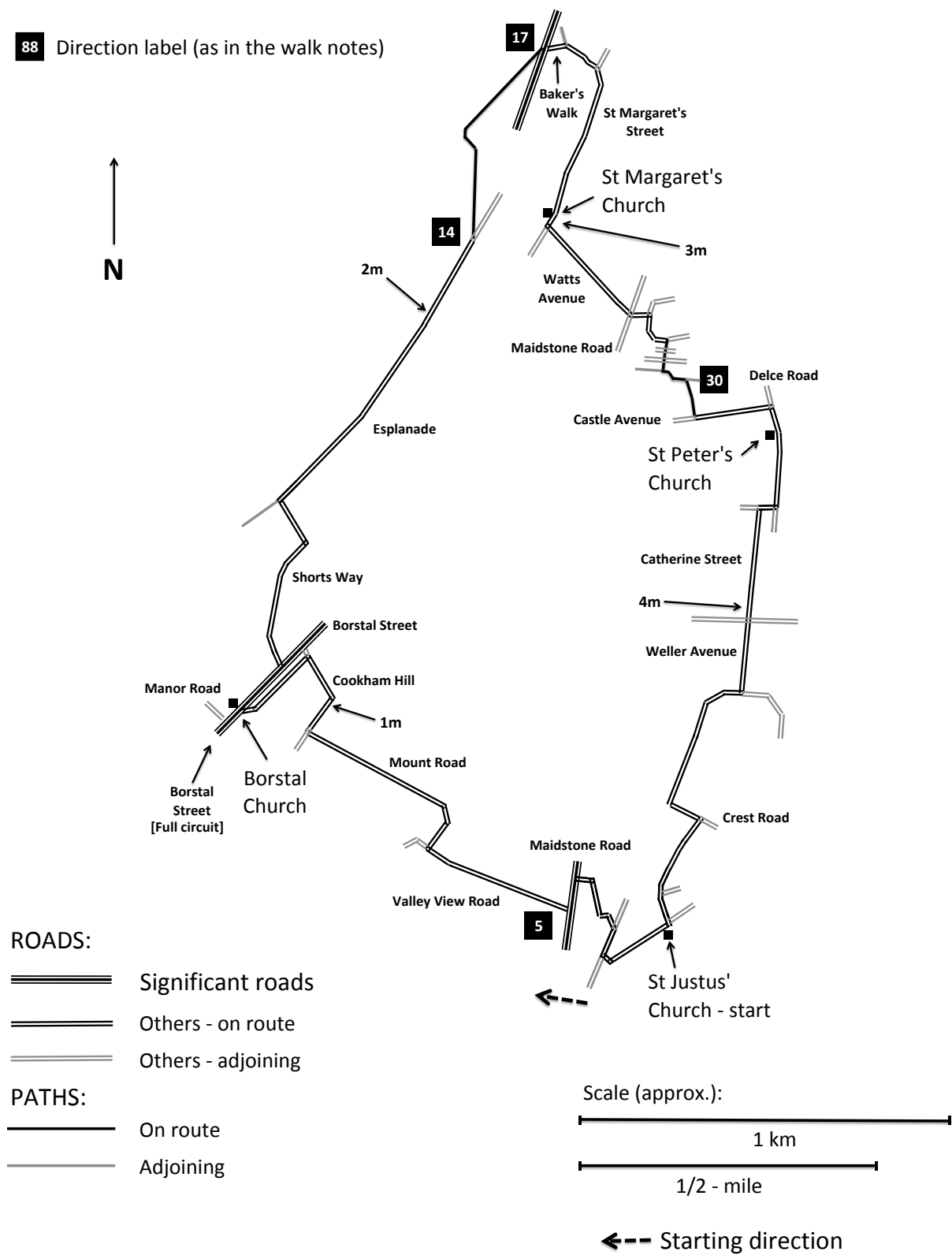


LOCAL CIRCUIT RS1: BORSTAL & ROCHESTER

88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)



## LOCAL CIRCUIT RS1: BORSTAL AND ROCHESTER - 4.63 miles

### Linked churches:

Rochester St Justus (start and finish)

Borstal (Direction 11)

Rochester St Margaret (22)

Rochester St Peter (33)

### Roads and hindrances:

Though there are many roads, none should cause undue concern, given ordinary care.

Notes taken: Spring and Summer 2019

The start and finish is at **Rochester St Justus Church** (ME1 2QQ).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the steps leading from <b><u>St Justus Church</u></b> , turn left down The Fairway.	744 662	
2	2	At the junction at the bottom turn sharp right and then cross the road as soon as is convenient.		
3	3	Turn left up Hawser Road.		
4	5	At the top turn left to go briefly along the main road and cross it by means of the traffic island.	741 663	
5	6	[Map point] Turn right along Valley View Road.		
6	11	Go with the road as it swings right, and then left.	737 664	
7	13	Carry on ahead, crossing the end of Secretan Road.		
8	18	At the T-junction at the end turn right along Hill Road.		0.93
9	19	Turn left down Cookham Hill.		
10	21	At the bottom turn left alongside the main road, but keeping above it on the raised access road.		
11	24	Go down with this road to meet the main road, and cross it. <b><u>Borstal Church</u></b> is a few yards along on the left. To continue the route turn sharp right to go along the left-hand side of the main road.		
12	27	Turn left down Shorts Way.		1.35
13	30	Swing right at the bottom and follow the footway, winding at first, and then following the river along the Esplanade.		
14	44	[Map point] Stay alongside the river as the path forks left, away from the road. After the end of the houses, follow it as it bends to the right and emerges at the corner of an open space.		2.21
15	48	From this corner walk on a gradual diagonal to join the road on the right: aim at the right-hand end of the distant trees - the point where they reach the road. (Before long the castle also appears, showing, by chance, the exact line.)		
16	51	Reach the road and cross to go ahead along its right-hand side.		
17	52	[Map point] Turn right up Baker's Walk.		
18	53	Swing right, as the paved walkway joins from the left.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
19	<b>54</b>	Follow on leftwards at the top of Baker's Walk.		
20		At the junction at the end, turn right, along St Margaret's Street..	742 685	
21	<b>55</b>	Pass the Coopers Arms on the right.		
22	<b>60</b>	Reach the lych-gate, the entrance to <b>St Margaret's Church</b> .		
23	<b>61</b>	Turn left into Watts Avenue.		
24	<b>64</b>	At the end go over the crossing road, and more or less straight ahead along the 'no through road' roadway.		
25	<b>65</b>	At its dead end go ahead along an enclosed walkway.		
26		At the end turn right along the road, following it as it swings to the left.		3.25
27	<b>67</b>	Just before the shops on the right, turn right up the roadway, and, after crossing another one, start up a narrow passageway opposite, passing briefly under the houses.	743 678	
28	<b>68</b>	Cross another road, and continue ahead along a similar alley.		
29		When finally confronted by a wall, turn left to go parallel to the road above.		
30	<b>69</b>	[Map point] Take the first opportunity to turn right up a similar passage.		
31	<b>70</b>	Reaching one more road (Castle Avenue), turn left along it.		
32	<b>73</b>	At the T-junction at the bottom turn right along Delce Road.	746 676	
33	<b>74</b>	Pass the driveway leading to <b>St Peter's Church</b> .		
34	<b>76</b>	Turn right along Cecil Road.		
35	<b>77</b>	Turn second-left along Catherine Street.		
36	<b>81</b>	At the crossroads continue ahead along Weller Avenue.		
37	<b>83</b>	Turn right, alongside the Co-op, and follow the road as it bends to the left.		4.13
38	<b>85</b>	Marling Way becomes The Tideway. Continue ahead.		
39	<b>88</b>	Turn left into Crest Road, steeply uphill.		
40	<b>89</b>	Turn right up Windward Road.		
41	<b>92</b>	Pass the end of Leeward Road, and continue ahead, uphill.		
42	<b>93</b>	At the junction with the major road (The Fairway), <b>St Justus Church</b> , the starting point of the walk, is visible over the road and slightly to the right.	744 662	4.63

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## FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

See footnote on next page.

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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 RS1	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	1-2, 4, 11-13, 16, 19-22, 32-33	37
Quiet road \$\$	3, 5-10, 17-18, 23-24, 26-27a, 31, 34-41	51
Open field with livestock		
Edge of field with livestock		
Field (or edge) without livestock **	15	4
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	14, 25, 27b-30	8
Woods		

\*\* 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.