

The best tasted and tested

The Broads is a great place to relax and unwind. And what better way to enjoy the area than with great quality local food and warm hospitality?

From haute cuisine to pub grub, this guide's for you. It lists the best places to eat – they've all been carefully checked and tested for quality, and scored highly.

Most eateries in the Broads area were tested – but only the ones with the highest scores are listed here. Anonymous inspectors rated the

establishments on food, service, hospitality and cleanliness. If they scored over 60% across the board then they attained membership of the **Broads Quality Charter**.



A handful did even better and scored over 80%, gaining **star quality** status –

look out for the  in the listings.

This year there's more than ever for you to choose from. You'll also find an increasing range of interesting local dishes.

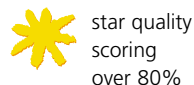
The aim is to raise quality for everyone and to work with businesses and customers. We'd like to know what you think, so please get in touch with your feedback.

There's an increasing range of tasty local food on offer in the Broads - use this guide to seek it out and enjoy it.

Bon appetit!

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scoring
over 80%

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Opening hours

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phone to check.

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Acle

The Bridge Inn (4D •1)

Old Road, Acle tel: 01493 750288

  £1.95~19.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We’re family friendly with riverside gardens and a huge children’s play area. People come back because the food is excellent: there’s a local and international menu, we cater for large parties and there’s a coffee shop too.”

Grumpy’s Cottage Restaurant (4D •2)

23 Old Road, Acle tel: 01493 751111

 £3~15.75

SPECIAL QUALITIES “A thatched, beamed, family run restaurant, with a variety of fresh home cooked dishes, including our renowned beef steak steamed suet pudding, and with local fresh fish always available like Lowestoft plaice; sea bass and skate wings.”

Hermitage Restaurant & Public House (4D •3)

64 Old Road, Acle tel: 01493 750310


   £7.95~16

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We serve more than a dozen fresh fish dishes every day, for lunch and dinner – it’s all fresh, we don’t use anything frozen. From cod and plaice to haddock, trout and salmon, it’s all superb quality and cooked to order. And there’s shellfish too!”

Kings Head Inn (4D •4)

The Street, Acle tel: 01493 750204

kingsheadinnacle.co.uk

 £7.75~13.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Good home cooked food, like homemade pies: steak and kidney; beef and ale and crumbles.”

Beccles

The Bear and Bells (7D •5)

11 Old Market, Beccles, Suffolk
tel: 01502 712291 bearandbells.co.uk

  £5~15

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We’re a traditional Suffolk pub restaurant, serving real ales and pub grub. We have daily specials like stuffed roasted partridge with game gravy, on Sundays we roast free range local meat including Blythburgh pork and our desserts – for example whisky bread and butter pudding – are homemade.”

Prezzo (7D •6)

9 Saltgate, Beccles tel: 01502 715036
prezzopl.co.uk

 £2.75~8.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Italian food from a national chain: pizza, pasta, chicken and salads, with specials each week.”



The Swan House (7D •7)


By the Tower, Beccles tel: 01502 713474
swan-house.com

 £7~14.50

SPECIAL QUALITIES “The Swan House was opened in 1993 to fill a niche for those with a taste for the unusual. With influences ranging from the Chelsea Arts Club, London, to Elsie’s Bar in Zermatt and the Kampung Cafe, Bali, the food is genuinely English with strong international ideas and flavours. Our excellent bar menu starts at £7.”

The Swan Inn (7E •8)

Swan Lane, Barnby tel: 01502 476646

 £3.95~19.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Our owner’s a fish merchant at Lowestoft, up at 4.30 every morning at the market, so we’ve got a fantastic range of fish, with a full menu and over fifty daily specials including lobster. We’re finalists in Seafood Pub of the Year again this year. We serve meat as well, and our staff are charming!”

Three Horseshoes (7E •9)

North Cove, Beccles tel: 01502 476601

  £7~14

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Home cooking! Every pie we do is homemade, from steak and kidney and steak and ale to cottage pie. In winter we do a lot of local game, like partridge and pheasant. Children are welcome.”

Twyfords (7D •10)

Exchange Square, Beccles tel: 01502 710614

 £4.50~9

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We serve simple good food all day from 9 to 4.30pm. We do grilled baguettes, seasonal dishes and high quality coffees, and a range of indulgent cakes like warm Tunisian orange cake with melted Belgian chocolate, or triple Belgian chocolate cheesecake – white, dark and milk chocolate cheesecakes on a chocolate cookie dough base – we have a strong bias towards chocolate!”

Waveney House Hotel (7D •11)

Puddingmoor, Beccles tel: 01502 712270
waveneyhousehotel.co.uk

   £4.50~17.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Freshly cooked food with daily specials in the bar – modern traditional English cuisine, with menus changed regularly to reflect seasonal variation.”

Waveney Inn (7E •12)

Waveney River Centre, Burgh St Peter

tel: 01502 677599

martin-inns.co.uk

   £3.25~14.95



SPECIAL QUALITIES “Dedicated family bar, serving food all day through summer. Rolls, baguettes, jacket potatoes, steaks and homemade pies.”

Brundall

Lavender House Restaurant (4C •13)

39 The Street, Brundall tel: 01603 712215

thelavenderhouse.co.uk

  £36 a head (six courses)

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We’re a small restaurant, a family business with a chef owner. All our food comes from Norfolk and is freshly cooked to order – the beef comes from local farmers, the game from local estates, samphire, mussels and Cromer crabs come from our fisherman Jonas and we use the local farm shop for fruit and vegetables.”

Bungay

Earsham Street Café (7C •14)

13 Earsham Street tel: 01986 893103

  £4.50~14


SPECIAL QUALITIES “Modern British food with a Mediterranean flavour, like pan fried king scallops with crispy pancetta, rocket and parmesan salad or braised oxtail with curly kale and haricots blancs followed by sticky toffee pudding with vanilla mascarpone.”

Cantley

Reedcutters (5C •15)

Station Road, Cantley tel: 01493 701099

thereedcutter.co.uk

 £4.95~13.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Family run pub, yards away from train station, serving classic pub food prepared by a talented full time chef, and desserts including ice cream sundaes.”

Chedgrave

The White Horse (5C •16)

5 Norwich Road, Chedgrave tel: 01508 520250

  £4.25~15.50

SPECIAL QUALITIES “High quality traditional food with a constantly changing menu of exclusively locally produced and homemade food – we don’t buy anything in – we even make our own chutney. Our bread is freshly made and baked here, and our menu changes daily, featuring dishes like vine tomato and pesto soup and tenderloin of pork with prunes wrapped in bacon with potato and apple mash and rosemary red wine jus. Desserts – like pear and almond crumble tart - are homemade too.”



Coltishall

Andaman Orchid (2B •17)

41 Church Street, Coltishall
tel: 01603 736655

£3.95~14.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We offer high quality Thai cuisine and service in a cosy place – it’s like going into somebody’s house. It’s comfortable and exotic – we have a conservatory with lots of real flowers and plants too.”

The Kings Head Inn (2B •18)

26 Wroxham Road, Coltishall tel: 01603 737426

   £4.50~17.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Our food is all freshly prepared with local produce and dishes range from a full a la carte menu to lunchtime specials and bar snacks. There’s fresh fish including salmon, skate, sea bass, dover sole and turbot, and a range of meat dishes too.”



Norfolk Mead Hotel (2B •19)

Church Loke, Coltishall tel: 01603 737531
norfolkmead.co.uk

  £13.50~22

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Our award-winning chef uses high-quality local produce from local suppliers – our fish man has his own boats, and the fish come in alive in the morning. We have a full English cheeseboard, and insist on the best ingredients throughout the menu.”

Red Lion Inn (2B •20)

77 Church Street, Coltishall tel: 01603 737402

  £8~15

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Everything cooked fresh daily and a regularly changing menu including stews, pies and homemade desserts like treacle tart and chocolate fondant.”

Filby

The Filby Bridge Restaurant (3E •21)

Main Road, Filby tel: 01493 368142

  £6.25~21.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We really are a family business, and our restaurant is relaxed and friendly with fantastic views onto Filby Broad, part of the Trinity Broads, and its own moorings for row boats. All our food is homemade right down to the pastry and tartare sauce. Home-cooked lunches start at £6.50 and evening a la carte ranges from £9.95 to £21.95.”

Fritton

The Decoy Tavern (5E •22)

Beccles Road, Fritton tel: 01493 488277


 £3~9.25

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We specialise in home-cooked foods – more than 30 of our dishes are cooked here, including steak and kidney pie, steak and Guinness pie, chilli, cannelloni, and roast dinners.”

Haddiscoe

The Crown Inn (6E •23)

The Street, Haddiscoe tel: 01502 677368
thecrownathaddiscoe.co.uk

 £7.95~16.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Traditional home-cooked food and specials like roasted breast of duck, freshly cooked and with regular changes of menu. Homemade toffee apple pancakes; children and vegetarians welcome.”

Haddiscoe Tavern (6E •24)

at the Pampas Lodge

The Street, Haddiscoe tel: 01502 679918



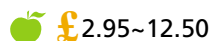
SPECIAL QUALITIES “Traditional pub food in a cosy homely pub with a wonderful Sunday carvery. Friday night is fish and chip night, with local fish.”

Hickling

Greyhound Inn (2D •25)

The Green, Hickling tel: 01692 598306

greyhoundinn.com



SPECIAL QUALITIES “We use local produce – our vegetables are from a local farm and our meat comes from a butcher in Cromer. We have an extensive a la carte menu featuring crab in season and house specialities like Local Strawberry Crumble, and Grandma’s Christmas Pudding (available most of the year). Children and dogs welcome.”

Horning

Bure River Cottage Restaurant (3C •26)

27 Lower Street, Horning tel: 01692 631421



SPECIAL QUALITIES “We’re a speciality fish and seafood restaurant, mostly from the local coast, and a lot of our vegetables and herbs are home-grown too. We have wild Norfolk mussels in season, local grilled Dover sole, and local char grilled lobster with garlic butter. To follow there’s homemade ice creams, or Belgian chocolate cake with Ludham strawberries in season.”

Staithe and Willow Restaurant (3C •27)

16 Lower Street, Horning tel: 01692 630915

broads-norfolk.com

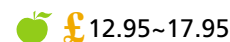


SPECIAL QUALITIES “A homely-feeling thatched cottage on the river, serving a good range of fresh fish, local butcher’s meats and vegetarian dishes. Everything is homemade using the freshest local ingredients. Traditional Sunday roast every Sunday.”

Taps Restaurant (3C •28)

25 Lower Street, Horning tel: 01692 630219

tapsrestaurant.com



SPECIAL QUALITIES “We have an a la carte menu with everything cooked on the premises, from bread to ice creams. Almost everything is local, and freshly cooked to order. We can make almost any dish on the menu specially for vegetarians and will cater for special dietary needs.”

Horstead

The Recruiting Sergeant (2B •29)

Norwich Road, Horstead tel: 01603 737077

recruitingsergeant.co.uk



SPECIAL QUALITIES “Usually around 20 different special dishes using fresh local fish every day – like poached smoked haddock and egg on a leek and bacon mash with wholegrain mustard sauce. A good range of meaty dishes too – particularly popular is the ten ounce rib-eye steak with mushroom and garlic crust with garlic aioli on a caramelized onion mash.”

Hoveton

The Kings Head Hotel and Country Carvery (2B •30)

Station Road, Hoveton tel: 01603 782429

   £2.75~7.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Home-cooked typical English food and a great carvery, including gammon, turkey and beef. A great selection of desserts from Caramel Apple Granny – apple pie with crumble and toffee sauce - to steamed sponge of the day and ice creams, and children are welcome.”

Loddon

Rosy Lee's Tea Room (6C •31)

37 Bridge Street, Loddon tel: 01508 520204


   £1.20~8.99

SPECIAL QUALITIES “A daily specials menu, with reduced prices for pensioners. Soups range from red pepper and lime to garlic and potato, puddings include lemon meringue pie and we sell cakes from the local Women's Institute. We use all local suppliers and we're really part of the community. We do daily breakfast with local produce including tomatoes and mushrooms.”

Ludham

Alfresco Tea Rooms (2D •32)

Norwich Road, Ludham tel: 01692 678384

 £1.20~5.50

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Alfresco is a traditional cottage tea rooms serving loose leaf tea in china pots. We are delighted to invite you to enjoy our delicious cream teas, homemade cakes and light lunches; we're open every day throughout the summer.”

The Kings Arms (2D •33)

High Street, Ludham tel: 01692 678386
thekingsarmsludham.co.uk

  £3.95~17.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We're a friendly, family-orientated, fully air-conditioned restaurant which can cater for large parties – we have an extensive and varied menu including a la carte, bar snacks and take-away pizzas. Dishes range from English classics to curries, Chinese and vegetarian choices. There are Pensioner's specials on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes all year round.”

Neatishead

The White Horse Inn (2C •34)

The Street, Neatishead tel: 01692 630828

  £3.95~17.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Traditional homemade food; lunch, evening and children's menu with daily specials. Local fish and steaks a speciality; traditional Sunday roasts and selection of homemade desserts.”

Ye Olde Saddlery (2C •35)

The Street, Neatishead tel: 01692 630866
yeoldesaddlery.co.uk

   £4.50~21.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Tea rooms by day, restaurant and wine bar by night. Laid back and intimate dining in a cosy and homely atmosphere; home-cooked quality food using best local produce including fresh fish; hearty traditional Sunday carvery with a large variety of fresh vegetables.”



Oulton Broad

Broadland Holiday Village (7F •36)

Marsh Road, Oulton Broad

tel: 01502 500895 broadlandvillage.co.uk

   £2.95~8.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We have specials every day ranging from minted lamb chops to all kinds of fresh fish – eel, cod, plaice, haddock, salmon – to homemade lasagne and beef stroganoff. There’s a carvery on Sundays.”



Crooked Barn Restaurant (7F •37)

at the Ivy House Country Hotel

Ivy Lane, Oulton Broad tel: 01502 501353

ivyhousecountryhotel.co.uk

  £4.95~21.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “The restaurant is in a 17th century thatched barn with beams and a view across the garden. We serve modern European and traditional food, all freshly cooked and homemade. There’s a set menu and an a la carte menu, and traditional Sunday lunches.”

The Red Herring (7F •38)

152 Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft

tel: 01502 566499

  £4~16

SPECIAL QUALITIES “An exciting menu of homemade dishes including red herring marinated in chilli black vodka, pan fried herring milts (roes) in garlic butter, and Thai prawn cakes with sweet chilli dipping sauce. There’s a specials board and an a la carte menu, and we’re now open Sunday lunchtimes too.”

The Waveney Public House (7F •39)

132 Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft

tel: 01502 573940

   £2~15.50

SPECIAL QUALITIES “All our food is home-cooked. We have daily specials, handmade plate pies, battered fish, crocodile steaks, venison and shark. There’s a children’s menu too.”

Wherry Hotel (7F •40)

Bridge Road, Oulton Broad tel: 01502 516845
elizabethhotels.co.uk



SPECIAL QUALITIES “We have a popular Sunday carvery, and also serve fresh local fish like whole Lowestoft plaice with lemon chive butter, new potatoes and a panache of vegetables. There are various desserts.”

Reedham

Reedham Ferry Inn (5D •41)

Ferry Road, Reedham tel: 01493 700429
archerstouringpark.co.uk



SPECIAL QUALITIES “We use all fresh local produce, home-cooked. As well as real ‘pub grub’ we do restaurant style food like local game dishes, field mushrooms in cream and pepper sauce, fresh longshore cod, Brancaster mussels, lobster and oysters.”

Rockland St Mary

The New Inn (5C •42)

New Inn Hill, Rockland St Mary
tel: 01508 538403



SPECIAL QUALITIES “Quality modern British food, freshly cooked on the premises, including roast loin of pork, chargrilled fillet steak and Norfolk sausage and mash – with local mussels in season.”

St Olaves

Priory Farm Restaurant (5E •43)

Beccles Road, St Olaves tel: 01493 488432



SPECIAL QUALITIES “A characterful location with a ruined priory and a menagerie of animals in the garden. The restaurant serves a wide range of dishes, including traditional English food and a selection of fresh fish. Booking advised if possible.”

Somerleyton

Dukes Head (6E •44)

Slugs Lane, Somerleyton tel: 01502 730281
somerleyton.co.uk



SPECIAL QUALITIES “A pub and a gastropub - food locally sourced from Somerleyton estate, regularly changing menu including wild mushroom linguine, roasted pork loin, rhubarb crème brûlée.”

South Walsham

Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden (3C •45)

School Road, South Walsham tel: 01603 270683



SPECIAL QUALITIES “Selection of local ice creams, home made pastries and slices, with a menu suitable for vegetarians and coeliacs – we’re hoping to stock diabetic and lactose-free ice creams this year. Family friendly; light lunches and teas.”



Stalham

Kingfisher Hotel (1C ●46)

12 High Street, Stalham tel: 01692 581974
kingfisherhotel.co.uk

 £5.50~18

SPECIAL QUALITIES “A fine range of local fresh fish including monkfish, crab, cod, haddock and plaice. The only things from the freezer are our peas and ice cream, and desserts are homemade – like our popular bread and butter pudding.”

Wayford Bridge Hotel (1C ●47)

Wayford Bridge, near Stalham
tel: 01692 582414 wayford-bridge-hotel.co.uk

  £7.95~15

SPECIAL QUALITIES “An imaginative menu, changing daily, across a bistro and an a la carte restaurant, featuring local specialities, seafood and dishes from the charcoal grill. We cater for special diets and are wheelchair friendly.”



Stokesby

Riverside Tearoom and Stores (4E ●48)

The Green, Stokesby tel: 01493 750470

  £1.20~7.25

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We are a friendly family run business serving full English and vegetarian breakfasts from 7.30am; lunches including sandwiches, omelettes, jacket potatoes and fish and chips, and morning and afternoon teas as well as cakes and cream teas.”

Thorpe St Andrew

Old Rectory Hotel (4B •49)

103 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew,
Norwich tel: 01603 700772
oldrectorynorwich.com



£23 (3 courses weekday) ~25 at weekends

SPECIAL QUALITIES “We have a table d’hote with three choices per course. The wonderfully creative chef always has various choices of poultry, meat, fish and vegetables available. Desserts are to die for, like the pressed dark chocolate soufflé and amaretti biscuit cake or the lemon tart with passionfruit sorbet and candied lemon peel.”

River Garden Bar and Restaurant (4A •50)

36 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich
tel: 01603 703900 therivergarden.co.uk



SPECIAL QUALITIES “We’re a modern bar and restaurant serving contemporary British food – for example Norfolk sausages, fried onions and gravy.”

Rushcutters (4B •51)

46 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich
tel: 01603 435403 thespiritgroup.com



SPECIAL QUALITIES “Traditional English food of the highest standard. A large menu with a wide range of dishes, from old favourites like scampi and chips to innovative local dishes like outdoor reared, double pork chop. Moorings by appointment please.”



Woodbastwick

Fur and Feather Inn (3C •52)

Slade Lane, Woodbastwick
tel: 01603 720003 thefurandfeatherinn.co.uk



SPECIAL QUALITIES “We’re famed for our homemade steak and kidney pudding, and as we’re opposite local brewers Woodforde’s we use a lot of beer in our cooking – like bangers and mash with beer gravy, or Noggin Yorkie – steak cooked in Woodforde’s Norfolk Nog and served in a giant Yorkshire pudding, or a steak and ale pie with Woodforde’s Mardler’s Mild.”

Wroxham

The Bridge Restaurant (3B •53)

Norwich Road, Wroxham tel: 01603 783509



SPECIAL QUALITIES “In a former boathouse by the river, we serve local meats, including a daily roast and steaks, and a wide range of seasonal local fresh fish dishes, from lobster, crab and mussels to sea bass; and vegetarian options. We’re open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner, and the restaurant is spacious and comfortable with a terrace and open plan kitchen.”

Canton Orient Chinese Restaurant (3B ●54)

The Station, Wroxham tel: 01603 783939

£4.95~12

SPECIAL QUALITIES “Chinese cuisine with friendly service – a traditional menu including Crispy Duck; easy walking distance from the town centre, and near the station and Bure Valley railway.”

The Hotel Wroxham (3B ●55)

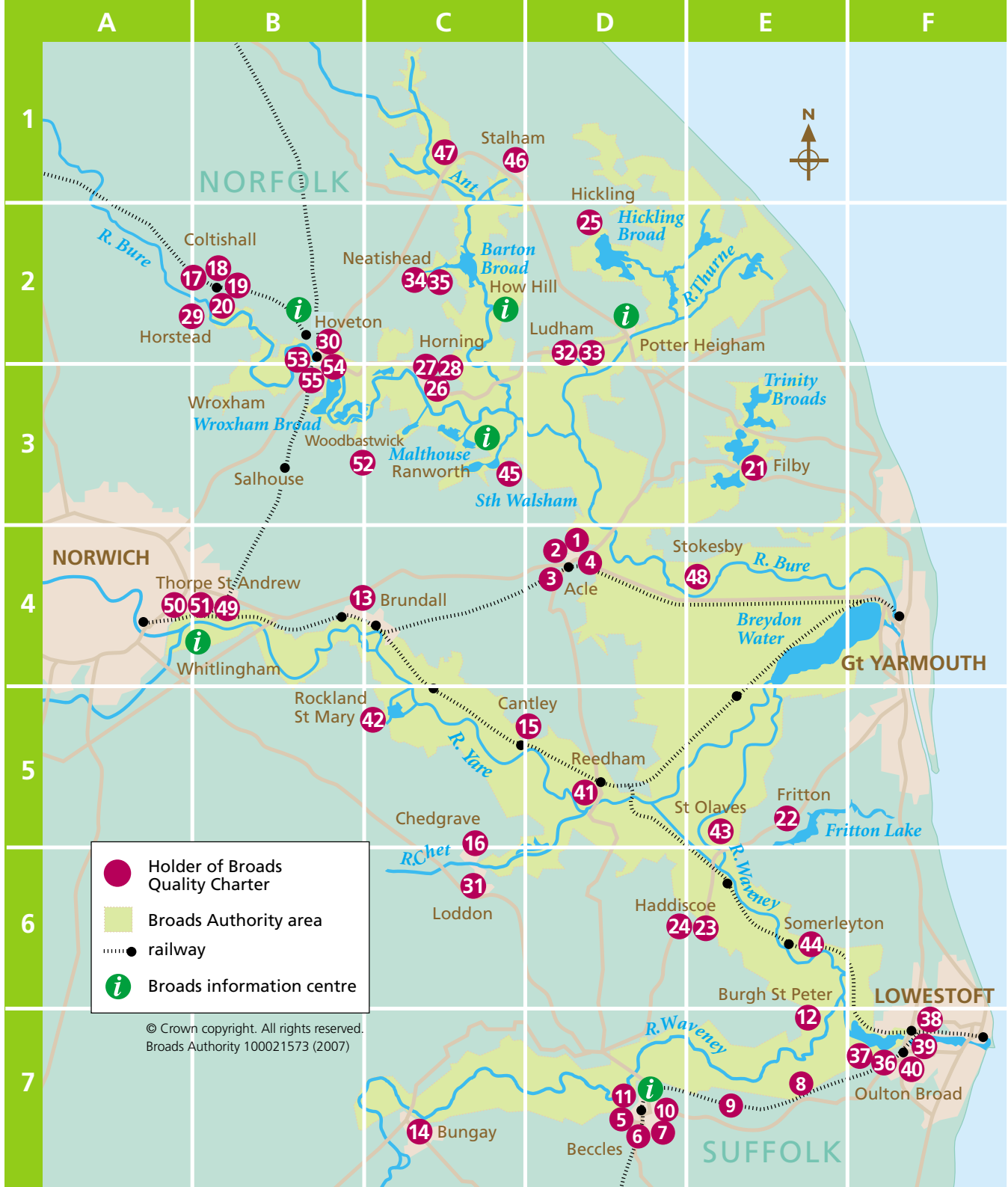
The Bridge, Wroxham tel: 01603 782061

arlingtonhotelgroup.co.uk

   £3~15.95

SPECIAL QUALITIES “A family-friendly hotel on the waterfront in Wroxham, opening for breakfast and carvery lunches and dinners.”





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