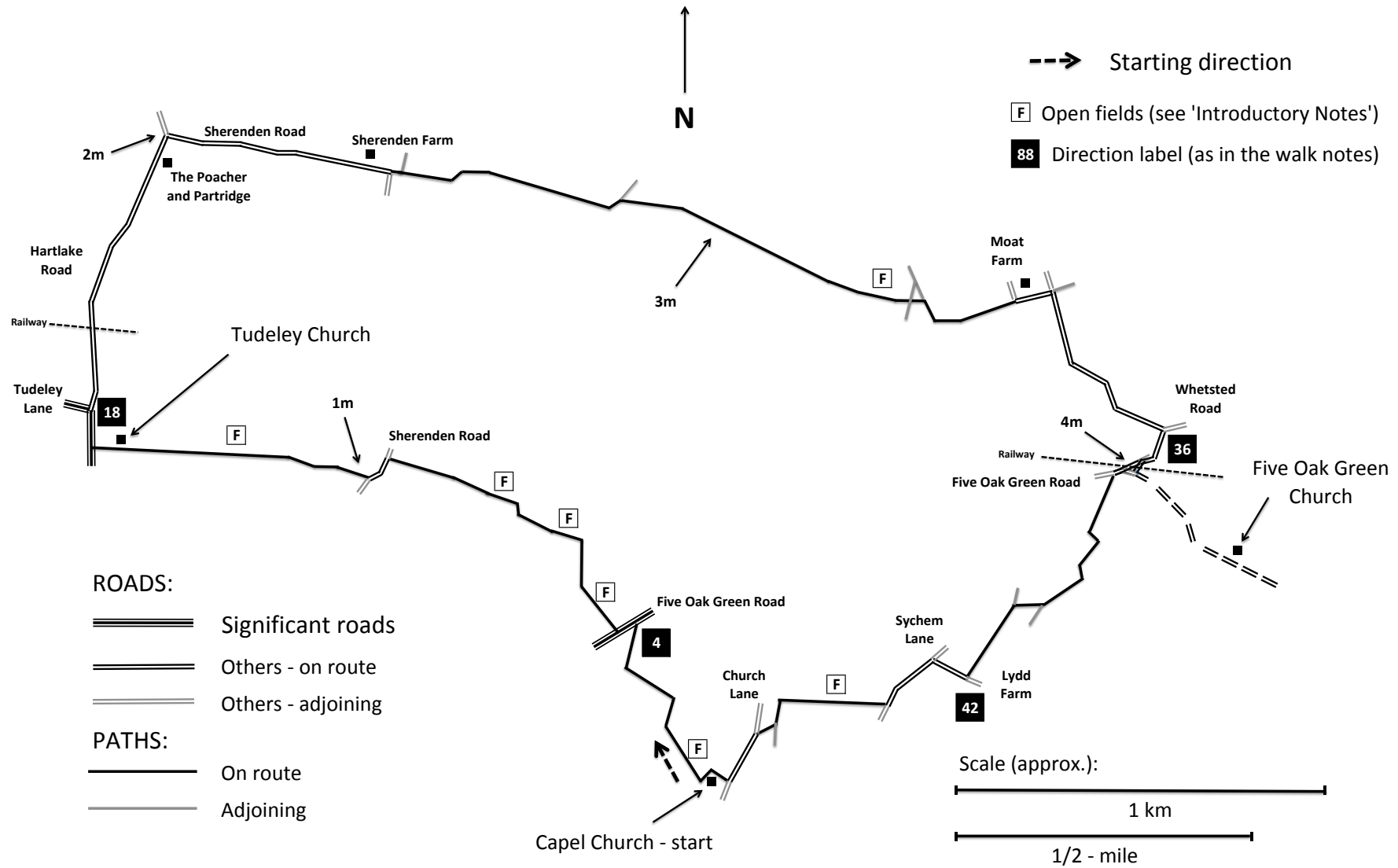


LOCAL CIRCUIT FO2: CAPEL



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Linked churches:

Capel (start and finish)

Tudeley (Direction 16)

Five Oak Green (Direction 37B: Detour – see Appendix)

Roads and hindrances:

The roads encountered demand ordinary care, but present no special problems.

The fallen trees currently in Direction 3 are only a minor hindrance, and easily walked round.

Notes taken: March and April 2016

The start and finish is at Capel Church (TN12 6SX)

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the west door of <u>Capel Church</u> turn left for a few yards and then right along the metalled pathway. Do not go through the gate but go along the right-hand side of the fence to a stile.	637 445	
2	1	!!!F!!! Cross the stile and go slightly to the right across the field ahead. The line is the simple diagonal which is needed to cut off the first corner on the right. Once you have achieved this keep along the right-hand field edge, which soon turns downhill to the left.		
3	6	At the bottom step over a redundant stile into trees and follow the track which keeps to the right, still in the trees but parallel and very close to the open field visible on the right. (Currently there are the branches of storm-damaged trees blocking the main track at one point here - a manageable and presumably temporary hindrance.)		
4	8	[Map point] Reach the road and turn briefly along it to the left, past the George and Dragon.		
5	9	!!!F!!! Turn right, on the signposted footpath WT181. <i>The route from here to Sherenden Road (Direction 11) is characterised by open fields which need to be crossed without indications of direction except for the occasional waymark to confirm (with luck!) that your latest decision has been correct. The 'open fields' comments in the site's introductory link very much apply.</i> In this first field the line is almost, but not quite, at a right-angle from the road, on a bearing of 300, heading directly to the most prominent tree at the corner of the woodland ahead, where there is a waymark pointing along the right-hand edge of the trees, parallel to power lines about 30 yds. to the left.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
6	13	!!!F!!! Follow the edge of the wood leftwards, under the power lines. A few yards after this left-turn keep ahead in the new direction across the next field. (No longer follow the the woodland edge as it turns away further to the left again.) Your line is towards a point where a waymark post is just visible at the right-hand corner of another wood across the field.		
7	14	Reach this corner and go ahead along the left-hand field-edge, turning right at the end for about 40 yds. to an obvious gap in the line of small trees.	63285 45184	
8	16	!!!F!!! Turn left through the gap and go ahead (back to the original direction, away from the line of trees you have just crossed). The target is now the gate visible directly across the field. Start out across the field towards it.	63205 45247	
9	17	And continue ahead in the same direction, now along the left-hand side of a field.		
10	18	Go through the wooden kissing gate, and on along a grassy avenue.		
11	21	Go through a metal gate, and then left along Sherenden Road.		0.91
12	22	Turn off the road to the right. (Currently no signpost, but a waymark on a gate a few yards along.) The waymarked gate takes you briefly to the left of the parallel access road, but then returns you to it. There is currently construction work in progress and the line of the route may not be clear in advance, but surprisingly there is no problem if you go straight on keeping across to the right.	628 453	
13	25	Go through a metal gate and briefly across a field to bigger gates beyond.		
14	26	!!!F!!! Cross a stile and go straight ahead across a huge field, heading directly towards the distant church.		
15	31	Carry straight on along a grassy path inside the the churchyard.		
16	32	Pass Tudeley Church and go ahead out of the church grounds through a wooden gate.		
17	33	Turn right at the road, and stay on the right-hand pavement.		
18	34	[Map point] Keep straight on (not left) along the lesser road.		
19	36	Cross the hump-backed railway bridge. (The sightlines are not good, but there is a little escape room at the sides for the careful walker.)		
20	40	Ignore footpaths signposted to left and right.		
21	42	Pass the Poacher and Partridge on the right.		1.93
22	44	Turn right along Sherenden Road.		
23	51	When the road turns right at Sherenden Farm, instead go straight ahead along the footpath past the gate.		
24	52	Ignore the footbridge about 100 yds. along on the left, and continue ahead with the ditch on your left.		
25	55	Swing a little to the left to pass a pylon, then right again, still keeping the ditch immediately to your left.	631 461	
26	57	On the right, after passing a line of trees, you are now accompanied by small fruit trees as you continue ahead.		2.68

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
27	59	Swing left, still alongside the ditch.		
28	60	At a waymark post turn right between the small trees, heading directly towards a footbridge in the middle distance.		
29	62	Go over the footbridge and turn slightly to the right to go under power lines which go diagonally across.		
30	65	Bend slightly to the left, keeping alongside the ditch on your right, with a multitude of big solar panels beyond it.		
31	68	[!!F!!] Cross a footbridge and go straight ahead over the next field, towards a gap in the trees on the other side, with the distant buildings of Moat Farm beyond.		
32	69	Go through the gap and slightly to the right towards a footbridge.		
33	71	Cross the footbridge, and follow the field edge beyond by immediately turning right for a few yards and then following it leftwards, heading towards the right-hand edge of the approaching farm buildings, with a large field full of fruit trees on your right.	643 458	
34	74	Go ahead alongside the buildings on your left.		
35	75	Swing right with the roadway, and follow it as it swings left and right, and then left again, uphill towards a T-junction.		3.59
36	82	[Map point] At the top turn right to go immediately over the railway bridge, and continue down the road, passing Acorn Close on the left.		
37	84	<i>[To visit Five Oak Green Church, now divert instead to the Detour in the Appendix.]</i> Main route: Pass to the right of the grass triangle and go ahead to cross the main road and join the pavement opposite, just before Ivy House.		
38	85	Immediately after Ivy House turn left along a signposted passageway. This becomes a narrow, winding footpath, between high walls and fences at first.		4.02
39	89	Cross a metal stile, and continue ahead alongside the stream on your left.		
40	91	Where the tracks divide turn along the right-hand one.		
41	92	Cross a stile and turn left immediately beyond it, and go along a broad grassy avenue.		
42	95	[Map point] At the end, in the left-hand corner, cross a stile and turn right along the road.		
43	97	At the T-junction at the end turn left.		
44	99	[!!F!!] Turn right, through or over an old gate, to cross directly over a big field.		
45	103	Turn left in front of the line of trees.	639 447	
46	104	Keep across to the right over a desolate little clearing, and head for the road which becomes visible over to the right.		
47	105	Turn left along the road.		
48	106	Turn right up the footpath to the church car park, and at the far left-hand corner go up the steps and swing left towards the end of the church.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
49	107	Reach the west door of <u>Capel Church</u> , the starting point of the walk.	637 445	5.05

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APPENDIX to Local Circuit FO2

Detour to Five Oak Green Church

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
37A		Instead of Direction 37, pass to the left of the grass triangle and turn left along the main road.		0.00
37B	5	Reach Five Oak Green Church on the left. Then retrace your steps to the grass triangle where you started the detour.		0.24
37C	11	To rejoin the main route, cross to the left-hand side of the road, and resume from Direction 38 by turning left along the signposted passageway immediately after Ivy House. Add 11 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.48 miles to cumulative distances.		0.48

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FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog’s point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.

The percentage distances on the right (on the next page) should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

LOCAL CIRCUIT FO1	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	4, 17-21, 36-37	13
Quiet road \$\$	11, 22, 35, 42-43, 47	20
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	2, 5-9, 13-14, 23-25, 29-33, 41, 44-45	45
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	1, 10, 12, 15-16, 26-28, 34, 38-40, 46, 48	21
Woods	3	2

** This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

STILES (5) - Details noted in March and April 2016, but **subject to frequent change:**

The stile at Direction 2 is wired down but currently benefits from having big holes. In the absence of these the two rises would both be about 18 ins.

The one in 14 is wired down and has rises of about 18 ins. and 2ft.

Those in 39 and 42 have easy gaps.

The stile in 41 is wired down and tall, with two rises of about 2ft. each; but currently there is a huge hole.