

Local Pubs – walking distance or short drive

The Fox, Pakenham (5 min walk) - Our village pub, with award-winning beers. It has a friendly atmosphere and a great outdoor area including a large rear garden/meadow. Always a good selection of beers and ciders, plus a basic wine list. A low-key food offering with well-cooked basic pub food from a small part-week menu. Sunday roasts are popular and large indoor groups need to be booked in advance

The Dog, Norton (30 min walk or 5 min drive) - A food-focused traditional pub with ample restaurant space but limited bar space. A wide selection of beers and wine. A very comprehensive food menu. Weekends are popular, especially Sunday roasts

The Pykkerell Inn, Ixworth (40 min walk or 5 min drive) - A traditional village pub with a cosy feel. A good selection of beers and a basic wine list. Basic but good light pub food

The Bull, Troston (10 min drive or 70 min walk) - A food-focused rural pub with pretty gardens and good indoor space. A good selection of beers including one brewed-on site, and a good wine list. Upmarket and consistent pub food with a small but frequently updated menu. Weekends are popular and big groups require advance booking

The Fox & Hounds, Thurston (25 mins walk or 4 min drive) - A popular local drinking pub in the middle of Thurston. A wide selection of beers with a basic wine list, and a basic but good pub menu. A games room is behind the bar

The Brewers, Rattlesden (15 min drive) - A picturesque pub known for excellent food. A wide selection of beers with a comprehensive wine list. Award-winning restaurant standard food served in both the pub and adjoining restaurant rooms. Popular for occasions

The Cadogan, Ingham (10 min drive) - A wide food offering in a pleasant setting with a large terrace for outside dining

Three Kings, Fornham (10 min drive) - Traditional characterful pub, newly refurbished and with a good menu and wine list

Local Pubs – further afield by car

[The Weeping Willow, Barrow](#) (20 min drive) - An enlarged and modernised 16th century pub with an extensive food offering

[Guinness Arms, Icklingham](#) (20 min drive) - A 16th century coaching inn with good food and an extensive menu. A large conservatory-style dining area

[The Bildeston Crown – Bildeston](#) (25-30 min drive) - 15th Century former Coaching Inn, with award-winning food

[The Unruly Pig, Woodbridge](#) (40-50 min drive) - An award-winning pub with excellent food

[The Dabbling Duck, Great Massingham](#) (50-60 min drive) - In a picturesque setting, listed in the Good Food Guide

[The Packhorse Inn, Moulton](#) (25 min drive) - Elegant countryside pub with rooms and a restaurant

Recommended Restaurants

Bury St Edmunds:

[Maison Bleue](#) – An excellent French Restaurant

[Pea Porridge](#) – Michelin starred Restaurant

[Giggling Squid](#) – Good Thai cuisine and takeaway

[The Northgate](#) – Good food and cocktails in a Hotel setting

[Voujon](#) – Good Indian food and takeaway

[Côte Brasserie](#) – Good French style/modern food from a popular chain

[1921](#) – Award winning food in relaxed surroundings

[Francela](#) – Mediterranean food

[Orissa](#) – Contemporary curry house (also offers takeaway)

[Rustico](#) – Italian restaurant serving regional cuisine

Close to Pakenham:

[The Leaping Hare](#), Wyken – Good food and its own English wines

[Theobald's](#), Ixworth – Excellent food in a small traditional setting

Further afield:

[Scutchers](#) – Long Melford, traditional good food in a picturesque village

[Great House](#) – Lavenham, award winning French cuisine

[Mariners](#) – Ipswich, delicious food located on a boat in Ipswich marina

[Midsummer House](#) and [Restaurant 22](#) – Cambridge, British fine dining

[Tuddenham Mill](#) – [Tuddenham](#) – Award winning restaurant in a converted water mill

There are [14 Michelin](#) recommended restaurants in Suffolk

Places to visit/things to do – nearby

[Theatre Royal](#) – Live theatre, the only surviving Regency playhouse in the country - Bury St Edmunds

[Abbeygate Cinema & Cineworld](#) – Bury St Edmunds

[Apex](#) – Bury St Edmunds live events and music

[Moyses Hall Museum](#) – Historic Museum of Bury St Edmunds

[Greene King Brewery](#) – Tours of the Brewery in Bury St Edmunds

[Abbey Gardens](#) and the [Cathedral](#) in Bury St Edmunds

[Ickworth](#) - National Trust property and park with lovely walks

[Pakenham Water Mill](#) – walking distance with a small shop on site

[Blackthorpe Barn](#) – Art centre and Christmas Fair within a thatched barn

[Kentwell Hall](#) – Stately Home, finest moated Tudor house in England, hosting historical re-enactments

[Euston Hall](#) – Local large estate

[Wild Tracks Outdoor Activity Park](#) – Karting, off-roading and motor cross

[Red Lodge Karting](#) – Go Karting

[Food Museum](#) – Stowmarket

Places to visit/things to do – further afield

[Holkham Hall](#) – Stunning large property, grounds and parkland in North Norfolk

[Holkham Beach](#) - [The Victoria Inn](#) offers good food and drinks nearby

[Anglesey Abbey](#) - National Trust property and park

[Blickling Hall](#) – National Trust Estate

[Newmarket Races](#) and [Newmarket National Horse Racing Museum](#)

[Cambridge Punting](#)

[The Broads](#) – A network of mostly navigable rivers in Norfolk. An area of outstanding natural beauty

[Adnams Brewery](#) – Southwold, Brewery Tour

[Aldeburgh](#), [Thorpeness](#) and [Southwold](#) - Picturesque Coastal Towns in Suffolk

[Felbrigg Hall](#), [Melford Hall](#) & [Wicken Fen](#) – all National Trust locations

[Suffolk Distillery](#) – Stoke by Nayland

Steam railways – [Mid Suffolk Light Railway](#), Stowmarket, [Colne Valley railway](#), Heddingham Essex & [Bressingham Steam and Gardens](#), Diss

[West Stow Anglo Saxon Village](#) – Anglo Saxon Village & Country Park

[Sutton Hoo Anglo Saxon burial site](#) – as seen in The Dig on Netflix

[Grimes Graves](#) – Prehistoric Flint Mine, Weeting

Walks – [Lavenham to Long Melford Railway walk](#), [West Stow Trail](#) and [Bradfield Woods](#)

For children:

[Yaya's House](#) – Children's play centre & [Hadleigh gymnastics](#) – Hintlesham, Ipswich

[Baylam House](#) – Rare Breeds Farm, Ipswich

[Go Ape](#) – Thetford Forest

[Jimmy's Farm and Wildlife Park](#) – Working farm with various rare breeds and attractions