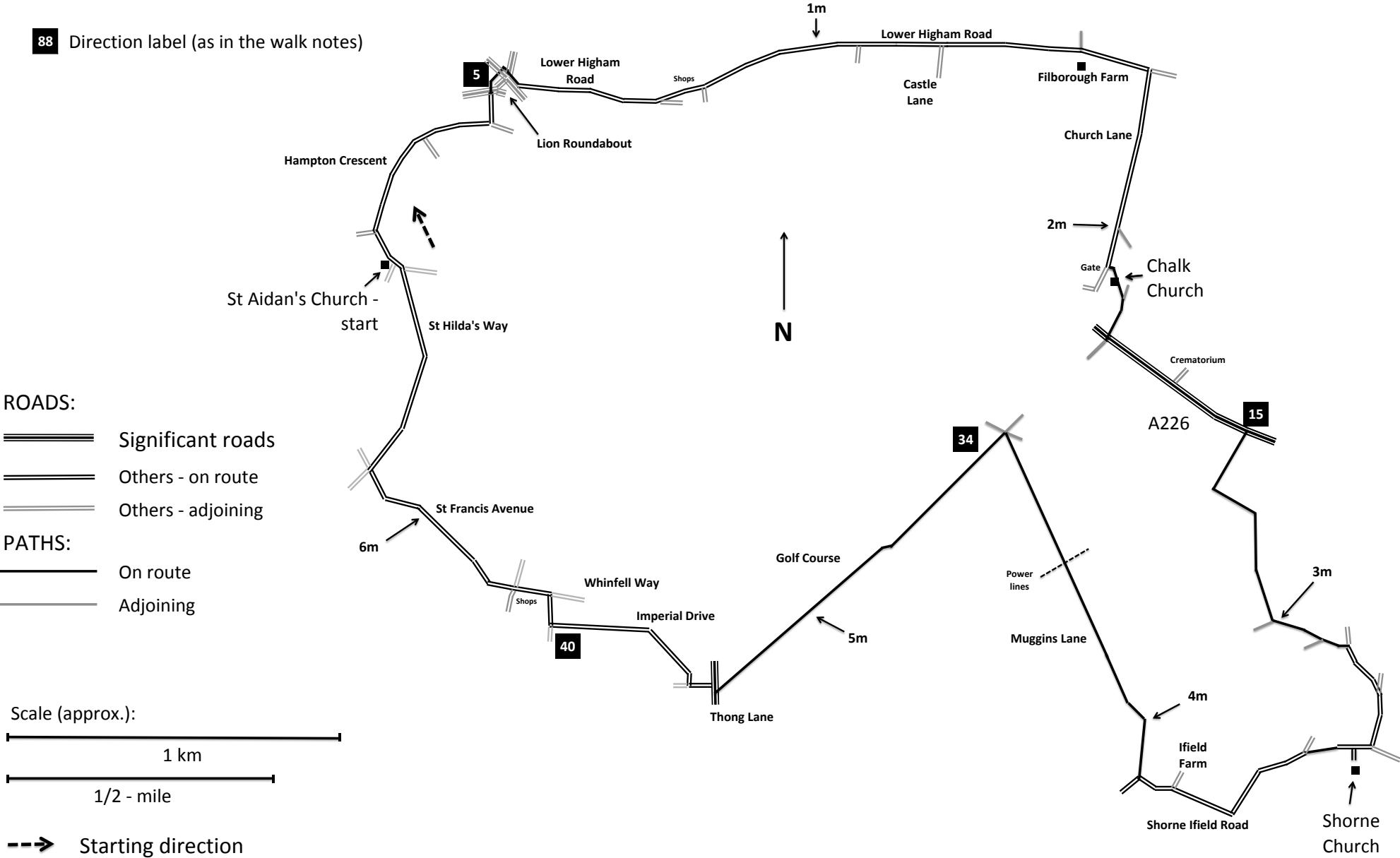


LOCAL CIRCUIT CH2: SHORNE & RIVERVIEW

88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)



LOCAL CIRCUIT CH2: SHORNE & RIVERVIEW - 6.56 miles

Linked churches:

Gravesend St Aidan (start and finish)

Chalk (Direction 11)

Shorne (23)

Roads and hindrances:

The only significant issue is the complex transit of the Lion Roundabout, which will command a good deal of respect. Everything else should be reasonably straightforward.

Notes taken: Spring 2019

The start and finish is at the car park adjacent to **St Aidan's Church, Gravesend** (DA12 4ES).

| | Mins.* | | OS | Miles |
|----|-----------|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | | At the exit from the car park of <u>St Aidan's Church</u> , turn left on to Hampton Crescent. | 661 726 | |
| 2 | 1 | Continue ahead, passing St Benedict's Avenue on the left. | | |
| 5 | 5 | Go ahead past a green on the left, with Silver Road opposite it. | | |
| 4 | 7 | After house no.38, turn left down an unnamed road (in fact Brown Road). | | |
| 5 | 8 | [Map point] Reach the main road at the Lion Roundabout complex, and find a way of reaching Lower Higham Road. <i>(If going to the right and anti-clockwise round the big roundabout, it is the second exit, but you will probably need to go a little out of your way along the first road (the A226 Rochester Road, away from Gravesend) to use the light-controlled crossing.)</i> It might on the whole be better instead to go ahead (as mapped) and tackle the complex in a clockwise direction. It takes you further and crosses more roads, but the traffic is more diluted. This way round you want the fourth exit, after Old Road East, A226 Rochester Road (Gravesend) and Dering Way. Aim first for Kwikfit, but then go further round to start along Lower Higham Road itself, by turning left. | | |
| 6 | 10 | Walk along the left-hand side of Lower Higham Road. | | |
| 7 | 15 | Take the left fork, signposted for Higham and Cliffe (still Lower Higham Road, though the nameplate is not entirely clear). Pass a short row of shops, and continue along the road (pavements on both sides, for now). | | 0.79 |
| 8 | 26 | Just after Castle Lane, both pavements come to an end. | | |
| 9 | 31 | Ignore the footpath joining from the left at Filborough Farm. | | 1.60 |
| 10 | 33 | Just after the last house (number 4) turn right at the road junction. | | |

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| 11 | 42 | At the top turn left through the wooden gate leading to the west door of Chalk Church . Then go up the steps leading diagonally to the right. Continue along this diagonal line all the way through the graveyard: past the floral tribute area, through a gap in the wall on the right-hand side, and on to another gap leading down to a roadway. | | |
| 12 | 43 | Turn right up the roadway. | | |
| 13 | 45 | At the end turn left alongside the main road, keeping for now on its left. | 683 723 | |
| 14 | 47 | Continue ahead, crossing the access road to the crematorium. | | 2.42 |
| 15 | 50 | [Map point] Turn right by crossing the road and leaving it, starting out along the footpath opposite. | | |
| 16 | 53 | Bend left with the path, up towards the top of a little rise. | | |
| 17 | 55 | A few yards before the top, follow the path as it bends right to go under the power lines. | | |
| 18 | 60 | At a junction of paths, turn half-left. | 688 715 | |
| 19 | 63 | After passing a redundant MKG, turn right on to a metalled pathway. | | |
| 20 | 64 | Pass a barrier (next to the surgery driveway) and continue ahead. | | |
| 21 | 65 | Begin the right-turn into The Street (using the little corner-cut). | | |
| 22 | 67 | At the T-junction at the end of The Street, where the main road swings down to the left, instead turn right. | | 3.35 |
| 23 | 68 | Pass the approach roadway to Shorne Church on the left. | | |
| 24 | | The road becomes a metalled footpath. | | |
| 25 | 69 | Continue ahead, between houses. | | |
| 26 | 70 | At the end turn left along the road. Ignore the footpath which is soon signposted on the left. | | |
| 27 | 74 | Follow the road through its right-angle bend to the right, again ignoring the signposted footpath on the left. | | |
| 28 | 78 | After the road starts to climb, and at the point where it bends to the left, next to the gates of Ifield Place (not Ifield Farm, which you pass earlier), turn right on to an enclosed narrow footpath. | 684 710 | |
| 29 | 79 | Emerge to walk along the right-hand edge of a field. | | |
| 30 | 80 | Continue ahead, now along the left-hand side of a big field, keeping a high embankment on your left. | | |
| 31 | 82 | Slip across slightly to the left, to continue ahead along the top of a little embankment. | | 4.05 |
| 32 | 87 | Continue ahead under power lines near the bottom of the dip. | 682 716 | |
| 33 | 89 | Go up a short, steep bank; and on, slightly left, along the left-hand side of a field, with trees on your left. | | |
| 34 | 92 | [Map point] Meeting a crosspath, turn left along it. (The route now maintains the same direction all the way between the tees and greens of the golf course until the gate and road at the end.) | | |
| 35 | 95 | After the 17 th tee continue straight ahead along the grassy path. | | 4.73 |
| 36 | 97 | After the 5 th tee go straight ahead along the grassy path, keeping the row of small trees on your left. | | |
| 37 | 101 | Go ahead, again along grass, ignoring the more prominent track which crosses at an angle. | | |

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| 38 | 107 | Cross the road and turn very briefly right along it, then left into Vigilant Way. | | |
| 39 | 108 | Turn right into Imperial Drive. Swing left with it and follow it to the T-junction, | | 5.31 |
| 40 | 114 | [Map point] Turn right into Latona Drive. | | |
| 41 | 115 | At the end turn left into Whinfell Way. | | |
| 42 | 116 | Reach the main road and cross it, and on the other side continue straight on along St Francis Avenue, following it as it winds left and right alongside a school and then goes straight ahead. | | 5.76 |
| 43 | 122 | Reach the major road (St Hilda's Way) at the bottom and turn right along it, crossing when convenient. | | |
| 44 | 130 | At the T-junction at the end, turn left (St Gregory's Crescent). | | |
| 45 | | Go ahead, crossing St Aidan's Way, which leads to <u>St Aidan's Church</u> building. | | |
| 46 | 131 | Reach the car park on the left, the starting point of the walk. | 661 726 | 6.56 |

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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 CH2 | Direction numbers | % of walk |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Busy road | 5-9, 13-14, 21, 38a | 26 |
| Quiet road \$\$ | 1-4, 10, 20, 22-23, 26-27, 38b-45 | 39 |
| Open field with livestock | | 0 |
| Edge of field with livestock | | 0 |
| Field (or edge) without livestock ** | 15-17, 29-34a, 35a, 36-37a | 23 |
| Path (hedged, or otherwise forced) | 11-12, 18-19, 24-25, 28, 34b, 35b, 37b | 11 |
| 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.