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This is a fine area to enjoy estuaries – be aware of tide times. The local 'London Clay' plays a major part - in cliff exposures and on foreshores, as a feature of landslipping, and, when recycled by the rivers, as a contributor to the modern estuary mud. In the west the River Stour has dissected the landscape giving this area some of the steepest slopes in Suffolk and it has cut down into the underlying Chalk around Sudbury.

Chelmondiston, Pin Mill Cliff. Fine examples of landslipping. Harkstead cliff and foreshore. London Clay (Harwich Formation) and interglacial beds.

Holbrook Bay car park Suffolk Mammoth Trail board.

Lavenham, Church of Saints Peter and Paul. Barnack stone with flint. Long Melford, Church of Holy Trinity. Built of flint and stone. The interior shows: Offering of the Magi sculpture in alabaster.

Altar tomb in Martyn chapel, and tomb of John Clopton, 1497 both in Purbeck 'Marble'.

Pulpit of Caen Stone, supported on shafts of red marble.

Stratford, St Mary's Church. Fine examples of flint flushwork, including the alphabet.

Stutton cliff and foreshore SSSI. London Clay (Harwich Formation) and Pleistocene interglacial beds. www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk

Wherstead, St Mary's Church. Numerous igneous and other rocks, ex ships' ballast.

See also: Leaflet *GeoSuffolk Goes to Church in South Suffolk* www.geosuffolk.co.uk

Long Melford Church, alabaster

