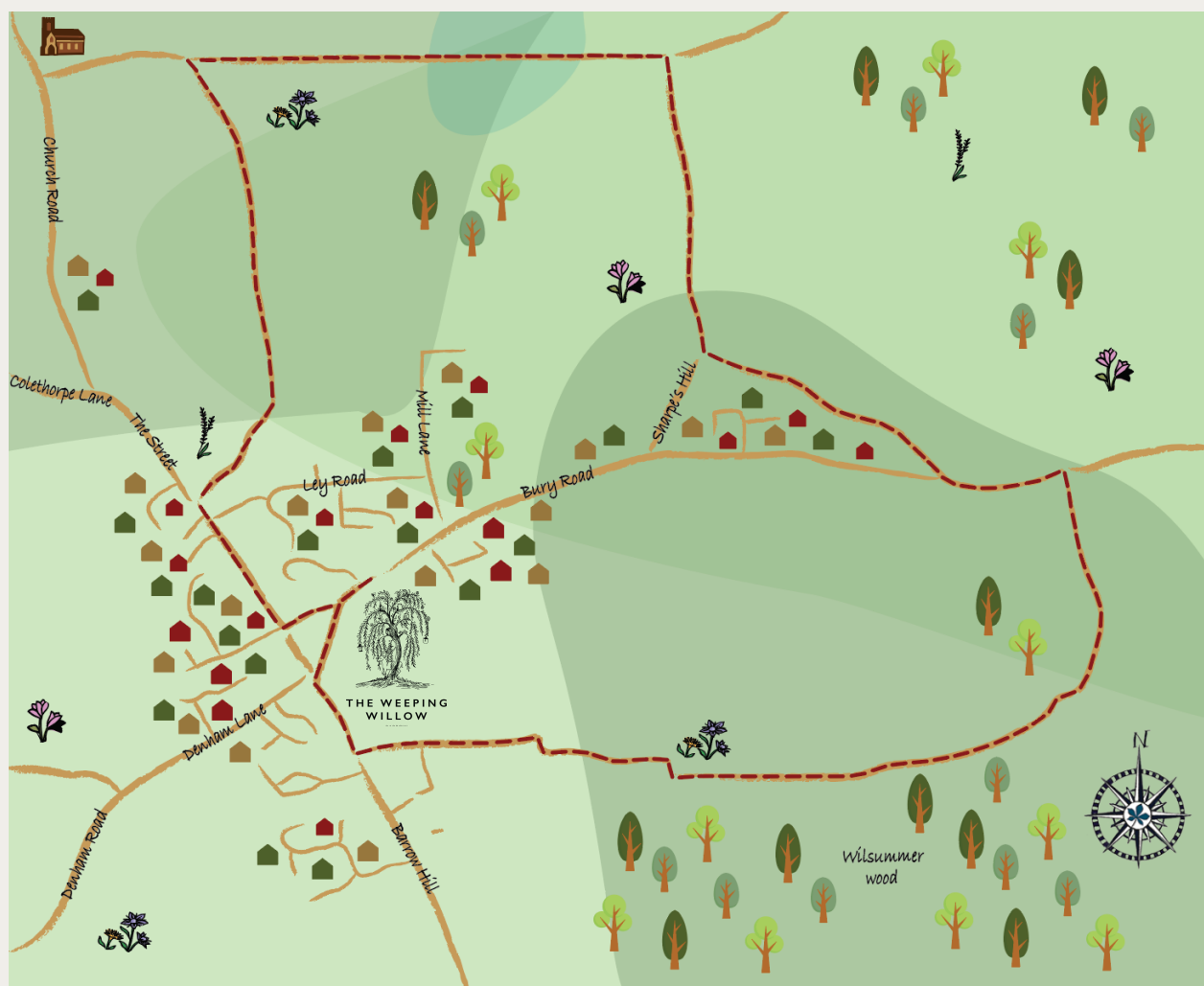


THE WILLOW WANDER

A circular walking route from The Weeping Willow, Barrow



THE WEEPING WILLOW CIRCULAR WALKING ROUTE 6.5km (4 miles) | 1.5hr

Begin at The Weeping Willow Pub. Carefully cross the road and turn left onto the pavement, heading towards the centre of the village.

Continue along the pavement until you reach the war memorial at the end of the road. Turn right here, passing the village shops, with the duck pond visible across the road on your left.

Follow this road until you reach the postbox and village hall. Walk around the back of the village hall via the car park, joining a narrow lane that leads towards the village green.

Cross the green diagonally towards the far corner, passing over a small bridge. After crossing, continue straight ahead, keeping to the left-hand side along a series of crop fields.

Pass Barrow Cemetery on your right and continue until you reach New Road. Turn right (take care of traffic) and follow the road for a distance until you reach a right-hand turning onto Sharpes Hill road.

Follow Sharpes Hill until you arrive at a small residential area with a triangular green ahead. Turn left onto Stoney Lane and continue out of the village, passing several houses before reaching a narrow, tree-lined stretch of road.

At the junction with Bury Road, turn left. Take care as you walk around the road bend, then look for a track on your right leading gently uphill towards a line of trees.

Follow this track as it curves right along the treeline, passing arable fields. You will find a bench on your right - an ideal spot to pause and enjoy the view.

Continue beyond the bench, where the path dips down into a small woodland area and a dry stream bed. Follow the route through the woodland, keeping alongside the stream, crossing it where necessary.

Exit the woodland onto a grassy track and follow it around the edge of the fields until you reach a residential area. Cross the road and continue straight ahead along the alleyway.

At the end of the alleyway, cross the road and turn right. Continue to the next junction, then take the right-hand fork, following the grassy verge back towards The Weeping Willow.

Finish your walk with a well-earned drink and a bite to eat.

AROUND AND ABOUT

Points of interest in Barrow

BARROW WAR MEMORIAL

The Barrow war memorial is one of the village's most important historic landmarks. It stands on Barrow Green at the junction of The Street, Bury Road, and Barrow Hill, right in the heart of the village.



It was built after the First World War to honour the 33 men from Barrow who were killed between 1914 and 1918. Later, the names of 11 villagers who died in the Second World War were added. One fascinating part of its history is that there was actually a disagreement in the village about what kind of memorial should be built. The rector wanted a memorial tablet inside the church, but villagers voted instead for an outdoor monument on the green so everyone could see it.

BARROW CHURCH

All Saints Church, Barrow is one of the oldest and most striking buildings in the village, with parts dating back to the 14th century. The church is especially known for its magnificent tomb of Sir Clement Higham, a powerful Tudor lawyer and adviser to Queen Elizabeth I, whose richly carved monument dominates the interior. It also has a connection to art history: the famous 17th-century portrait painter Mary Beale was born in the nearby rectory in 1633. Over the centuries, the church has stood at the centre of village life through medieval times, civil war, and two world wars, making it a living piece of Suffolk history.



LOCAL LEGENDS

There's an old local legend about a highwayman who tried to rob a local landowner in 1789. The robber was caught after his horse lost a shoe, tracked down, and hanged near the village school. A stone in the pavement supposedly marks the spot - locals once claimed it turns over at midnight every New Year's Eve.



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