

Vale House  
Flatford Lane  
East Bergholt  
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EAST BERGHOLT is situated on the Essex and Suffolk border between Colchester and Ipswich and very close to the main line station of Manningtree (London Liverpool Street – 55 minutes). For clarity, we are in the County of Suffolk, but our post code is Colchester related, so our full postal town is within Essex!

SATELITTE NAVIGATION or map finder searches on the web may cause you a few issues! Officially (I.E. Land Registry) where we live is 'Flatford Road' but local custom (and more likely snobbery) has managed to get everybody else including The Post Office and The District Council only to recognise it as 'Flatford Lane'! They are one and the same.

DIRECTIONS (the directions once in the village are the easiest way not necessarily the most direct sat nav way): The A12 will bring you North from London/M25 or South from the A14/A12 inter-exchange at Ipswich.

At junction 31 on the A12 take the B1070 signposted East Bergholt and follow the signs for Flatford. Keep on the B1070 for approximately 3 miles (passing East Bergholt High School and The Doctors Surgery). Turn right into Gandish Road. Keep on this road for approximately one half of a mile until you reach the end.

At the crossroads, go straight over into Flatford Lane. Vale House is situated c. 200 yards down, on the left-hand side, adjacent to a gravel lane and almost opposite 'Claycotts' (One of the oldest houses in the village). This is what you are looking for:



VALE HOUSE is named due to its location within The Dedham Vale, an area also known as Constable Country, which centres on the villages of Dedham and East Bergholt, and the hamlet of Flatford. It is a magnet for tourists from all over the world who know the area from the paintings of John Constable (1776-1837). The area was known as Constable Country even during the artist's lifetime. Constable lived in East Bergholt and went to school in Dedham. His father owned the flour mill at Flatford. He wrote of the area: "I love every stile and stump and lane ... these scenes made me a painter." Constable immortalised the landscape of gentle hills, valleys, rivers and streams,

which is still as beautiful and as inspiring. Both East Bergholt and Dedham have been settled since at least Saxon times and Flatford has the "Swannes Nest" which may have been a fortified area built to repel the Vikings, or an early church.

I look forward to seeing you at Vale House.

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