

Sparham Hole is a hollow backed by hilly ground. There are two former chalk lime pits here. Chalk was dug out as a top dressing for the fields. There are three dwellings, one of them quite new. It certainly is a remote spot to live.

A bumpy car track leads down to the quiet by-road leading from Sparham towards Bylaugh.

Turn right down the by-road and enjoy the fine views over the Wensum Valley and up the rolling hills to Sparham. You can see Sparham church to the North East and Elsing church to the South. Keep an eye out for deer, including Muntjack.

There is a wartime story about one of the fields around here. A farmer was ploughing his field when a German fighter plane started a run in on him to shoot him up. Instead of jumping off his tractor and fleeing for his life - afraid he might spoil the straight line of the furrow, he carried on to the edge of the field and then took to his heels.

On reaching the crossroads at the former Elsing Lodge gatehouse of Bylaugh Estate, turn right up the hill and walk back towards Bawdeswell. There is a very long wall built all along the former estate boundary. The Hall was built from a Legacy and the wall to use up the money because the Trustees insisted on it.

Halfway up the hill is a gap in the wall and a long driveway leading to some buildings. These are dwellings now, but at one time one of the buildings was a brick-kiln where all the bricks were made for the building of Bylaugh Hall.

