

A short history of Hadleigh

Hadleigh is an ancient Suffolk market town set in the fertile valley of the River Brett. We are one of the significant Wool Towns that prospered from the Woollen Cloth Trade during the mid 13th Century to the late 15th Century.

We are fortunate that the town has preserved its past and its character with 250 listed buildings. Amongst these are the fine Guildhall, St Mary's church and Deanery Tower that create a unique setting.

The High St has many independent traders and family businesses, that always delight our visitors. There is also a busy Friday morning Market.

Twentieth century artist and plantsman Sir Cedric Morris, established The East Anglian School of Painting and Drawing here at Benton End.

The Gayfords were born in Hadleigh Oswald, a pioneering aviator and his sister Eily, also known as Kit, was one of the few dedicated trainee boatwomen: a group of extraordinary women who were recruited to work the cargo carrying canal boats during World War Two.

Hadleigh Town Guides

We invite you to join us on a guided walk to see and hear about the town past and present.

Some interesting things lie hidden but won't be overlooked by your Guide. Tickets £4.00 per person are available from Hadleigh Visitor Information or booked by phone.

Guided walks are normally at 11.00am or 2pm but early evening is a quieter option. Days and dates by arrangement.

It is important any children under 16 are accompanied by an adult.

All Guided Walks start from the Bus Station Magdalen Road and last about 90 minutes.

We are very sorry but the guided walks are only suitable for enabling dogs.

Hadleigh Town Guides are a part of VISIT HADLEIGH Voluntary Enterprise. They don't personally benefit financially but contribute to the support of Hadleigh's historic buildings and heritage.

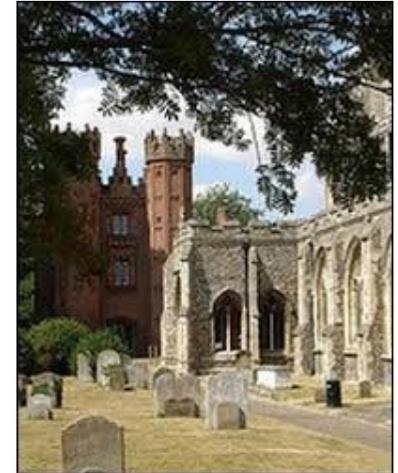
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Guided Walks 2021



Interesting to see
Memorable to experience



1. Hadleigh Past and Present

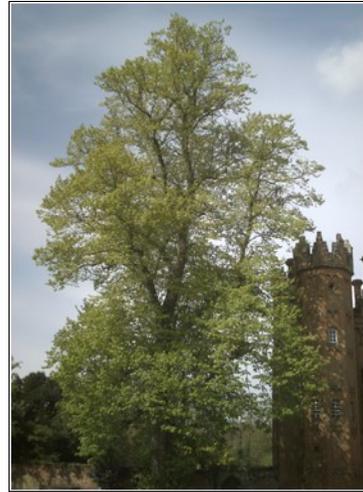


A Viking King, a fearless long distance aviator and an artist and plantsman are all part of our story.

Hadleigh is one of the 51 English towns listed because it is of special historical and architectural importance. There is a riverside walk through woods and meadows leading to the Toppesfield bridge one of the oldest still in use.

“We were both pleasantly surprised as to how much history there was and the famous names from the past that are linked to this lovely Market Town.” **T&S LINEY**

2. Walking with Trees



Discover the origins and mythology of nature’s elder statesmen.

Some of the town’s trees are as ancient and majestic as the historic buildings you will see.

Trees are universal symbols that can be found in many traditions Celtic, Greek and Roman. Artists and writers have been inspired by trees and woodland.

“The walk concentrated on important and easily accessible trees. Interesting information that was well presented by the Guide.”
Suffolk Walking Festival

3. Miss Lawrence goes Shopping - 1918



What was life like for the spinster seamstress?

This walk joins Miss Lawrence as she visits the High St shops but as they were in 1918.

So wartime rationing, day to day life and a little gossip are included. While Miss Lawrence is a fictitious character what she will tell you has been discovered from original sources. **Sundays only**

“It was literally like being in the moment with Miss Lawrence. The tour was very informative and fun.”

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