

LOCAL CIRCUIT GS2: PARKWOOD & TWYDALL

88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)

ROADS:

Significant roads

Others - on route

Others - adjoining

PATHS:

On route

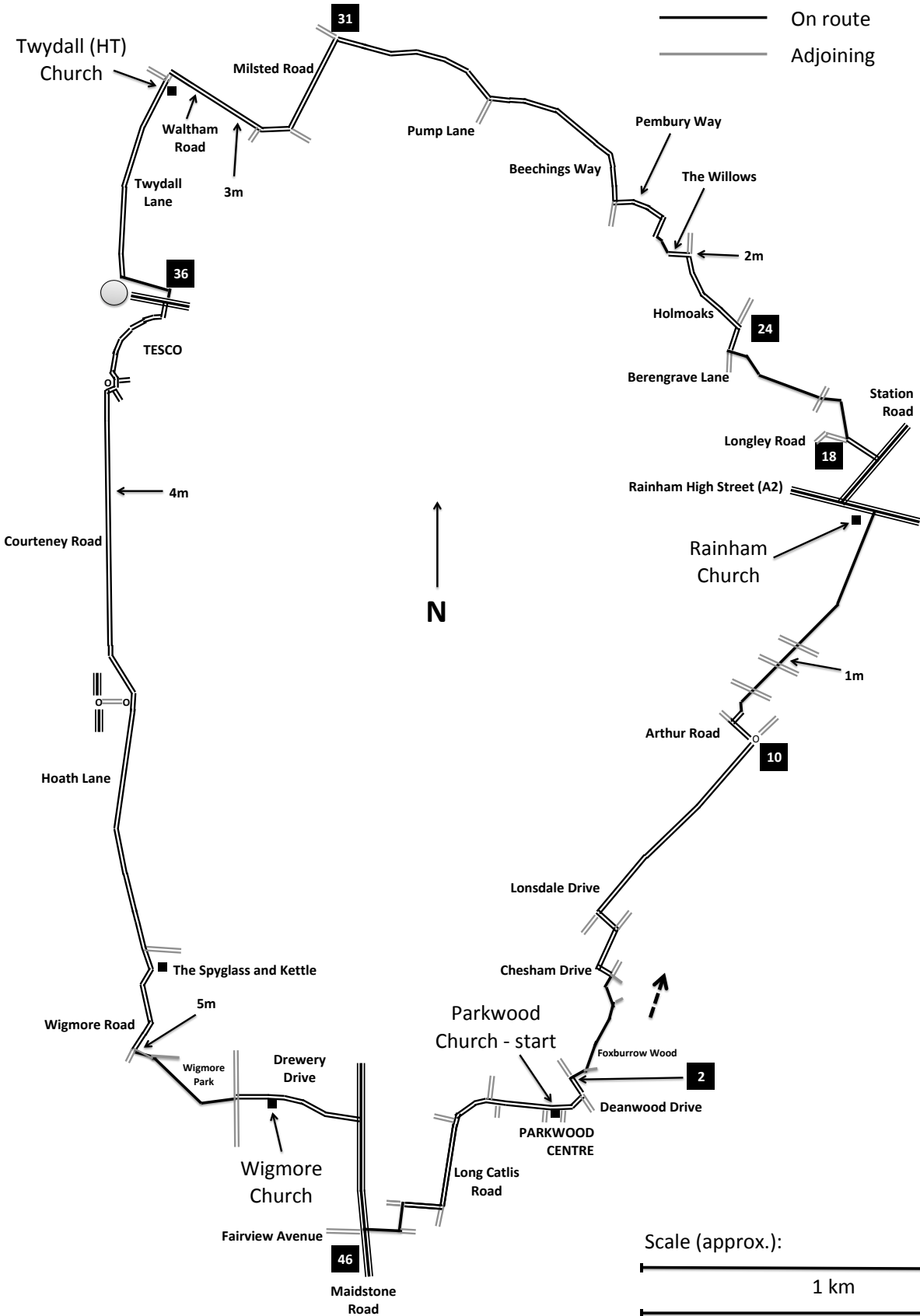
Adjoining

Scale (approx.):

1 km

1/2 - mile

Starting direction



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### Linked churches:

Parkwood (start and finish)

Rainham (Direction 15)

Twydall - Holy Trinity (33)

Wigmore (44)

### Roads and hindrances:

Hardly a hindrance, but the crossing of the A2 and roundabouts in Direction 36 could be a navigational challenge as well as taking a little extra time!

Notes taken: December 2019

The start and finish is at Parkwood Church (ME8 9PN).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		At the end of Parkwood Centre's main access road, with <u>Parkwood Church</u> on your right, turn right along the main road (Long Catlis Road).	809 643	
2	1	At the end of Long Catlis Road turn left along Deanwood Drive, crossing it as soon as possible.		
3	2	[Map point] Leave the road by turning right through a wooden kissing gate into the trees of Foxburrow Wood.		
4		After 30 yds. take the left fork and follow the broad path, gently downhill.		
5	5	Fork left again, quite steeply downhill at first.		
6	6	At the bottom merge right into another path.		
7		Reaching the road, turn left, uphill; then right at the top.	811 646	
8	8	Swing left, uphill again, ignoring Barleycorn Drive on the right.		
9	9	Turn right into Lonsdale Drive, and cross when convenient.		
10	16	[Map point] At the mini-roundabout turn left into Arthur Road.		0.84
11	17	Turn right into a cul-de-sac.		
12		At its far left-hand corner start along a footpath between fences, continuing along it as it crosses three roadways in turn.		
13	22	Follow the path as it bends slightly leftwards.		
14	25	Turn left at the A2, staying on its left-hand side to start with.		
15	26	Pass <u>Rainham Church</u> on the left.		1.35
16	27	In order to reach Station Road on the right, use the light-controlled crossing just beyond it to get over the A2. Then walk down the left-hand side of Station Road.		
17	29	Turn left along Longley Road.		
18	30	[Map point] Just before the road's left-hand bend, leave it by turning half-right along the signposted footpath.		
19	31	Follow the path as it bends to the left.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
20	<b>32</b>	Cross the road, and continue ahead on another path.		
21	<b>33</b>	Go slightly right, down a rough pathway, ignoring the path coming in from the left.		
22	<b>35</b>	Keep left, again between fences.		
23	<b>36</b>	Turn right along the road.		
24		<b>[Map point]</b> After a few yards turn left along Holmoaks.		
25	<b>39</b>	In the course of the right-hand bend, turn off to the left along The Willows.		
26	<b>40</b>	At the far right-hand corner of this cul-de-sac, turn half-right on a path between walls.		
27	<b>41</b>	At the end, turn right along the road (Pembury Way).		
28		At the first opportunity turn left (still Pembury Way).		
29	<b>43</b>	At the end cross Beechings Way and turn right along the dual-use pathway on its far side.	811 668	2.21
30	<b>49</b>	Cross Pump Lane on the left and continue along the left-hand side of Beechings Way.		
31	<b>55</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> Turn left into Milsted Road, crossing to its right-hand side when convenient.		
32	<b>59</b>	Swing right at the end (Waltham Road), crossing to its left-hand side when convenient.		
33	<b>64</b>	After following the road as it turns left at the end, pass, on the left, the entrance to <b>Holy Trinity Church</b> .	798 671	3.20
34	<b>66</b>	Continue along Twydall Lane past the end of Brenchley Road.		
35	<b>72</b>	At the end turn left, along the dual-use track parallel to the A2.		
36	<b>73</b>	<p><b>[Map point]</b> A little less than 100 yds. along, use the crossing on the right to start a series of crossings over the main road and beyond.</p> <p><i>The ultimate objective is to continue, beyond the crossing of the A2, along the same southward direction as the original approach from Twydall Lane, along Courteney Road which starts from the approach road to Tesco's and runs parallel to, and on the left of, the A278, as it heads south towards Wigmore. The various road crossings to reach Courteney Road are all easily manageable, with care, but might require a little patience.</i></p>		
37	<b>76</b>	When Courteney Road reaches the next roundabout, stay on the left-hand side and go clockwise round it, crossing a second approach road to Tesco's and another one leading to the garden centre. Then continue along the left-hand side of Courteney Road, past the Delphi Technologies premises on the left.	797 663	3.80
38	<b>87</b>	After gentle left and right bends, ignore the roundabout over to the right, and continue on the left-hand side of what has now become Hoath Lane.		
39	<b>93</b>	Pass Swain Road on the left and continue ahead.		4.71
40	<b>95</b>	Pass Woodside on the left and continue ahead past the Spyglass and Kettle.		
41	<b>98</b>	Pass Fellows Close on the left and follow the road round its bend.		

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42	<b>99</b>	Turn left into Wigmore Park. Go across the grass, slightly to the right, aiming at a point about 20 yds. to the left of the tennis courts. There go ahead along a tarmac pathway leading to the park's exit gate.  <i>[Park opening times as currently advertised: Opens at 6 a.m. all year round. Closes: Nov-Feb 5 p.m.; Mar 6 p.m.; Apr 7.30 p.m.; May-Aug. 9 p.m.; Sep 7.30 p.m.; Oct 6 p.m.]</i>		
43	<b>103</b>	Leave the park at the gate, cross the road ahead, and go straight on along Drewery Drive.	800 643	
44	<b>104</b>	Pass on the right the roadway leading to <b>Wigmore Church</b> and Community Centre.		
45	<b>107</b>	After passing the school on the right, turn right at the T-junction at the end, crossing that road to its left-hand side when convenient.		
46	<b>111</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> Opposite the end of Fairview Avenue, just after house no.493, turn left alongside a little patch of grass.		5.60
47	<b>112</b>	Reaching the dead end of a roadway, continue ahead along it.		
48	<b>113</b>	At the end of the garages on the right, turn left along the 'no-traffic' Fane Way.		
49	<b>114</b>	At the end turn right along the road.		
50	<b>115</b>	At the end turn left down the long, straight Long Catlis Road.		
51	<b>118</b>	Follow the road as it starts to bend gently to the right.		
52	<b>121</b>	Reach the access road into Parkwood Centre and <b>Parkwood Church</b> , the starting point of the walk.	809 643	6.11

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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!

The high percentage shown below for 'busy road' is possibly misleading for those walking without dogs. Much of this walk is on or beside roads which are too busy to allow, for instance, for dogs to be let off the lead; and hence 'busy road' in this context. But for the most part they are tranquil enough for human purposes!

<b>LOCAL CIRCUIT GS2</b>	<b>Direction numbers</b>	<b>% of walk</b>
Busy road	1-2, 9, 14-17, 29a, 29c, 30b, 30d, 32-41, 43-45, 50-51	64
Quiet road \$\$	7-8, 10-11, 23-25, 27-28, 31, 47, 49	15
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	29b, 30a, 30c, 42, 46	6
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	12-13, 18-22, 26, 48	12
Woods	3-6	3

\*\* 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.