

## LOCAL CIRCUIT AV2: TROTTISCLIFFE & RYARSH

**F** Open fields (see 'Introductory Notes')

**88** Direction label (as in the walk notes)

### ROADS:

==== Significant roads

==== Others - on route

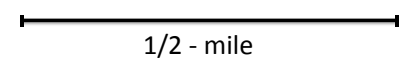
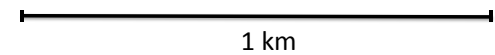
==== Others - adjoining

### PATHS:

— On route

— Adjoining

Scale (approx.):



---> Starting direction

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### Linked churches:

Addington (start and finish)

Trottscliffe (Direction 18)

Ryarsh (Direction 34A: Detour - see Appendix)

### Roads and hindrances:

There are few roads, and the only one of any significance (Addington Lane - Direction 11) is short and easily manageable with the help of a grass verge - though it might be sensible to cross early to the left-hand side towards the end, for a good sightline.

There are no hindrances of note.

Notes taken: May and June 2015

The start and finish is at Addington Church (ME19 5BQ).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		With your back to the gate of <b>Addington Church</b> , facing north, turn left immediately and go down the narrow track. When you reach a metalled driveway, continue straight across it.	653 588	
2	<b>2</b>	Reach the cricket field and turn left to walk, clockwise, around it.		
3	<b>3</b>	Ignore the footbridge on the left and continue around the cricket boundary.		
4	<b>5</b>	Go left away from the cricket boundary, keeping the Village Hall (and beyond it the cricket pavilion) to your right and a store building to your left, pass a green gate, and continue along the left-hand edge of the car park towards the road.		
5	<b>6</b>	Cross the road and take the footpath immediately opposite. (There is a warning sign which implies that you should not, but it is presumably aimed not at you, but at people who might behave irresponsibly around the works ahead: the path, though sometimes overgrown and tricky, is clearly a signposted right of way.)		
6	<b>7</b>	Go straight on, towards the motorway, along a narrow path with a barbed-wire fence on your right.		
7	<b>9</b>	Continue ahead as the works access road comes in from the left.		
8	<b>10</b>	Go through the subway under the motorway, and immediately afterwards turn left up steep steps. Continue up ahead (now briefly following the Wealdway), between green posts and onwards with a fence on your left.		
9	<b>11</b>	Cross the works road at an angled crossing and continue in the same direction along a narrow path with fences on both sides.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
10	<b>12</b>	Approaching another works road at a similar angle, this time follow the path opposite almost at right-angles to the road, and do not get drawn into the works forecourt to the right of it.		
11	<b>13</b>	Turn right along the main road, continuing with the Wealdway.		
12	<b>17</b>	[Map point] Just before the road swings to the right, turn left (Woodgate Road, briefly). After about 20 yds., turn left again, off the road and up steps. [!F!] Then carry straight on along a footpath (still the Wealdway) across a large field. Looking at the poles supporting the power lines, you pass between the third and the fourth, counting from the left.		0.86
13	<b>21</b>	[!F!] Reaching a MKG, turn half-left, aiming a little to the right of Trottiscliffe Church, which can be seen nestling beneath the downs in the distance.	654 598	
14	<b>25</b>	[!F!] Go through a gap in the hedge and straight on to converge on the line of the field edge and ditch at the bottom on the left. (There is currently a slight discrepancy between the mapped and waymarked line and the reality on the ground: hence the waymark in the hedge about 25 yds. further to the right! So long as you converge on the the ditch below it would not seem to matter.)		
15	<b>28</b>	[!F!] Cross the ditch and continue ahead over the next field, soon going gently downhill.		
16	<b>34</b>	Reaching the road, turn left and then swing right with it.		
17	<b>35</b>	At the road junction go straight ahead.		
18	<b>36</b>	As the road swings left next to <b>Trottiscliffe Church</b> , go right instead, up the steep and narrow track into trees.		1.74
19	<b>37</b>	[!F!] After a brief climb up this track, emerge at the start of a large field, and continue ahead in the same direction, gently uphill.		
20	<b>42</b>	Go across the road and continue along the cul-de-sac opposite.		
21	<b>43</b>	After a small parking area on the left, go ahead along the track, past the vehicle gate.		
22	<b>46</b>	Go straight ahead along the right-hand side of a field.		
23	<b>48</b>	Follow the rightward swing in the track, and very soon merge into the Wealdway as it comes in from the left.		
24	<b>49</b>	Ignore the private access road on the left and pass the Long Barrow monument on the right.		
25	<b>51</b>	When the main path swings decisively to the right, instead go slightly left, downhill along a clear but narrow and currently unmarked track.		
26	<b>52</b>	Merge left into a broader track, which then soon swings right again. Then, faced with the choice of two MKGs, go through the one to the left (turning away from the Wealdway, which goes straight on. Having made this left turn, go ahead along a wide open passageway between fenced fields.		
27	<b>55</b>	Go straight ahead into the wood.	657 606	2.55
28	<b>58</b>	Fork right, as waymarked.		

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29	<b>61</b>	Go to the left through a gap beside a redundant stile, and then over two little footbridges.		
30	<b>65</b>	[Map point] Emerge from the trees at a road junction and go half-right along Chapel Street.		
31	<b>71</b>	Swing to the right with Chapel Street and follow it down to the major road ahead.	669 602	
32	<b>75</b>	Cross the main road to the Duke of Wellington, and then turn left along Old School Lane, so that you are continuing along the original direction of Chapel Street. Swing first right then left with the road.		3.53
33	<b>81</b>	Go over the motorway and continue straight ahead along the narrow track.		
34	<b>85</b>	Turn right on to a cross path. <i>[To visit <u>Ryarsh Church</u>, now divert instead to the <u>Detour</u> in the Appendix.]</i>		
35	<b>86</b>	Go ahead along the roadway as it merges from the left.		
36	<b>90</b>	Cross the road and continue ahead along the footpath opposite.		4.17
37	<b>91</b>	Go through the kissing gate and continue ahead along the left-hand edge of a field.		
38	<b>93</b>	<b>!!!F!!!</b> At the far corner, go through the MKG and embark on the crossing of a stretch of open heathland, guided, if it is visible, by a faint track. To begin with head across very slightly to the right, not quite parallel to the fence on the right but edging towards it (though it will turn away before you reach it).		
39	<b>85</b>	<b>!!!F!!!</b> At the top of the ridge, such as it is, merge with another faint track, to go slightly further to the right. (If this track is not visible, take your direction from a newly appeared fence on the right. On this occasion you will be converging on this, just to the right of a clump of trees ahead.)		
40	<b>96</b>	Continue ahead through the right-hand fringe of those trees, and finally converge on the fence to the right, at a MKG.		
41	<b>97</b>	[Map point] Go through the MKG and across the golf course (more or less parallel to the motorway on the right), aiming about 50 yds. to right of a dark brown building with a red-tiled roof.	663 592	
42	<b>101</b>	Passing the building, leave the golf course through a gap in the undergrowth, alongside a fence to left.		4.66
43	<b>102</b>	Turn briefly right along a road, then immediately left along a footpath by a marker-stone.		
44	<b>104</b>	Turn half-left through a wooden kissing gate.		
45	<b>106</b>	Turn right with the path at an angled T-junction.		
46	<b>107</b>	Turn left up a metalled roadway.		
47	<b>109</b>	Walk between The Angel and the green, cross the main road, and go ahead along Park Road opposite.		
48	<b>110</b>	Turn left along the quiet roadway to the church, keeping alongside the brick wall on the right.		
49	<b>113</b>	Arrive at <b>Addington Church</b> , the starting point of the walk.	653 588	5.23

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## APPENDIX to Local Circuit AV2

### Detour to Ryarsh Church

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
34A	0	Instead of turning right on to the cross path, carry straight on. The path is currently very overgrown, but harmlessly so. <b>Ryarsh Church</b> will appear on the left.		0.00
34B	1	On leaving the church turn half-right along the roadway.		
34C	3	Follow the road as it swings leftwards, rejoining the main route as it merges from the right at Direction 35.  <b>Add 2 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.08 miles to cumulative distances.</b>		0.13

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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!

<b>LOCAL CIRCUIT AV2</b>	<b>Direction numbers</b>	<b>% of walk</b>
Busy road	11	4
Quiet road \$\$	16-17, 20, 30-32, 35, 46-48	27
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock	37	2
Field (or edge) without livestock **	12-15, 19, 22, 38-39,	23
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	1-10, 18, 21, 23-24, 26, 33-34, 36, 41-45	34
Woods	25, 27-29, 40	11

\*\* 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:** There are currently no stiles on this walk.