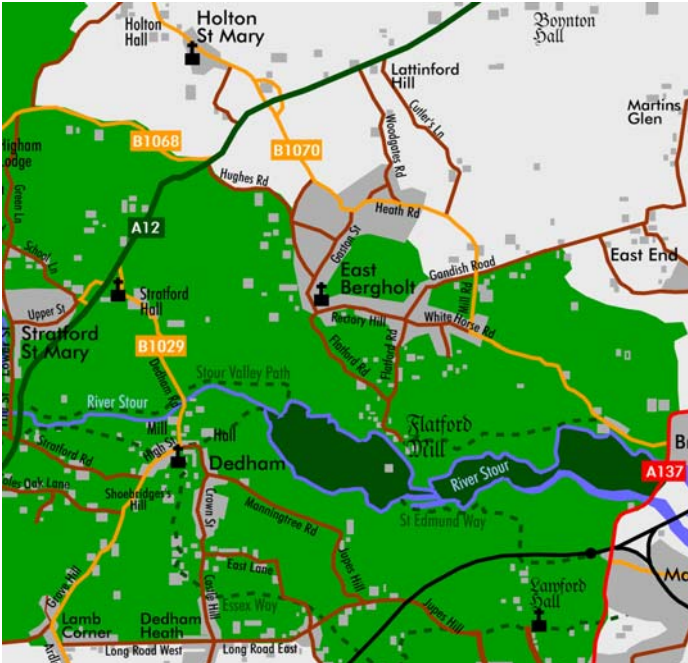


EAST BERGHOLT

East Bergholt is a large village whose southern parts lie within the Dedham Vale. It is situated on a hill on the north side of the Stour valley, downstream from Dedham. It is conveniently placed just one mile from the A12 and is equidistant from Ipswich and Colchester. The surrounding countryside provides excellent walking, with numerous footpaths.

now a communion). With the assistance of Cardinal Wolsey, the building of a bell tower at the church began in 1525, but ceased in 1530 after Wolsey's downfall. The bell cage was then erected in 1531 in the east of the church grounds and was moved to its present location in the seventeenth century.



The busy village store and Post Office and one of the four public houses.

Known by so many people as the birthplace of the artist John Constable, it is also famous for its beautiful church of St. Mary the Virgin with its bell cage beside it. The church was built mostly in the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries and was the benefit of East Bergholt's celebrated cloth industry wealth. It was built in a prominent place at the village's highest point, just a stone's throw away from Old Hall (once a monastery,

Amenities are excellent in East Bergholt, with a flourishing village store and post office, garage, ironmonger, estate agent, bakery, hairdresser, gift shop, pharmacy, excellent garden centre and two forges. There is also a large health centre and several small office and light industrial units. There are good schools, a Primary and a High School, which takes pupils up to GCSE and which has a sports centre open to the public. The village has four pubs, a small restaurant, two village halls and numerous clubs and societies, including the East Bergholt Society and the Stour Valley Art and Music Society. The drama group is very active, as are the bowls, football, tennis and cricket clubs.

All these facilities contribute to a vibrant community. Useful publications are available from the gift shop or the Visitors' Centre at Flatford Mill and there are many useful websites.

For more information visit the East Bergholt website at:

This is East Bergholt: www.e-bergholt.net

East Bergholt & Constable Country website:
www.eastbergholt-bells.org.uk



St Mary the Virgin Church, East Bergholt