



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 *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').

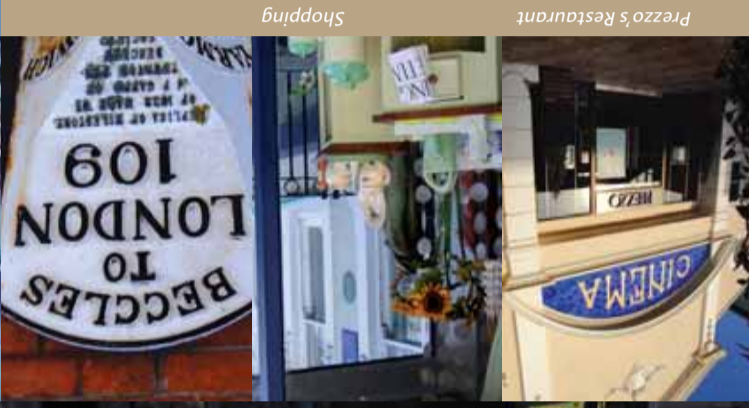
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One of the town's other historical landmarks is the *Bell Tower*. At 97 ft tall it stands detached from the main body of the church, offering spectacular views across the surrounding countryside. At different times of the year the *Bell Tower* is open 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.

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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 experience all of the town's attractions. The Quayside is home to a number of events including *the Beccles Carnival*, and a number of other community events. Also featured are *The Duck Race*, *Antiques Market*, *The 2nd Harvest Moon* and *the Late Night Christmas event*. See www.becclesinfo.com for details.



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

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.



BECCLES
GATEWAY TO THE BROADS

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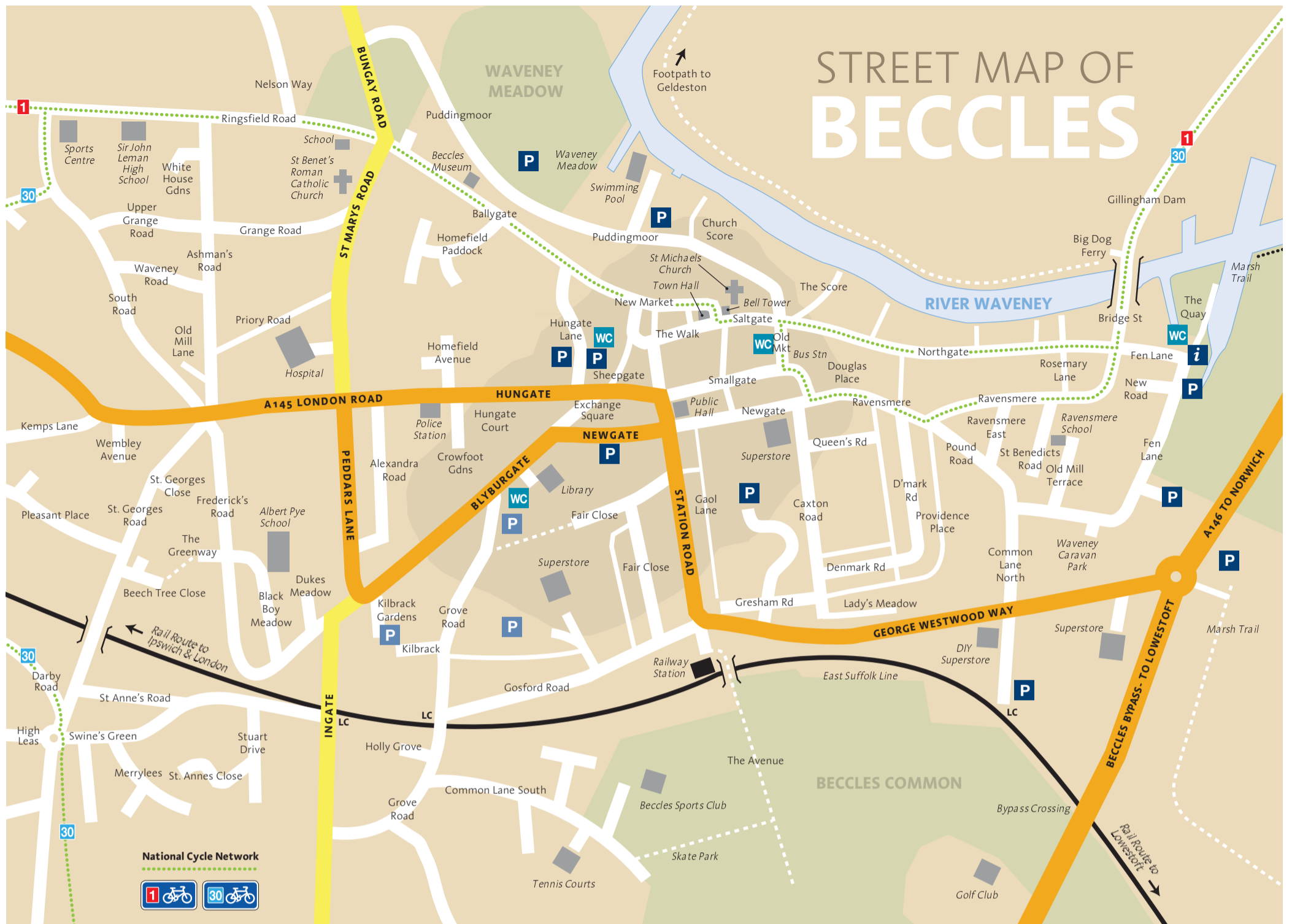


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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

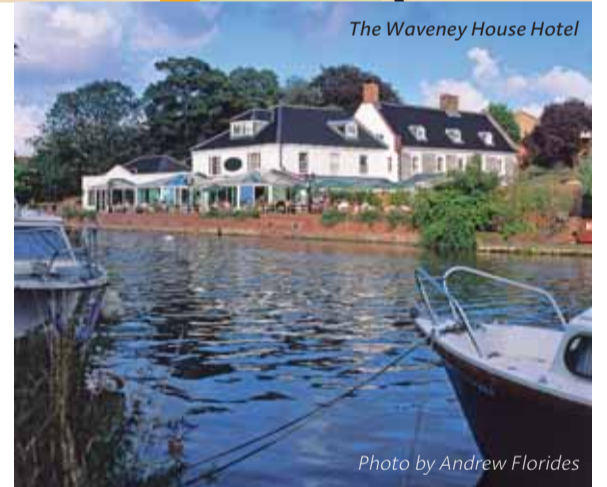
Boots – Town Centre

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