



This is a very straightforward walk of just under 5 miles and is very easy to follow! You start at Brockley along a footpath opposite the Village Hall and walk in an anti-clockwise direction. From just beyond Brockley Hall all the way to Francis Farm the walk is part of the Bury Sat Edmunds to Clare Walk. Unfortunately a sign at the Village Hall forbids casual parking in their car park: back on the B1066, however, there's a lay-by next to the road junction, just a few yards from the start of the walk, so you should be OK. A finger-post indicates where the path starts and soon you're in open countryside heading north towards Brockley Hall and Church with a hedge on your left. The path is

quite clear, passing alongside several fields but as you approach the church the OS map shows the path going to the right side of it. You can do this if you wish (and if you can find the route). Much more sensible is to go to the left of the church and exit the churchyard along a gravel path towards the Hall. Before reaching farm buildings go right and in a few yards you'll find yourself on Hawk's Lane where you turn left. Follow this lane all the way to the derelict buildings of Hawk's Farm and here make a sharp left turn in a south-easterly direction. At the next field boundary you go over a short footbridge, turn right at a right-angle and continue till you meet Cook's Lane. Turn right and continue for several hundred yards. You'll see buildings on the left: this is Britton's Farm. Just beyond the entrance, a footpath sign will lead you leftwards along the east side of the farm, where you may see some of the massive agricultural machinery that they have. From the rear of the farm buildings the path strikes off across the cultivated field and when you encounter a hedge which stretches towards you for no apparent reason, go to the left, keeping alongside the hedge. This will lead down into another field and eventually you'll come towards the buildings of Francis Farm. The footpath goes between buildings (the farmhouse is on your right) and then you'll be on the road which connects the farm with a nearby road. Before this, however and as the farm road is about to turn right, you go left, uphill along the left side of a field towards Manor Farm sitting up on the brow. On reaching this farm, you'll bear round to the left (and then right), leaving the main buildings on your right and now the path descends with a long high hedge on your right. Just beyond the end of this there's a junction of paths and you should go left along the field boundary. Where the boundary turns left there's a gap in the hedge for you to go through to another field. Follow the path which goes along the left hand side of this field and in a while – at the end of the field – you'll find yourself at a road with a cottage on your left. This is the B1066: follow it to your left and in a short while you'll see your car ahead, parked in the lay-by (if that's where you did leave it!)