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# Along the way

The partially rendered flint walls and aged red tile roof of St Leonard's Church, Billingford, give it an ancient charm. It is best seen in the height of summer when the surrounding corn fields contrast stunningly with the roof.

Angles Way also passes the remains of the round tower of St Mary's Church, which along with Thorpe Parva Hall; make up the only surviving buildings of Thorpe Pava, a settlement deserted by 1739.

The picturesque market town of Diss lies on the Norfolk – Suffolk border. Mentioned in the Domesday Book as a moderately sized Royal Manor, the importance of Diss increased when a market was established which brought wealth to the town. Flemish weavers came across the Channel and throughout the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century's wool, hemp and linen were the chief industries.

A focal point of the town is the 6 acre Mere, an important example of a natural lake basin with the water level maintained by a number of underground springs. The sediments of Diss Mere have been used to investigate the past environment of Norfolk and the Mere is an important site in the development of this science.

A thriving and bustling town has grown up around the Mere and retains a great sense of history with its 13<sup>th</sup> century church, beautiful old buildings and busy Friday market.

## Walk summary

Leave the River Waveney for a 4.5 mile walk through a working agricultural landscape between Billingford and Diss, passing over the old Roman Road at Scole.

#### **Getting started**

This section is between Norgate Lane, Billingford (TM165791) and Diss Mere (TM116797).

### Getting there

Bus service Anglian Service 80 Bus stops The Horseshoes, Bungay Road, Billingford and Diss Bus Station, Park Road, Diss. From the Billingford bus stop on Bungay Road, Angles Way is approximately a third of a mile (.5km) north of the bus stop on Norgate Lane, opposite the Horseshoes Public House. Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33. www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk Train London to Norwich line. Diss Rail Station, Station Road, Diss National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950 www.nationalrail.co.uk/ .

### Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map Diss and Harleston 230 available from Ordnance Survey shop www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite

### What to expect

Footpaths, farm tracks, grazed meadows, stiles and quiet country roads. Short busy section of country road at Sandy Lane, Diss.

# Facilities

Car parking and toilets (Diss only). Accommodation, pubs, restaurants, shops Further information about planning a break in this area is available from www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/visiting/index.asp





