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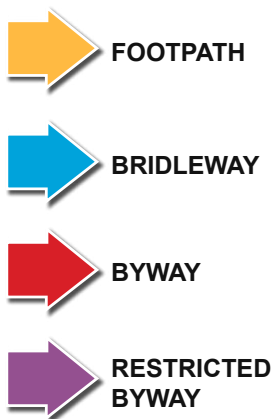
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*When you're out walking in the countryside, please respect the Countryside Code.*

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any arrows or signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



## Walk Overview

**Distance:** 5 miles (8km) allow 3 hours



**Start/Finish:** Dene Park, Puttenden Road



**Stiles:** 9



**Gates:** 4



**Terrain:** Fields, woodland paths and tracks. Some moderate climbs



**Views:** Some good views



**Toilets:** None on the route

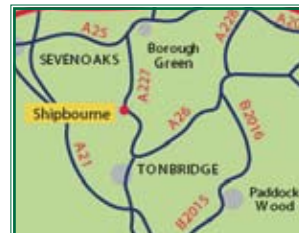


**Refreshments:** Pubs along route

## How to get there...

### Road Map:

Multimap website [www.multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com). Search for "Shipbourne".



**By Car:** Shipbourne is on the A227 between Tonbridge and Ightham/Borough Green.

**Parking:** Car parking is free at Dene Park.

**Train:** Nearest station – Hildenborough (6 miles). National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

**Bus:** 222 (Wrotham Square-Tonbridge Station) 6 journeys, Mon-Sat.  
404 (Ide Hill – Plaxtol) 5 journeys, Mon-Fri.  
Traveline: 0870 6082608



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Have fun, stay healthy!



# Walks in West Kent Shipbourne

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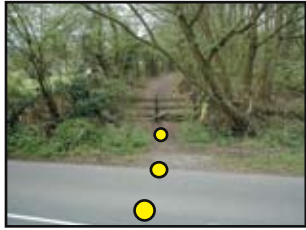
### About the walk...

This is a varied walk on woodland and field paths with characteristic Wealden views. Starting at Dene Park, the route follows a part of the Greensand Way passing Fairlawne House, once owned by Edward Cazalet who was for many years the trainer of the Queen mother's horses. The well marked route takes you via the common, a large open space before passing through the church yard and returning back through Dene Park.

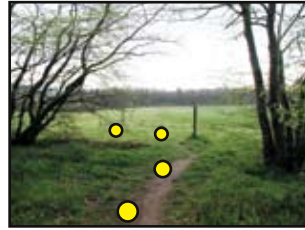
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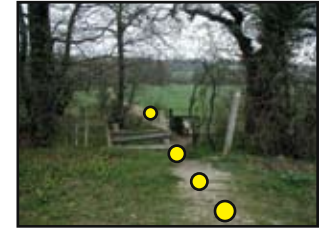
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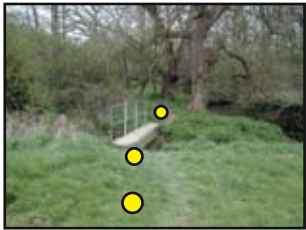
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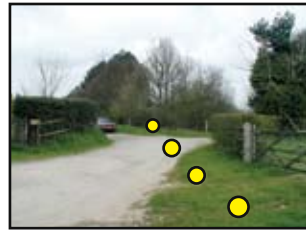
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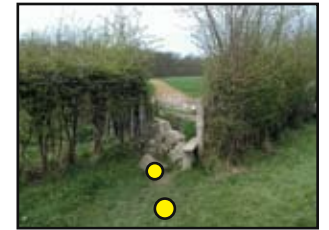
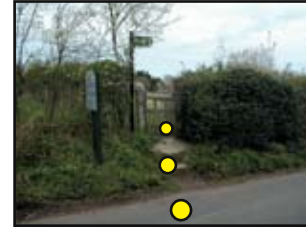
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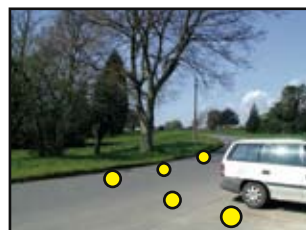
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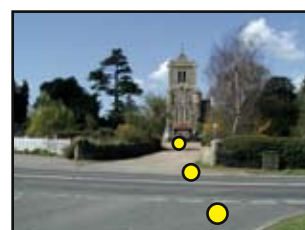
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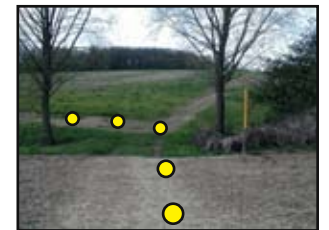
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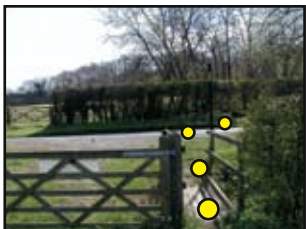
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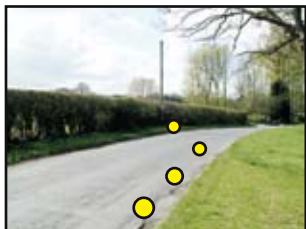
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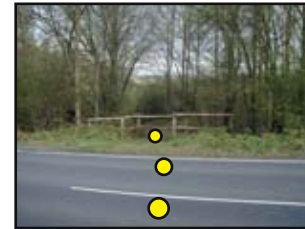
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For guidance only, actual conditions encountered may be different to what is shown depending on weather and time of year.

## Route Description

- 1 From the car park, follow path through woodland, running alongside road. Upon reaching the end of the path **beware of traffic** - cross road to follow path over stile.
- 2 At the path junction, bear left into the woods. After a short distance the path comes out into a narrow clearing - follow path ahead along field boundary.
- 3 On reaching a field, follow signposting and turn left along field boundary for around 100m before bearing right to cross field to stile in the treeline.
- 4 Continue straight across another field crossing over footbridge, bearing left to go under electricity pylons heading towards road (Hamptons Road).
- 5 **Beware of traffic.** Cross over stile and turn left to follow road. Just before the first house on the right, turn right into track and follow the path straight ahead.
- 6 (At this point, if you want to detour to the Kentish Rifleman pub, follow the path straight on, not over the stile).

Along the path, cross stile on the left to head over to another stile by the road (Dunk's Green Road). **Beware of traffic**, cross road, travel up a short flight of steps and go through kissing gate to enter into a field. Follow ahead

alongside boundary and over a stile built over a stone, into another field.

- 7 Follow path diagonally across field towards woodland. Follow path through woods. When you reach a gate, cross over a stile into field. Follow path to road (School Lane).
- 8 **Beware of traffic.** Cross road and head down surfaced track past Fairlawn House. Keep following the path downhill, over a stream and continue uphill towards houses.
- 9 Follow path through kissing gate, between houses to come out onto a road (Upper Green Road). Turn right to follow road across Shipbourne Common, heading for church.
- 10 **Beware of traffic.** Cross road and go through churchyard to kissing gate. Bear left to follow path across field.
- 11 After crossing a ditch turn left to head towards corner of trees ahead. Follow path ahead with woodland edge on your right. Head across field towards road (Hildenborough Road).
- 12 Cross bridge out of field and turn right to head alongside road. Look out on the left for a gap in the hedge just before a telegraph pole.
- 13 Go through gap in hedge and follow path between fencing. Upon reaching a junction, bear left to follow between more fencing towards woodland. Follow path as it winds through woodland, passing across small bridge near ponds.

## Walk your way to a healthier lifestyle

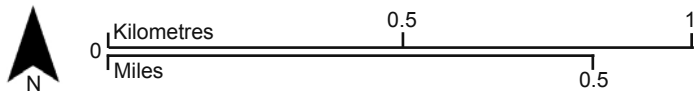
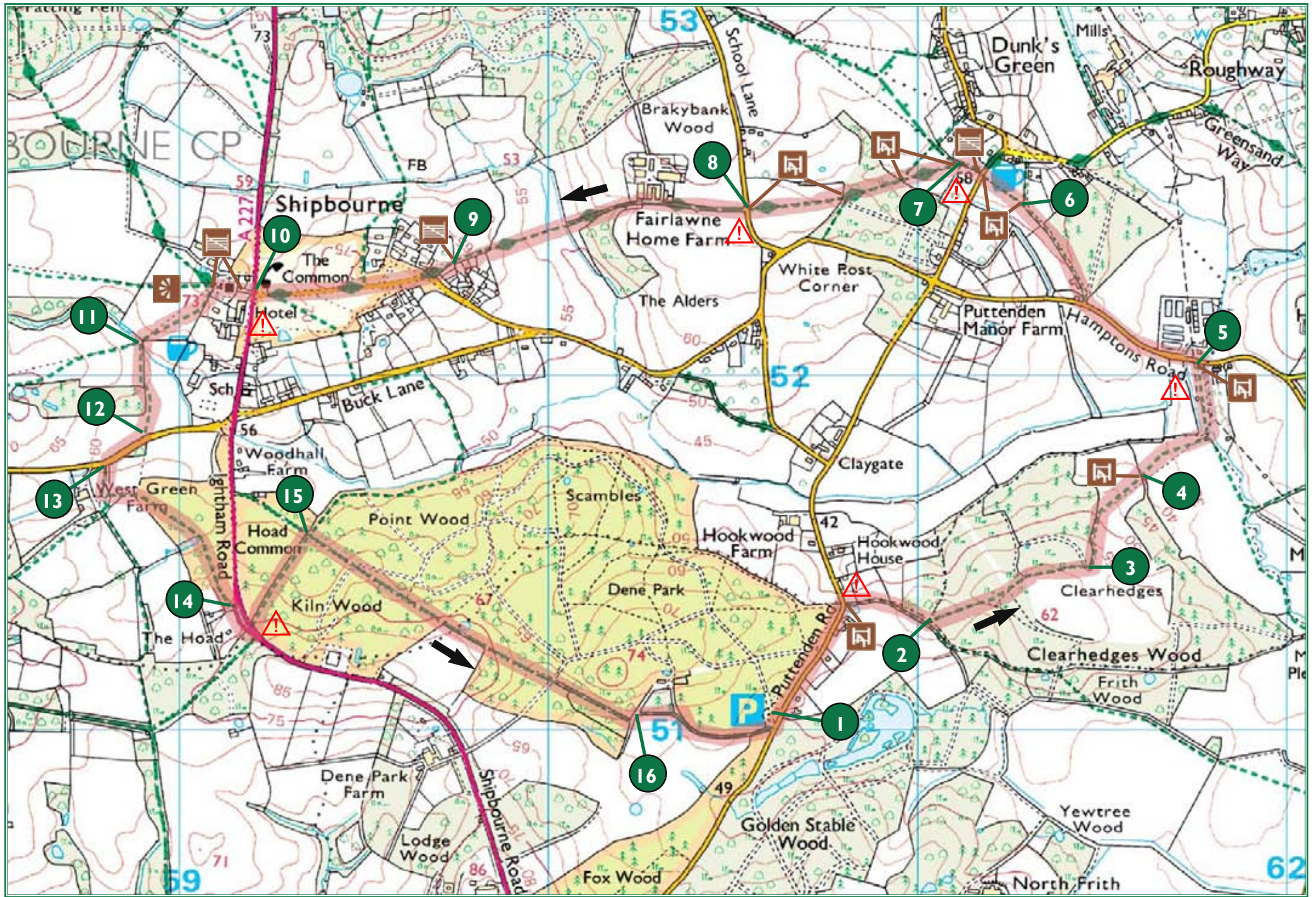


*"Walking for one mile burns virtually the same number of calories as jogging for one mile, it just takes a little longer!"*

*"Walking is FREE and requires no special equipment or clothing – as long as you are comfortable"*

*"Regular walking helps reduce the risk of heart disease, strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure"*

- 14 Come out of woods and turn left along track emerging into a lay-by. Turn right to head up the lay-by to a main road. Just before reaching the road turn left to go through a gap. **Beware of traffic**, cross road to path on other side.
- 15 On reaching a pond on the right turn right to follow the path uphill for some distance. When the path meets a surfaced track, bear left to continue ahead.
- 16 Just after a left hand bend in the track, take the path that follows a field boundary on the right. This path takes you back to the car park where you started.



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 View

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 Shipbourne Circular Walk [www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent](http://www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent)