



Above: Town Centre  
Below: Beccles Quay  
Big Dog Ferry

The town was also home to *Catherine Suckling* who was married in the town's *St Michael's Church* to *Edward Nelson* and later gave birth to England's greatest Naval Hero – *Lord Horatio Nelson*. Details on the history of *Beccles* can be found within the town's museum (open April to October, Tuesday to Saturday, 2.30pm to 5pm). One of the town's other historical landmarks is the *Bell Tower*. At 97 ft tall it stands detached from the main body of the church, offering spectacular views across the surrounding countryside. At different times of the year the *Bell Tower* is open for guided tours providing visitors with an insight to the building's history. The popular quayside area of the town is the *Southern Gateway to the Broads National Park*. This area is not only extremely popular with water users, but is also ideal for families, walkers and those interested in wildlife.

**B**eccles offers a wealth of diversity, combining history, winning beaches, nature reserves and theme park. The town was once a flourishing Saxon Sea Port and there are many buildings of architectural interest, including *Leman House* in *Ballygate*, home of the *Beccles Museum*. This Grade 1 Listed Building was once the local school and it still bears the motto '*Discere aut Discede*' (roughly translated to 'learn and go').



Beccles Bell Tower

**WELCOME TO BECCLES**  
Sited inland on the River Waveney, Beccles sits at the southern point of the Broads National Park.

One of the best ways to explore the River Waveney and its countryside is by boat; the *Big Dog Ferry* and *Broads Liana* both offer trips along the river where kingfishers and other birds can be spotted. Those visiting by water can book mooring spaces in advance (contact the Harbour Master) or on the day; half day mooring is also available, although visitors will need more than half a day to

Beccles is well known for its unique and interesting shops, many of which are independent retailers. The range of restaurants and dining facilities will impress those wishing to sample the tastes of the town. Places to eat and drink range from national chains to independent outlets so that all tastes are provided for. The *Beccles Farmers Market* provides a great opportunity to purchase local produce from around Suffolk and Norfolk including wines and meat. *The Country Market*, at Quaker Hall, Smallgate (Friday 9.30 to 11am) offers a range of local produce and crafts. The more active visitor may wish to explore the town and surrounding area via the *Beccles Marsh Trail* (maps are available from Tourist Information at the quay or the Town Hall in the town centre). The Marsh, which was given to the town in 1584 by *Queen Elizabeth I* is divided into 3 walks. Each walk varies in distance and character. With children in mind, Beccles has a skate board park, an outdoor swimming pool and various play areas. There are also a number of walks and cycle routes around the town. Lots to do for everyone.

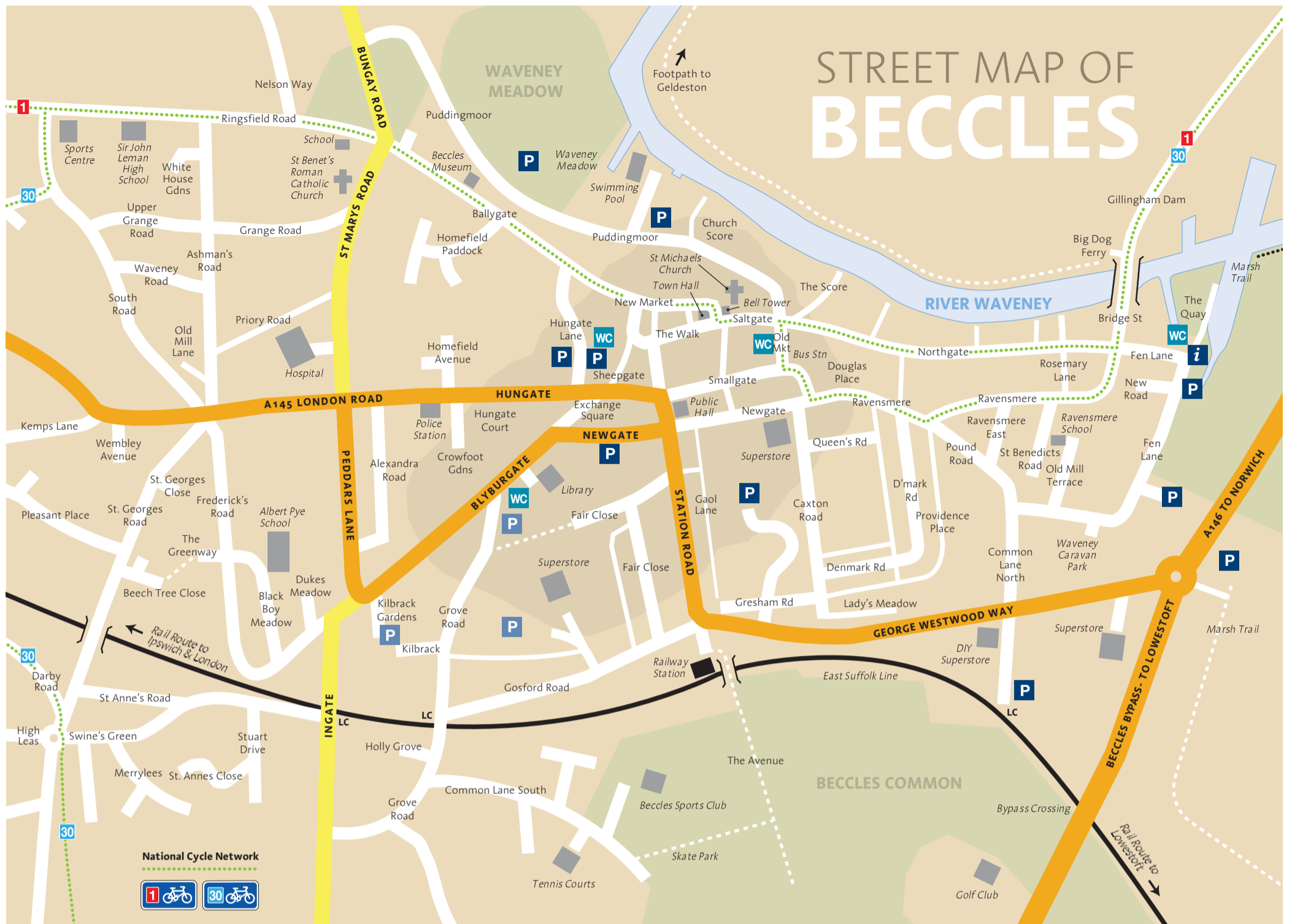
[www.visit-beccles.co.uk](http://www.visit-beccles.co.uk)

**BECCLES**  
GATEWAY TO THE BROADS



The Kings Head    The Bear & Bells    Twyfords





# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Beccles Tourist Information  
 Beccles Quay.....01502 713196  
 Beccles Town Hall.....01502 712109  
 Ellough Sunday Market  
 9am – 4pm April to December  
 Farmers Market – Ellough  
 1st & 3rd Saturday in the Month  
 Harbour Master..... 01502 712225  
 Hospital (8am - 10pm)  
 Minor Injuries only.....01502 719800  
 Internet Access -  
 New Thresholds in Hungate  
 Library in Blyburgate  
 Library.....01502 714073  
 Lowestoft Tourist  
 Information Centre.....01502 533600  
 Market Day Friday  
 Police.....01986 835300  
 Rail Enquiries.....08457 484950  
 Traveline.....0870 608 2608

## HOTELS

The Kings Head Hotel.....01502 712147  
 Waveney House Hotel.....01502 712270

## GUEST HOUSES (BED & BREAKFAST)

Catherine House  
 (disabled access).....01502 716428  
 Eveleigh House.....01502 715214  
 Pinetrees (disabled access).....01502 470796  
 Saltgate House.....01502 710889  
 Cycle Hire:  
 Michael's Cycles.....01502 717413  
 Martha's Cottage  
 Cycle Hire (Barnby).....01502 476789

## COFFEE HOUSES & TEAROOMS

Bakers Oven.....01502 717125  
 Baileys Delicatessen.....01502 710609

Food for Thought.....01502 710979  
 Garden Tea Rooms.....01502 712631  
 Ronies Cafe.....01502 710457  
 Twyford's.....01502 710614

## RESTAURANTS & PUBLIC HOUSE

Bombay Restaurant.....01502 717610  
 Butchers Arms.....01502 712243  
 Caxton Arms.....01502 717089  
 Ingate.....01502 712315  
 Kings Head Hotel.....01502 712147  
 Locks Inn, Geldeston.....01508 518414  
 Pearl River.....01502 712449  
 Pizza Piatto.....01502 711711  
 Prezzos.....01502 715036  
 Ronie's Cafe.....01502 710457  
 The Bear & Bells.....01502 712291  
 The India Gate.....01502 712161  
 The Oak.....01502 713201  
 The Pagoda.....01502 712205  
 The Swan House.....01502 476646  
 The White Horse.....01502 713570  
 Tower House Café.....01502 712161

## ATTRACTIONS

Beccles Bell Tower.....01502 712109  
 Beccles Go Kart Centre.....01502 717718  
 Beccles Golf Club.....07896 807297  
 Golf Clubhouse.....01502 712244  
 Beccles Marsh Trail.....01502 713196  
 Beccles Marsh Trail Lakes.....07796437381  
 Beccles Museum.....01502 715722  
 Big Dog Ferry.....www.bigdogferry.co.uk  
 Hipperson Boats.....01502 712166  
 Liana Boat Trips.....01502 713796  
 Outdoor Swimming Pool.....01502 713297

Tennis Courts - Alan Hutchinson Way,  
 Common Lane (Public Hire of courts -  
 CB Sports, 21B New Market)  
 Waveney Stardust  
 (disabled access).....07817920502

## ARTS, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES

Blyburgate Antiques.....01502 711174  
 Besley's Books.....01502 715762  
 Crop N Craft.....01502 710888  
 Durrants Auction Room.....01502 713490  
 Eclectics.....01502 719709  
 Fauconberges.....01502 716147  
 One Step Back.....01502 714121  
 The Needlecraft Shop.....01502 713543  
 The Upstairs Gallery.....01502 717191  
 The Works.....01502 710310  
 Woodwork Warehouse.....01502 712889

## PHARMACY

Boots – Town Centre

## HEALTH & BEAUTY

Amanda Janes for Beauty.....01502 716448  
 Hungate Health Store.....01502 715009  
 Manor House Practice.....01502 712505  
 Saxon Alternative  
 Therapy Centre.....01502 717417

## A SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT RETAIL OUTLETS IN THE TOWN CENTRE

Bartrums Pet Shop  
 Beccles Jewellers  
 Bookthrift  
 Breeze - Fashion  
 Chambers - Butchers  
 Cloves Dress Agency  
 Coes Menswear  
 Coopers - Hardware  
 Copperfields - Jewellers  
 Country Cards  
 Covent Garden - Fruit and Vegetables  
 Cracks Pet Shop  
 Daisy Roots - Gifts  
 Fat Face  
 Felix Shoe Menders & Key Cutting  
 Focus 23 - Photography  
 Fresh & Silk Flowers  
 Furniture Affair  
 Gary's Discount  
 Gazette Bookshop  
 Hughes Electrical  
 Jodphurs - Saddlers  
 Just Jumpers - Fashion  
 Kulture Shock - Pop Culture  
 Laura Ashley  
 Lollipop - Childrens Shoes  
 Michaels Cycles  
 Opulence - Furniture & Fire Stoves  
 Parish Lantern - Gifts  
 Pink Lady - Childrens Clothes  
 Play the Game - Console Games  
 Quayside Conservatories  
 R. Tilney - Gunsmith  
 Sawdust - Fashion  
 Simply Cards  
 Smash Skates & Fashion  
 Sweet Memories - Confectionery  
 Taylor's Electrical  
 The Nail Bar  
 The Marmalade Tree - Gifts  
 The Toy Box  
 Westgate Co-op Store  
 Willows - Gifts



The Waveney House Hotel

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The Town Centre



Beccles Quay