Via Beata

Way of Blessing

Section Four: Roudham Heath to Brandon - 11.75 miles

Route

Leave the Way Station on the left, and walk forward down the open path following Hereward Way. At the edge of the trees, turn left along hedge line towards electricity substation. Join Peddars Way, turn left towards railway line. Just before domestic buildings, turn right, cross the dismantled railway, then continue forward to A 1075.

(2.75 miles)

Forward on Hereward Way, crossing Croxton Heath. At junction (Fowlmere Wood) turn left to Chapel Farm.

(3 miles).

Cross the minor road, ____ continuing forward on footpath, to Rugby Club on left. At junction

with Al34, cross to verge on lefthand side. The path is 50 yards to the left of the verge between trees. At sign to "Bidwell Scout and Guide Camp", take the right hand track down to the railway line to the site of St Helen's Holy Well. Path continues with the railway line on the left. At Railway cottages, cross railway line to Santon House and Santon Downham church. (2.5 miles)

From the Santon Downham Visitors Centre, follow path on the north side of the Little Ouse. Cross the minor road, and continue on river path. This later joins the Little Ouse path, all the way into Brandon. The path goes behind some flats then onto the AlO65 in Brandon. Cross the road,

turn right to railway crossing. Then take left fork onto Brandon Road, then left down Fengate Drove. (3.5 miles)

The Way Station is situated on the right at the Harvest Centre, tucked away behind the building. Access Monday to Friday 9.00 to 4.00, and Sundays.

Overview

The way starts in the pine forest in Roudham and follows pathways through it until it comes out at the Al075. From there it follows the Harling Drove to the Al34 passing through Croxton - a pretty estate village. After Santon Downham, it continues beside the Little Ouse river and into Brandon.



St Helen's Church and Holy Well, Santon Downham



St xxxxx Church, Santon Downham

MAPS AND REFERENCE

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Roudham: TL944882

Brandon: TL780874