

## Walsham Le Willows Fact Sheet

### AMENITIES:

❖ **Baby and Toddler group**

The Baby and Toddler Group has now been established in Walsham for over ten years. The group holds meetings every Wednesday morning during term times from 9.45 to 11.15 a.m. They are held in the Village Hall which gives ample space for the little toddlers, who can range from birth through to 3 years in age and they all enjoy a very relaxed, fun morning.

❖ **Bed and Breakfast - Wagner Cottage**

Wagner Cottage is a grade II listed building, with a delightful walled garden and is situated opposite the Parish Church. The accommodation consists of both a twin bedded room or a single bed in a twin bedded room, and everyone will receive a warm welcome.

**Sideways**

Self-catering holiday let in the centre of the village, with off road parking.

**Short Breaks – Gabriels Cottage**

Self-catering holiday 1640's cottage in the centre of the village, available for short breaks, weekends etc. Including off road parking.

❖ **Builders and Agricultural Builders – Clarkes of Walsham Ltd**

Clarkes of Walsham are one of the largest independent suppliers of building, farming and garden materials in the East of England

❖ **Butchers – Rolfes of Walsham**

Rolfes of Walsham has been providing fine food to customers since the late 1800's. Also sells fruit and veg, cheeses, dairy produce, fresh bread, groceries and newspapers.

❖ **Wines – Wattisfield Wines**

Wattisfield Wines is an Independent wine merchants set up by Shami Gill in 1988 and has been in Walsham le Willows since 1994. They offer a choice of 500 wines from around the world and we can arrange group or private tastings.

❖ **Library**

Suffolk Library service including a Mid Suffolk Mobile Library. There is also a mobile post office twice a week.

❖ **Nursery – Hill Cottage Nursery**

This is a charming nursery which is a garden in pots. The varied stock ranges from traditional cottage garden perennials to fashionable grasses and antipodean architectural plants from Helen's native New Zealand. There is an emphasis on quality and care and you will be welcomed with personal attention and advice.

## SCHOOLS:

- ❖ **Pre-School - Little Willows**  
“Little Willows” pre-school has been alive in Walsham for over 20 years, providing childcare and early years education for both the local children and also for those from surrounding areas. For pupils aged 2 ½ to 5 years.
- ❖ **Walsham le Willows CEVC Primary School**  
Walsham le Willows is a Voluntary Controlled Primary School, catering for children aged 5 – 9 years.
- ❖ **Blackbourne Middle School, Stanton**  
For pupils aged 9 to 13 years.
- ❖ **Thurston Community College**  
For pupils aged 13 to 18 years.

## PUBLIC HOUSES:

- ❖ **Public House – The Six Bells**



- ❖ **Public House and Restaurant – The Blue Boar**



## CLUBS/ ORGANISATIONS:

- Walsham Allotment and Leisure Gardens Association
- Cinema Club
- Community Council
- Drama Club
- History Group
- Horticultural Society
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Parish Council
- Play Council
- Reading Group

## SPORTS:

### ❖ The Sports Club

The Sports Club is situated in Summer Road a quarter of a mile from the “Church / Six Bells” cross roads on the left hand side of the road. The Sports Club welcomes new members and is also available for private parties; social functions etc. and are available for hire for local companies. Examples of sports facilities available include:

- Cricket
- Darts
- Football
- Snooker/Billiards
- Table Tennis
- Badminton

The sports club is also a Social Club.

### ❖ The Bowls Club

The village has had a Bowls Club in the centre of the village since 1970, it has always been a thriving club and in the year 1990 the bowls club merged with the Sports Club, which enabled it to improve its facilities, i.e. with the new pavilion etc.

### ❖ Kick Boxing

“Combat Kickboxing Academy” (CKA) is a family run club with all members of the family training. The club also runs first aid courses for all members.

## TRAVEL TIMES AND INFORMATION:

### By Road to:

Diss	12 miles
Thetford	13.3
Bury St Edmunds	14.2
Ipswich	25.7
Norwich	31.5
Southwold	44.0
Cromer	54.6
Aldeburgh	56.3

### By rail (From Diss station):

Norwich	20 mins
Ipswich	20 mins
Thetford	53 mins
London Liverpool Street	1hr 37 mins

There is a regular bus service to Bury St Edmunds daily Monday to Friday, running approximately every two hours.

## CHURCHES:

### Congregational Church



Currently the church has its own minister, having been 20 years without such a leader to head up the work and Sunday Services are held each week at 11.00am & 6.30 pm for anybody who is interested to learn of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is a Sunday school (duration 1 hour) every Sunday at 9.45 am and all children are most welcome to come along. A Ladies Fellowship is another aspect of the ministry at the church.

### Parish Church



A church was here when the Domesday Survey was made in 1086. That building has long gone, though the materials have been used and reused over the centuries. A recognisable fragment from the late 1100s can be seen in the north aisle. The tower and the font belong to the 1300s, but the church had its greatest make-over from about 1400, when the builders were busy, on and off, for a century.

## AMENITIES IN OTHER TOWNS:

### **Botesdale and Rickinghall: Approx 10 minute car journey**

- CO-OP Local Food store
- Post Office
- Newsagents
- Fish and Chip Shop
- Blue Orchid Chinese Takeaway
- Two public houses
- Hairdressers
- Health centre and Orvis Complimentary Therapy centre
- Relevant Health Centre for Walsham le Willows

### **Badwell Ash: Approx 5 mins by car**

- Londis store
- Fish and chip shop
- Two pubs

### **Market Town of Diss – 15-20 minute car journey**

- Morrisons, Tesco, Somerfield
- Boots
- Superdrug
- Woolworths
- M and Co (Ladies and children's clothing)
- Most of the major banks
- Butchers
- Bakeries
- Several different types of individual retail shops
- Friday Market
- Local authority swimming pool/gym
- Fit club (private gym)
- Diss golf club
- Squash club
- Football club
- Cricket club
- Library
- Monsters (children's indoor soft activity play centre)
- Park with children's play area.
- Mainline railway station (direct route to London approx 2hrs 20 mins)
- Norwich approx 20 mins.
- Buses to Norwich, Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich.

### **Stowmarket approx 15-20 mins by car**

- Very similar in size and amenities to Diss.

### **Bury St Edmunds approx 20-25 minutes by car**

- Lovely historic market town.
- Much larger shopping centre with the majority of popular retail chains, soon to be a larger
- Choice when the new “Arc” development opens (currently in the process of being built)
- Bury also has a good range of individual retail shops in the many quaint little side streets.
- It has sports facilities and two cinemas, various restaurants, pubs, bars, coffee shops etc.
- There are the lovely Abbey Gardens to stroll around with a children’s play area.
- There is a daily bus service to Bury from Walsham, Monday to Friday, 7 buses to Bury and 9 returning to Walsham.
- Plenty of car parking in Bury, close to the shopping centre.
- Out of town there is a large retail park, Sainsbury’s and Tesco.