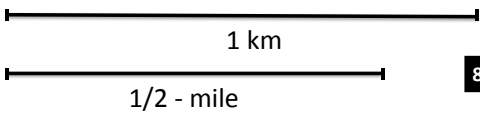


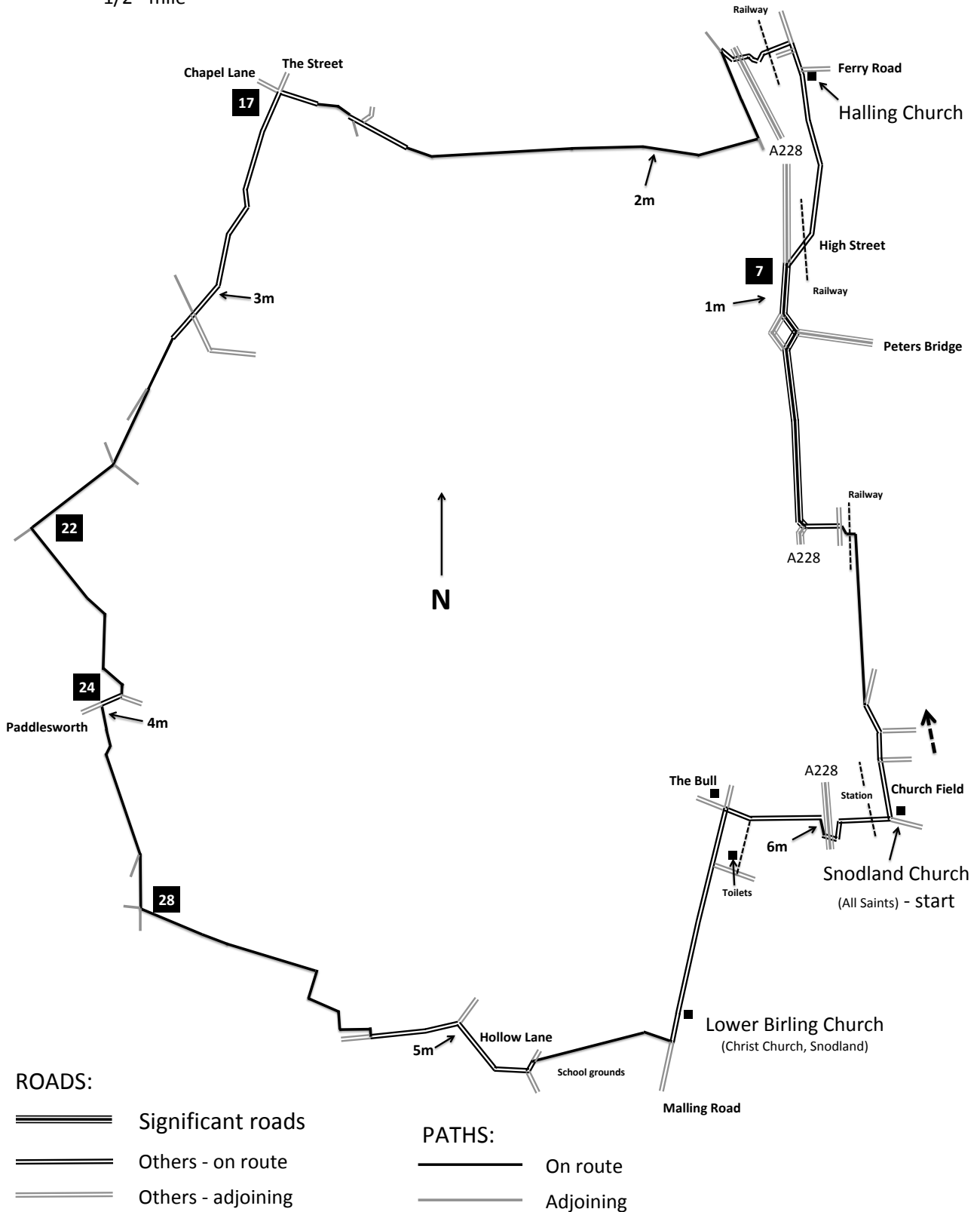
LOCAL CIRCUIT SW1: SNODLAND & HALLING

Scale (approx.):






--> Starting direction



88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)



ROADS:

-  Significant roads
-  Others - on route
-  Others - adjoining

PATHS:

-  On route
-  Adjoining

LOCAL CIRCUIT SW1: SNODLAND AND HALLING - 6.20 miles

Linked churches:

Snodland ('All Saints, Snodland' - start and finish)

Halling (Direction 8)

Lower Birling ('Christ Church, Snodland' - Direction 38)

Roads and hindrances:

In the first and last stages there is more walking along or beside roads than some would like, though none of it is particularly hazardous. (Most of the roads are quiet, and both crossings of the A228 are on bridges.)

Notes taken: April 2017

The start and finish is at All Saints Church, Snodland (ME6 5AT) near Snodland station.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		At the crossroads by Snodland Church ('All Saints, Snodland') set off parallel to the west wall of the church, and walk northwards along Church Field.	707 618	
2	3	Continue ahead, past the end of Tilghman Way.		
3	4	Diverge from the road to pass between the bollards and keep on the footpath immediately alongside the railway.		
4	10	Go leftwards under the railway bridge. Then on emerging go over the crossing road and ahead towards the A228 roundabout about 200 yds. away.		
5	12	Turn right at the roundabout, walking alongside the dual carriageway and keeping on the footway on its right-hand side.		
6	19	Go rightwards (anti-clockwise) round the next roundabout, and continue along the right-hand side of the A228.		0.90
7	22	[Map point] Follow the footway as it takes you right, along a minor road (High Street), over the railway bridge and on towards Halling.		
8	28	At the corner of Ferry Road on the right, pass the entrance to Halling Church . Then cross to the left-hand side of High Street when convenient.		
9	29	Turn left along Cemetery Road.		
10	30	Go ahead over the railway bridge, and immediately afterwards turn left and follow the winding roadway as it climbs, eventually crossing the A228 over another bridge.		
11	32	At the bollards after the bridge, turn sharp left to walk parallel to the A228, separated from it, now on your left, by a hedge.	703 640	
12	35	Turn right along a track, away from the A228.		1.76
13	50	Go straight ahead as the track becomes a roadway alongside houses.		
14	51	Go straight ahead as another road joins from the right.		
15	52	Keep over to the right, then ahead at the open space.		

* "Mins." is very approximate! See 'Introductory Notes' for an explanation of how this column is used.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
16	53	Join the dead end of a cul-de-sac, and go straight ahead.		
17	54	[Map point] Turn left along Pilgrims Way.		2.62
18	56	Continue down the road, keeping left.		
19	63	After reaching the bottom of the dip and starting to climb again, the road bends to the left. But instead carry straight on along the minor road, marked as 'no through road'.		
20	66	Fork left past the barrier, underneath the power lines.		
21	69	At the intersection of paths, walk ahead, edging slightly to the right to go beside the gate.	685 628	3.35
22	73	[Map point] Turn left through a metal gate on to a broad track down along the left-hand edge of a huge field.		
23	80	After passing a gate, turn right along the road.		3.90
24		[Map point] After a few yards, leave the road by turning left over a stile.		
25	82	Go ahead at the MKG, and along the right-hand side of a large field.		
26	84	Cross the stream, to follow its right-hand side.		
27	87	Where the stream (now on the left) comes to an end, continue along the main (permissive) path, more or less straight ahead.	686 617	
28	89	[Map point] Turn left to walk along the far edge of the same field, with a hedge on your right, and power lines above it.		
29	95	Follow the field-edge as it bends to the right ...		
30	96	... and then to the left ...		
31	97	... and right (skirting a pylon) ...		
32	98	... and left.		
33		Go down the steps on the right, and turn left along the road.		4.83
34	101	Just before the green, turn right, along Hollow Lane.		
35	103	Swing left with road. Ignore the first 'footpath' sign on the left.		
36	104	Go along the first few yards of Tom Joyce Close, then between barriers on the right to start along an enclosed footpath between fences next to school grounds.	697 611	
37	109	Turn left at the main road.		
38	110	Pass Lower Birling Church ('Christ Church, Snodland') on the other side of the road.		5.45
39	115	Continue ahead, across Rocfort Road. <i>Or, for toilets (currently open), turn right along it, and soon go left into the car park with the toilets beyond. Then continue along the driveway and turn right at the end to rejoin the main route from Direction 41. (No significant difference to time or distance.)</i>		
40	117	At the crossroads at The Bull (now closed down) turn right along High Street.		
41	118	Go ahead across a driveway leading alongside an open space.		
42	120	At the end of the road, turn right up a metalled pathway, alongside the A228 below.		
43	121	At the top turn left over the bridge.		
44		Turn left into Brook Street, and then swing right with the road.		
45	123	Go over the level crossing towards the church.		
46	124	Ahead on the left is Snodland Church ('All Saints, Snodland'), the starting point of the walk.	707 618	6.20

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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 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 SW1	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	5-8, 33-35, 37-39, 43-45	28
Quiet road \$\$	1-2, 4b, 9-10, 13-14, 16-19, 23, 40-41	22
Open field with livestock	X	0
Edge of field with livestock	X	0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	15, 22, 24-32	21
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	3-4a, 11-12, 20-21, 36, 42	28
Woods	X	0

** 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.

STILE (1) - Detail noted in April 2017, but **subject to frequent change**:

The one stile on this walk, in Direction **24**, has a dog gate.