
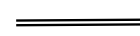



LOCAL CIRCUIT SO1: LONGFIELD & SOUTHFLEET

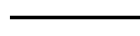

F Open fields (see 'Introductory Notes')

88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)

ROADS:

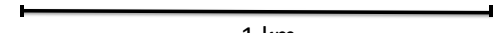
-  Significant roads
-  Others - on route
-  Others - adjoining

PATHS:

-  On route
-  Adjoining

 Starting direction

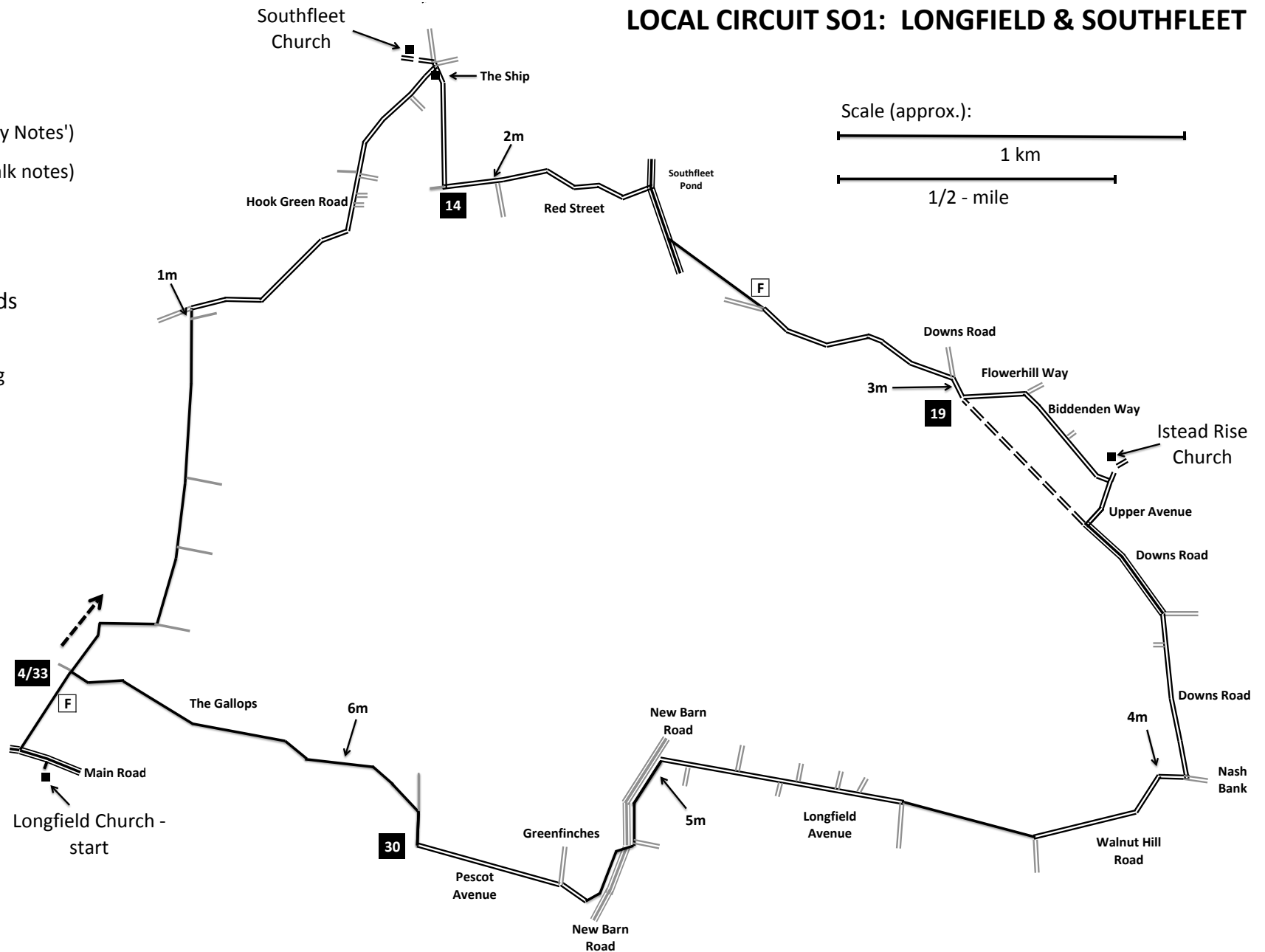
Scale (approx.):



1 km



1/2 - mile



LOCAL CIRCUIT SO1: LONGFIELD AND SOUTHFLEET - 6.60 miles

Linked churches:

Longfield (start and finish)

Southfleet (Direction 13A: Detour - see Appendix)

Istead Rise (21)

Roads and hindrances:

The first section of Hook Green Road (Direction 10) needs a little extra care before the start of the pavement. The two crossings of Longfield's Main Road (1 and 33C) and New Barn Road (15 and 27) need care, but should not be a particular worry.

The last minute or two of the field at Direction 16 can be overgrown, but not impossibly so: just keep to the line and determinedly penetrate any crops to reach the road beyond.

Notes taken: March and April 2018

The start and finish is at Longfield Church (DA3 7PG).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		Leaving Longfield Church by the lych-gate, cross the road and turn left along it.	603 691	
2	1	After about 60 yds. turn right, away from Main Road, up the driveway, signposted as a footpath.		
3	2	!!F!! Go straight on through the remains of a redundant MKG and up between the fields.		
4	5	[Map point] Next to the pole at the top, go straight ahead at the cross-paths.	604 694	
5	7	Turn right at the corner at the end, around a mast.		
6	10	At the first opportunity, by a pole, turn left, following the course of the power lines above.		
7	12	Meeting the edge of a field, turn slightly left to go alongside it, still following the power lines above.		
8	14	Continue ahead, now between fields, ignoring other tracks to left and right, still under the power lines.		
9	20	When the field-edge goes over to the right, stop following it, but go more or less straight ahead, between houses.		
10	21	Turn right along the road.	607 704	1.01
11	22	Take advantage of the pavement when it starts - first on the left, then on the right.		
12	27	Follow the road as it swings to the left, before long making the most of a brief section above the road and parallel on the right.		
13	34	<i>[Reaching The Ship: to visit Southfleet Church, now divert instead to the Detour in the Appendix.]</i> Main route: Turn right at The Ship and right again to start along Red Street.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
14	39	[Map point] Follow the road as it swings to the left.		1.93
15	46	At the end, turn right along New Barn Road.	621 707	
16	48	[!!F!!] Turn half-left, into a field, along a signposted footpath.		
17	54	Converging on the right-hand edge of the field, go through a gap in the trees at its border, and step up a little bank to join the road. Cross it, and turn left to go along its right-hand side.		
18	61	At the road junction, swing right with the major road (Downs Road), and then cross to its left-hand side when convenient.		2.98
19	62	[Map point] Turn left up Flowerhill Way. <i>(Or, if not wishing to visit Istead Rise, you could avoid the climb by going straight on along Downs Road, which the main route comes down to rejoin by its left-turn at Direction 22.)</i>		
20	66	Turn right along Biddenden Way.		
21	69	At the end, Istead Rise Church is a very short distance away up Upper Avenue to the left. But to continue on the route turn right, downhill.		
22	71	At the bottom, turn left.		
23	75	Continue ahead at the bottom of Arcadia Road.		
24	81	At the T-junction at the end, turn right, uphill.	636 690	3.96
25	89	Where paths and roads intersect at Stony Corner, go straight ahead.		
26	93	Join the dead end of a road (Longfield Avenue), and follow it all the way to the T-junction at its end.		
27	102	At the end, turn left along the main road. (Cross it sooner rather than later for the best sightlines.)		4.96
28	106	Pass the end of Fawkham Avenue on the left, and carry on.		
29	108	After passing Fairlight Cross on the left, the route turns on to the next road on the right (which turns out to be Pescot Avenue). In order to make this turn, follow the footway which cuts off the corner. Carry on along Pescot Avenue right to the end, ignoring roads on both sides (such as Greenfinches).	619 687	
30	114	[Map point] At the end pass between the railings and turn right uphill. Up ahead to the left, at right angles, you can see a long hedge which the route will follow until it is directly above Longfield. To reach the hedge use the diagonal track which appears after about 40 yds.	614 689	
31	116	Set out alongside the hedge, parallel to the valley and main road down to the left. It is not clear which side of the hedge is correct. Perhaps both are, leaving you to choose between views: Longfield and beyond to the left; Northfleet and the river to the right. There are gaps at a few points in the hedge: for what it is worth, the waymarks suggest walking first on the right, then either side, then on the left; but it really seems not to matter.		5.68
32	128	Power lines above. (Carry on.)		
33**	130	[Map point] When you reach a cross-paths at a pole: either, to continue the circuit (if not visiting, or finishing at, Longfield Church), turn right (the track which would be 'straight on' in Direction 4) and carry on from there;	604 694	

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
** or 33A	130	... or, to detour to, or finish at, Longfield Church, [!!F!!] turn left at the pole, on what is at present a clear track parallel to power lines (currently between planted tractor tyres) down to the centre of Longfield. Straight down: towards the bottom there are waymark, kissing gate and steps, leading to the main road.		
33B	134	At the bottom, turn left along the road.	603 691	
33C	135	Cross the road to reach Longfield Church , on the right.	603 691	6.60
33D		If returning to the circuit having visited the church, resume from Direction 1.		

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APPENDIX to Local Circuit SO1

Detour to Southfleet Church

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
13A		To reach Southfleet Church , at the junction at Direction 13 turn left up Church Street, with Sedley’s Primary School on your left.		0.00
13B	1	After visiting the church retrace your steps to the junction where you started the detour.		0.05
13C	2	At the junction rejoin the main route at Direction 13 by passing The Ship on your right, and then turning right, along Red Street. Add 2 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.10 miles to cumulative distances.		0.10

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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 SO1	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	1, 10-12a, 12c, 15, 17-18, 22, 27-28, 33B	27
Quiet road \$\$	13-14, 19-21, 23-24, 26, 29	37
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	2-5, 7-8, 12b, 16, 30-33A	30
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	6, 9, 25	6
Woods		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.

STILES: There are currently no stiles on this walk.