

# Suffolk Above and Beyond

## Martin Bowman

This new volume by renowned East-Anglian author and photographer Martin Bowman features evocative images of locations the length and breadth of Suffolk. Taking the reader on a photographic journey by road and rail, sea and air he encompasses eye-catching sights throughout the county.

There are few places in Britain more picturesque than Suffolk with its rich rural landscape, where John Constable was born and where he painted his most celebrated works. Its historic towns and villages, including the wool towns of Hadleigh, Kersey, Lavenham and Clare and their pastel-coloured, half-timbered Tudor houses that lean crazily over the narrow streets are amongst the best-preserved, most historic and prettiest settlements in the country. Exploring them feels like stepping back in time to the fifteenth century, when the wool trade was at its peak. In the Heart of Suffolk are some of England's most charming villages, little changed over the centuries and blessed with beautiful thatched cottages, characterful country inns and medieval churches and footpaths beside the slow-moving River Brett. From the Waveney Valley westwards are the magical waterways and the iconic mills, landmarks, towns and villages they intersect which make the area one of the most delectable places in Suffolk to visit.

Larger towns include Newmarket, the home of horse racing, Ipswich with its millennium of maritime and agricultural history, and Bury St Edmunds with its impressive abbey ruins. Woodbridge too is a beautiful and vibrant market town on the banks of the River Deben, about 8 miles from the sea. The 50-mile stretch of heritage coastline and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has wonderfully varied towns and villages that include Lowestoft, Southwold, Thorpeness, Sizewell and the tiny fishing village of Orford.

In a series of supremely attractive images, Martin Bowman captures the essence of glorious Suffolk.



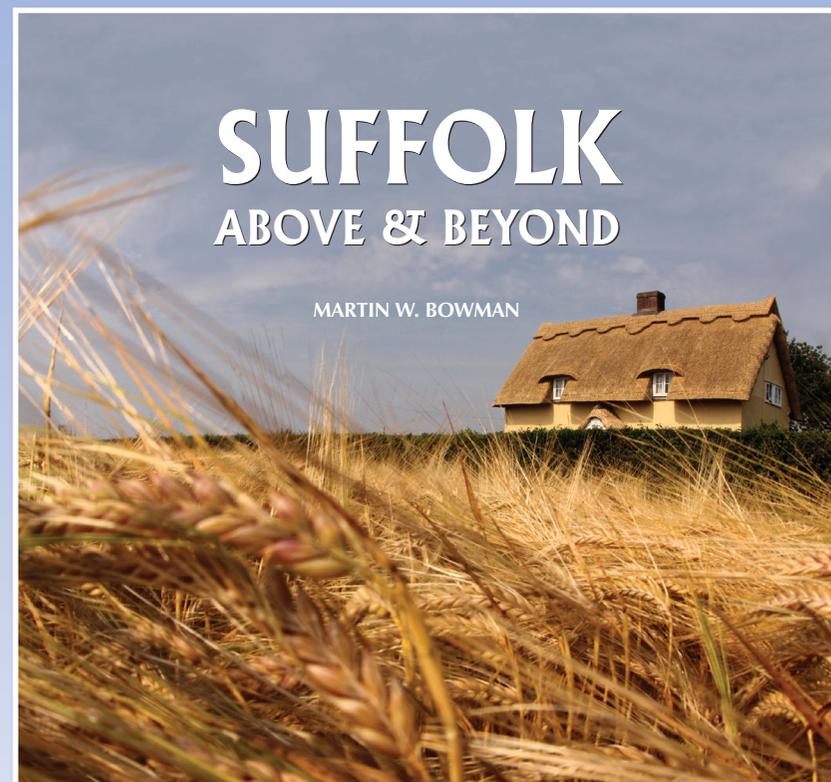
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**Martin Bowman** is the author of over 200 books on military and commercial aviation as well as photographic books on a variety of subjects. His many years of painstaking and fact-finding research and interviews has taken him to many countries, including the USA, Africa, Australia and Russia where he has flown in the cockpits of many types of military aircraft. An accomplished aerial and landscape photographer, *Suffolk Above and Beyond* is his ninth photographic book for Halsgrove.

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