For full details visit: www.gov.uk
& search for The Countryside Code

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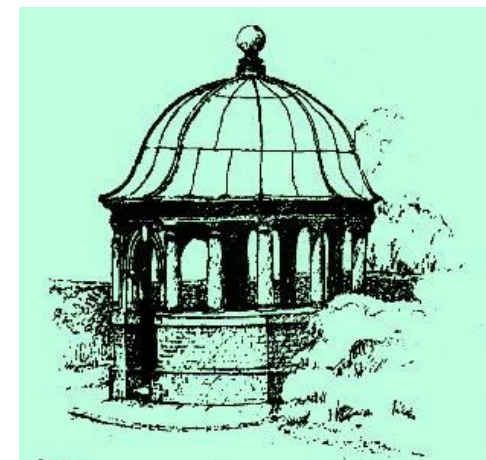
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THE FOOTPATHS OF ELSENHAM

*including a coloured map
showing public rights of way
in and around this historic
Essex village*



Elsenham Pump House erected by Sir Walter Gilbey

for further information about Elsenham
please visit the village website:
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What is this map for?

When you fully unfold this booklet you will find a map showing all Public Rights of Way in and around the village of Elsenham in the County of Essex. The map is intended to help walkers to discover public footpaths in the area, and to enjoy to the full the countryside surrounding this ancient village.

The map does not identify specific walks - part of the pleasure of walking in the country is to discover routes for yourself!



You may find mud, puddles and other obstacles, so be careful where you tread. Wear sensible footwear and clothing, and a hat when the sun is shining.

On this page is information and advice on many aspects of Rights of Way. So, take care of your environment, follow the footpaths shown on the map, and enjoy walks in the countryside around Elsenham.

Protecting wildlife & plants

It is generally illegal to injure, kill or take wild birds, or to take or damage eggs or nests. Many species of animal and plant are also protected.

Few people would intentionally harm wild life or plants, but public access can cause damage. Please try to keep to paths, keep dogs under control and make little noise.

Careful walkers can minimise disturbance caused by their presence and preserve the environment for all to enjoy. An appropriate guideline is: **“Take only photographs and leave only footprints”**.

Walking in the Countryside

Footpath Responsibilities



The public has a legal right to use the official footpath, bridleway and byway network for leisure and travel purposes.

Most paths cross private land, and just as landowners should not impede public passage, the public should respect landowners' property and observe the Countryside Code. Also, a farmer must not disturb a public footpath along a field edge, and he must quickly re-instate it across a field after ploughing or sowing.

Types of Rights of Way

The Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way is the legal record which is held and maintained by Essex County Council. It shows the type and route of all public paths in the County, and it can be viewed on request by members of the public.



There are three main types of Right of Way, often waymarked with arrows. Public **footpaths** that walkers have a legal right to use are marked with **yellow** arrows. **Blue** arrows indicate **bridleways**, which are open to horse-riders and cyclists as well as walkers. Paths with **red** arrows are **byways open to all traffic** where you may sometimes encounter horse-drawn or motor vehicles.

Additionally, there are some footpaths which are private but which the owner has given permission to the public to use. These are known as **permissive paths**, sometimes marked with a **white** arrow.

Dogs

You may take a dog along a public footpath, but there is no obligation on the landowner or Highway Authority to make the route suitable for your pet. You may, for example, have to lift your dog over stiles or other obstacles.



Your dog must be kept under close control at all times, and it is recommended that you keep it on a lead near livestock and other users. Be aware that farmers have a right to protect their livestock from harm.



Do not let your dog damage crops or disturb livestock, game, nesting birds or other wildlife. Also, **please** take a plastic bag so you can remove any mess it makes.

Farm Animals

Sheep are timid animals and usually run away from walkers. Cows are often inquisitive and may approach you. Horses may do either! Use paths carefully and quietly to avoid harm to you and to the animals who share them with you.



Animals which are known to be dangerous should not be found on the route of a Public Right of Way. You should not normally encounter bulls, but they are allowed in some circumstances. If in doubt do not go near them, and report any problems to Essex Highway Authority.

