

# Old and new Hunstanton, Norfolk



This walk will take you from the beach and lifeboat station at Old Hunstanton into the new town, past the historic lighthouse and the remains of St Edmund's chapel, on to the bustling promenade and the site of the old pier. Stroll past the funfair and Sea Life Centre, through areas flooded in 1953, before turning back through the Victorian town centre to 'Old Town'.



**St Edmund's Chapel and modern lighthouse.** *Photo: Ian Plumb*



**Promenade and beach on a bank holiday.** *Photo: Alan Parkinson*



**The end of an era: shutters down on the Hunstanton Woolworth's.** *Photo: Alan Parkinson*



**Welcome to Hunstanton: sign on the coast road.** *Photo: Alan Parkinson*



**Warning signs at the top of the famous striped cliffs.**  
*Photo: Alan Parkinson*



**Hunstanton's stripy chalk and Carrstone cliffs.** *Photo: Alan Parkinson*

- 1 Park the car in Old Hunstanton (GR: 682425) and walk down to see the lifeboat station and dunes, with beach huts behind. The tide here goes very far out, leaving large areas of sand to dry out and be blown into sand dunes.**
- 2 Follow the road past the pitch and putt and cliff top car park to the white lighthouse and the ruins of St Edmund's Chapel. The bungalows round here are much sought-after places to live.**
- 3 Walk along the cliff top (keep an eye out for the warning signs showing where the cliff is being eroded) and through the gardens to the green. The amusement centre marks one end of the pier, which was sadly damaged by fire, and finally fell victim to storms in 1978. Walk along the promenade to see the tourist attractions.**
- 4 This end of town suffered in the 1953 East Coast floods. It was the location of the town's railway station, which fell victim to Dr Beeching's rationalisation of the rail network in 1969. Searles Leisure Resort accommodates thousands of holidaymakers in the summer months, generating employment for local people.**
- 5 Walk past the recently opened Tesco, and along the High Street past the former Woolworth's, through rows of Victorian terraces and villas.**
- 6 Rejoin the coast road at the pitch and putt; alternatively, walk back along the beach in front of Hunstanton's famous stripy chalk and Carrstone cliffs.**