

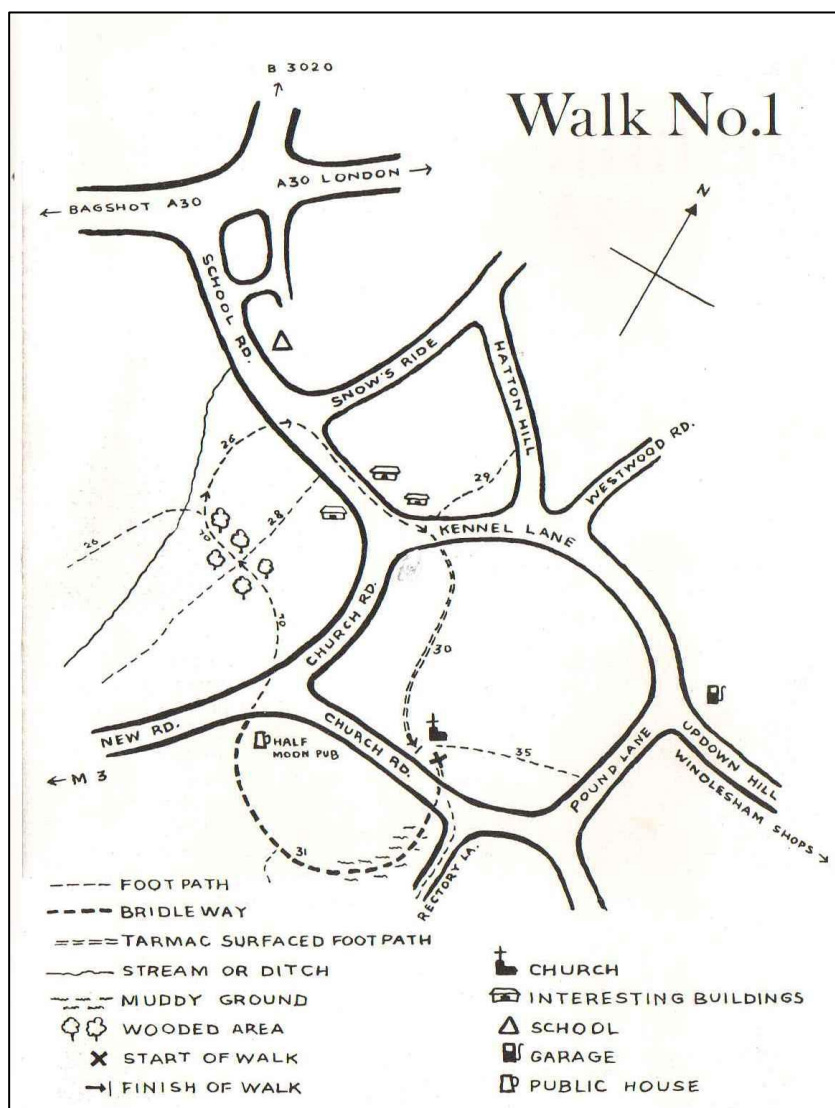
WINDLESHAM WALKS

Walk No.1

Start/Parking Slip road by St John's Church, Windlesham
 Distance: 2km or 1¼ miles
 Type of walk: Mostly level, 5 kissing gates

From the church turn left, then cross the road by Cedars Court and enter Bridleway 31 with Birch Hall on your left. The bridleway, which can be muddy at times, swings left and passes a Dutch barn with stables beyond on your right. It then runs slightly downhill beneath a canopy of holly trees, eventually passing a field to your left with wide views across farmland to the M3 and High Curley beyond. The bridleway then meets footpath 65a (which will feature in a later walk); continue straight ahead along the bridleway, which runs between gardens and eventually emerges into New Road.

Turn right, cross over by the "Keep Left" bollards and head for a tarmac path (Footpath 70) leading to Curzon House (if the main gate is closed go through the kissing gate). The buildings on your left, and part of the surrounding land, once belonged to Fromow's Nurseries.



The former nursery office buildings are now the head office of Surrey Heath Conservative Association. Continue ahead through another kissing gate on to a wide, pleasant, grassy path between post and rail fencing with horses in the paddocks beyond - among them are Shires which are used to pull a Fullers brewery dray. Note the impressive group of blue cedars with their unusual cones.

Go through the next kissing gate, the path now runs straight ahead along the edge of the field with a fence on your right, rises slightly then drops down to another kissing gate and a junction of tracks. The path ahead

(which also features in a later walk) crosses a plank bridge over a deep ditch and enters Windlesham golf course, which was formerly Lutine Farm. Go through the kissing gate, do not cross the bridge but turn right on to a wide grassy track keeping the ditch, bordered by willows, on your left.

Eventually this track meets part of the golf course and it is worth pausing to admire the view and the willow-lined lake in front of you. Now make for the waymark post you can see straight ahead, near the entrance to a culvert, then turn right along a well-defined path which curves round to the left, rising to emerge at School Road via another kissing gate.

On reaching School Road cross over to take advantage of the pavement and turn right. A stretch of road work follows, but to compensate for this, look out for some of the oldest houses in Windlesham which you will pass on the way - Forge and Thatched Cottages, Turpins, Coopers Green and Walnut Tree Farm.



At the junction with Church Road bear left into Kennel Lane. Look out for The Post House on the right, which was built in 1878 and was originally the village post office. Now cross over to enter Footpath 30 via a staggered metal barrier. The narrow path runs between hedges

before widening to pass the entrance to the extension to Windlesham cemetery, then swings right on a broad track to take you back to Windlesham Church and the starting point.

Before going home, it is worth taking a few minutes to explore the section of the cemetery to the left of the footpath - see if you can find George Bernard Shaw's tribute to his housekeeper!



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