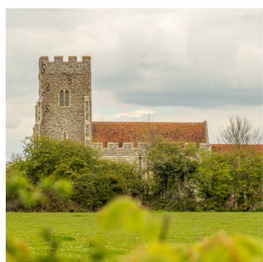


## Points of interest

### Henry Gilder Drake almshouses

The Henry Gilder Drake almshouses on Summerhill were built in the 1930s to provide accommodation for older people living on the Dengie Peninsula and have some decorative brick features in the wall design. The charity, founded in Drake's Will in 1921, is still active in the local area, as a provider of social housing for the over-55s.



### St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's church was built in the 14th century in the Perpendicular style, with a tower of black flint and grey ragstone in a trellis pattern. Above the west door is a badly eroded inscription to Johannis Wylson and Johannis Hyll who paid for the building of the tower. The ornately carved octagonal font dates from the 14th century.

### The Three Horseshoes

There has been a pub on the site of The Three Horseshoes for at least 150 years. The old pub was replaced by the current building in the 1950s. Both bars are set out for dining, confirming the strong emphasis on food, which is served lunchtimes and most evenings. There is a large beer garden, with a well-appointed children's play area.



### Crouch Ridge Estate

Crouch Ridge is a boutique vineyard in the Crouch Valley wine region, producing single variety and blended hand-picked white, rose and red still wines and Classic Cuvee, Pinot Noir Rose and Blanc de Blanc sparkling wines. The estate building has panoramic views of the river Crouch, where you can sample the wines.

## Refreshments

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## ALTHORNE VIEWS & VINEYARDS

### Short Walk

Althorne sits on the southern ridge of low hills on the Dengie Peninsula; so you can glimpse both the Blackwater and the Crouch rivers on this gentle walk



Mainly hardstanding, some field paths that can be muddy. One stile that can be avoided



55 to 70 minutes



2.3 miles



Grapes flourish in the vineyards of Althorne

### How to get here



Althorne Recreation Ground car park, Burnham Road, Althorne, CM3 6BY



Bus 31 (Chelmsford to Burnham) or via train to Althorne station



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## Route

**1.** Leave the **Althorne Recreation Ground** car park and turn left onto Summerhill (Burnham Road). In a third of a mile (after passing the **Henry Gilder Drake almshouses**), you will reach **Althorne Parish Hall** on your left. Cross the road and take the signposted footpath directly opposite (which is a wide track). In 140 yards, where the track turns right, go ahead on the fenced footpath to the left of the five-barred gate. In 30 yards this exits into the churchyard at **St Andrew's Church**.

**2.** Leave the churchyard in the far right corner and head down the lane until you reach the busy B1010 (Fambridge Road). Turn left here, crossing Summerhill (Burnham Road) and continuing ahead until you reach **The Three Horseshoes** pub on your left. Turn around here, retracing your steps. Continue past the lane leading up to the church; 220 yards after passing this lane, cross the road with care to take the access road to the **Crouch Ridge Estate** (the vineyard).

**3.** After visiting the winery, cross the Lower Burnham Road (B1010) again, turning right towards the village. In 40 yards, turn left across the footbridge to take the signposted footpath, which heads steadily uphill on the right-hand edge of the field. At the crest of the hill take a moment to look back to see the **Crouch Valley**; ahead of you (if the visibility is good) you should be able to see glimpses of the **River Blackwater**. At the end of the field, turn right through the barrier and follow the fenced footpath on the left-hand edge of the next field. In 500 yards, go through the gate and turn left to take the path on the left-hand field edge. In 100 yards, cross over the stile and take the path through an area of trees and brambles. In 170 yards, you will reach a T-junction of paths.

**4.** Turn left here and follow the enclosed path, which eventually becomes an unsurfaced lane. Ignore the first footpath on the right (after 80 yards); follow the lane around the right-hand bend to reach Summerhill (Burnham Road). Turn right here to reach the entrance to the Recreation Ground car park in 80 yards, where the walk started.

