

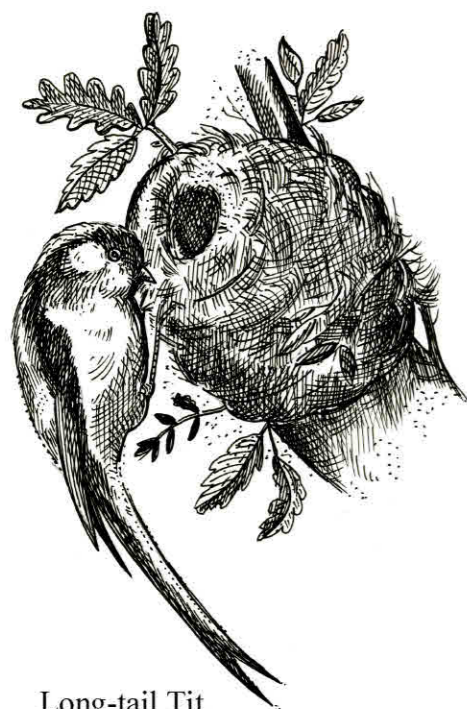
HOXNE HERITAGE WALK

6. Brakey Wood.

This 15 acre wood was created in 1999 for the village by The Woodland Trust with funds raised by the village and other organisations. The oak carving of a stone-age man refers to the Hoxne Interglacial Lake around which hunter-gatherers worked and lived. This carving was funded by the Hearts of Oak project.



The wood is a haven for insects, birds and animals as well as being a superb habitat for plants and fungi. Chickering Beck, a small water course, runs along the whole northern length of Brakey Wood.



Long-tail Tit

Footpaths and roads from here lead to Heckfield Green, Cross Street, Green Street and Low Street. St Edmund's Cross and Abbey Farm can be seen from the western boundaries. The old sandpit to the north is also an area of plantation, near to Noah's Barn. The footpath to Downbridge Farm is a pleasant one crossing Down Bridge then along Saffron Pan Lane and past the Sandpit Meadow to Low Street, emerging opposite the Swan Inn. Alternatively the footpath to Ball's Lane [Bulls Lane] brings you to Cross Street and Abbey Farm.

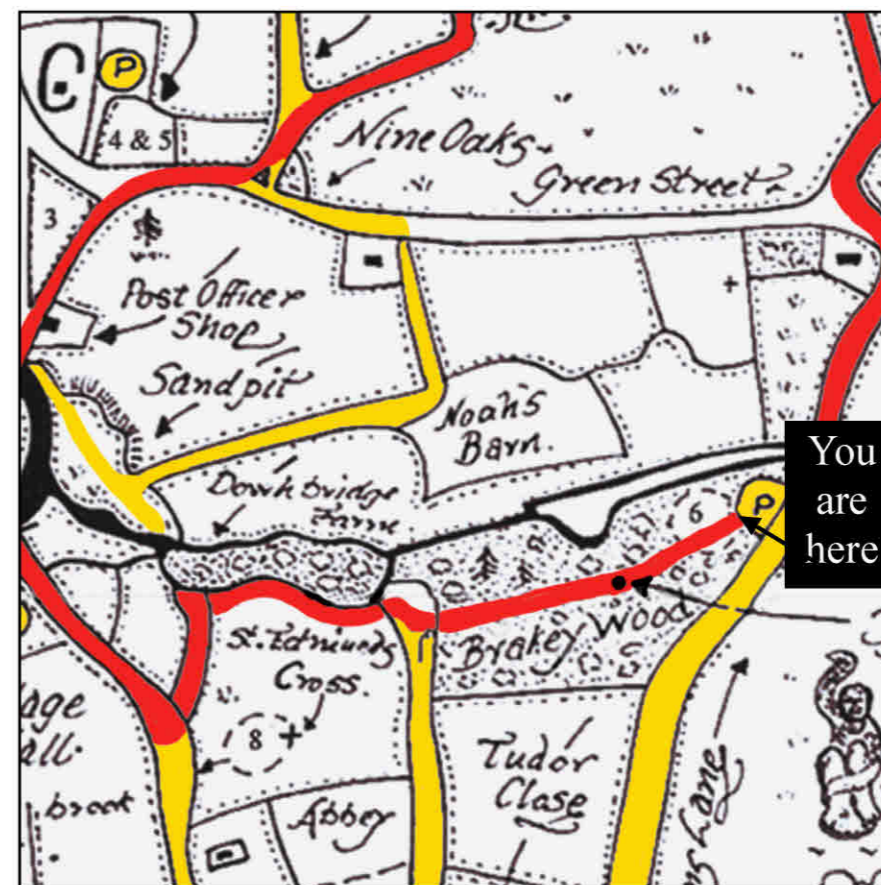
Abbey Farm stands on the site of the chapel which contained the body of St Edmund, until its removal to St Edmundsbury Abbey. Anciently this Priory Cell, controlled by Norwich Priory and Cathedral, was given its charter by Herbert de Losinga, Bishop of Norwich. The monks of Norwich were given the parish church of St Peter and the chapel of St Edmund at Hoxne.

Peacock Butterfly



Abbey Farm

In 1538 Prior Castleton of Hoxne sold the site of the Priory Cell of St Edmund to Sir Richard Gresham. The Thurston family resided in the timber framed and brick farmhouse here during the reign of Elizabeth I.



Hazel and Nuts