

# BIKE IT! 6

## A South Norfolk Leisure Cycle Route Leaflet

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**Route length approx. 39 kilometers (24 miles). Car parking is available in Long Stratton and elsewhere with care.**

### SPOONER ROW

• Small hamlet with pub and railway station (6). Limited trains stop by request. No Sunday stops.

### TIBENHAM

• Small attractive linear village centre.  
• Pub just off-route on The Street.



### TACOLNESTON (WYMONDHAM ROAD)

- 650ft radio and television transmission mast easily seen landmark in Wymondham Road. (7)
- Historic village core within attractive conservation area. (8)
- Notable listed buildings on Norwich Road including The Pelican public house (c.1686) The Manor Farmhouse, several thatched and timber framed buildings, and approx. 600 metres past the sharp right bend towards Norwich, Old Hall farmhouse and the medieval All Saints Church (9).

**(Take care if cycling as far as the church)**

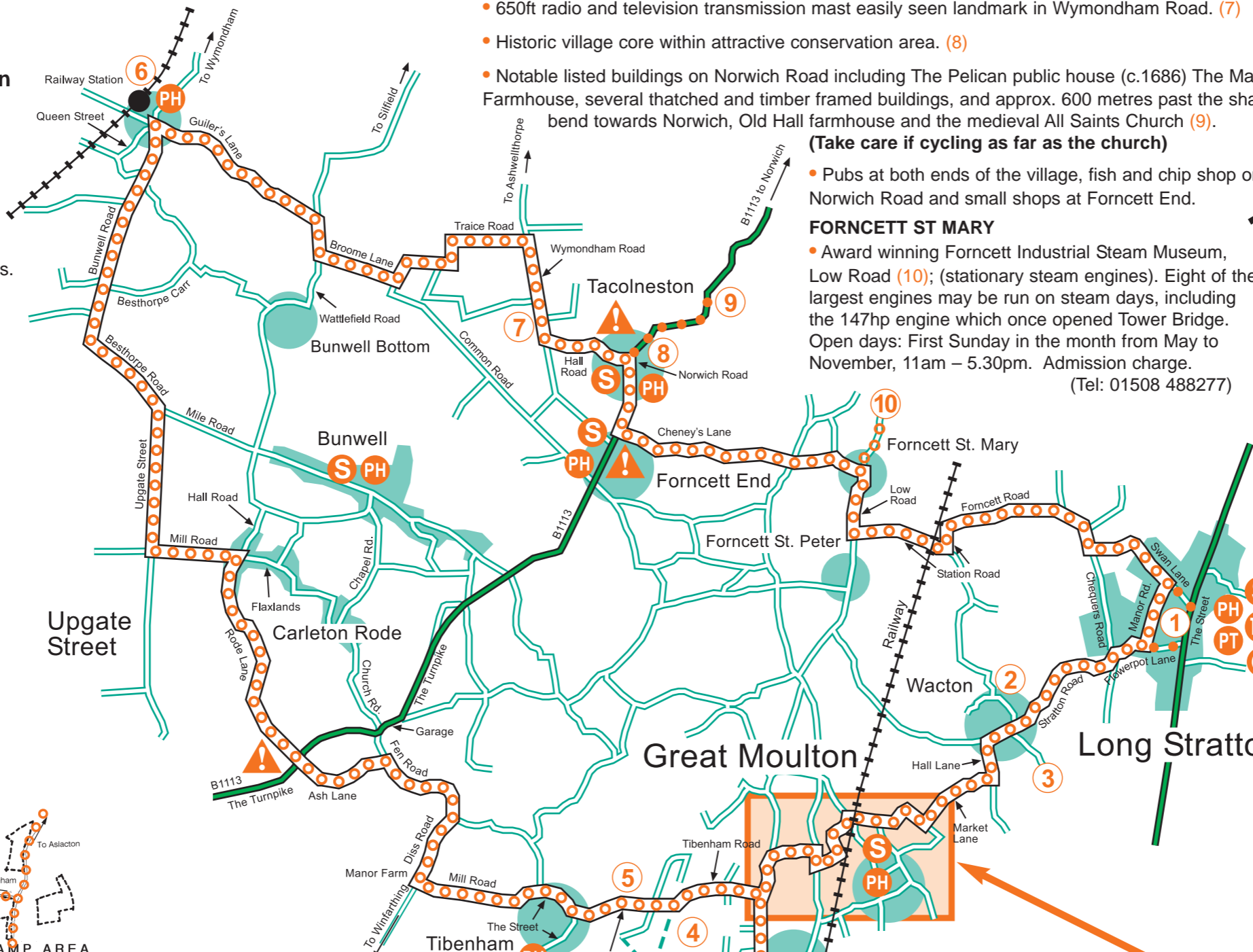
- Pubs at both ends of the village, fish and chip shop on Norwich Road and small shops at Forncett End.

### FORNCETT ST MARY

• Award winning Forncett Industrial Steam Museum, Low Road (10); (stationary steam engines). Eight of the largest engines may be run on steam days, including the 147hp engine which once opened Tower Bridge. Open days: First Sunday in the month from May to November, 11am – 5.30pm. Admission charge. (Tel: 01508 488277)

### KEY

- The Route
- Optional Detour
- Other Roads
- Busy Route Crossing Take Care
- Food Shop(s)
- Public House
- Tea Room Cafe or Restaurant
- Public Toilets
- Tourism Information Centre
- Point of Interest
- Car Park
- Gift Shop



### LONG STRATTON

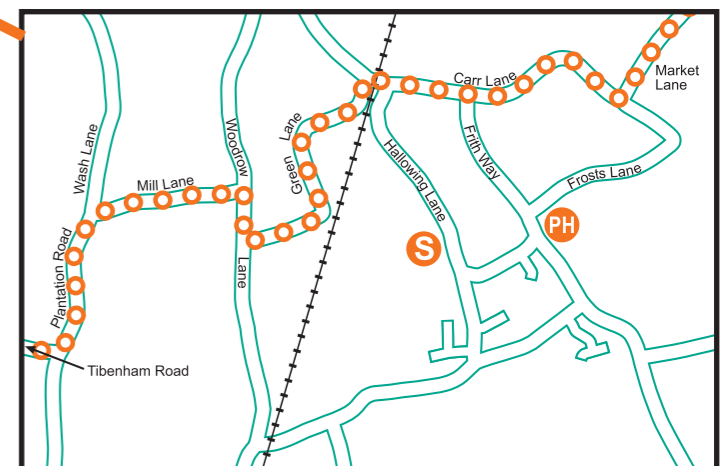
- Pubs, Shops and Services
- Public car park and toilets on Swan Lane
- Historic centre within a conservation area
- Preserved ice house (once belonged to the Old Manor House) next to the Flowerpot Lane/The Street shopping precinct (1)

### WACTON

- Eastern half within conservation area
- Church of All Saints with Saxon round tower and large 14th century nave (2)
- Attractive village green, listed buildings and common to south (3)

### GREAT MOULTON

- Name possibly derived from Norse words "Mula" and "Tun", meaning Mula's village
- Shop and pub off route (see inset map)
- Mostly farmsteads plus much recent development to south of Old Road



### TIBENHAM WWII AIRFIELD (4)

- Built 1941-42, with a camp area to east for 2900 personnel.
- Operated from November 1943 by the USAAF 44th Bomb Group with B-24 Liberators.
- James Stewart the film actor flew from here in 1943/44; the Group left by June 1945.
- Base closed in 1959; part used by Norfolk Gliding Club since 1960.
- Further details in South Norfolk Council's USAAF airfields guide.
- Look out for pill box to north of Hill Road and adjacent oak tree embedded with iron rungs (possible lookout post?) (5)

