

Boundary Walk - Short Route Description

From Church to Great Kingshill Common

Start in the carpark at St Michael and All Angels Hughenden. Say a little prayer as you start. Head southwards across the open parkland, through a gateway beside Hughenden Stream. Continue in same direction, through a kissing gate, keeping the stream on your left. Near the first footbridge bear right to an avenue of limes trees. Follow the avenue as far as the road, passing to the right of a carpark, onto Coates Lane. Turn left. Take the next turn left (which is still called Coates Lane). Keep on the left, but pavement is very narrow: take care. Follow to the main A1428 Hughenden Road.

Cross this busy road very carefully. Then continue in same direction up Green Hill. When the road bends sharply to the right, take the footpath left into Green Hill Wood. After 100m bear right at the fork and follow this main path to the top of the wood, coming out onto a road junction. Turn left. Do not take the immediate left footpath, but a few yards further take the footpath running along the backs of Brands Hill Avenue.

Follow this sometimes narrow path for 1.2km, eventually reaching Kingshill Road. Cross the road carefully and follow the driveway opposite. Halfway along the driveway take the footpath left across the football field. At the end turn right and enter the wood. The path curves and then take a left turn out of the wood. Do not take the sharp right turn along the side of wood, but continue around the field to a T-junction of paths. Turn right and follow for 500m almost to Grange Farm.

Turn right into next field, but after 30m turn left, and left again and follow the farm drive for 500m. At the wood take the footpath right, along the side of the wood and after 100m (50m before a large manure heap) take a left turn from the field into parkland. After 100m turn right and follow this gravel path for 150m to a crossing of paths. Turn left and follow a new gravel pathway to a kissing gate between houses, and out onto the road, near a road junction.

Turn right, and go just past the junction. Cross the road carefully and take the road opposite (Windmill Lane). After 10m cross the road and continue down the enclosed path parallel to road. After 300m take a left turn into the farm driveway for Brimmers Farm. The drive curves gently to the left and then sharp

left. Do not take the sharp left, but continue in same direction through a kissing gate. Keep to the right side of field, through another kissing gate, keeping to right side of field. At end of field, pass into next field and turn immediately right, following the right side of that field. At the field end, turn right and then left to continue on the other side of the hedge. After 50m turn left. Follow this path across a small field and bear left, skirting some industrial buildings on your left. Follow this zigzag path to meet a road (Cockpit Road)

Cross this road and enter the path opposite, through to Old Allotment Park. Turn left across the middle of this park, to a short path between houses. At the road (Common Road) turn right and after 20m cross the road and enter Great Kingshill Common, where the picnic will take place.

After Lunch: Great Kingshill to St Michael and All Angels Hughenden

From the cricket pitch, cross the main road (pelican crossing) and go left, past Hatches Lane to the next road New Road, (with the Village Hall on the corner). At the far end of New Road turn left along footpath for 100m to meet Pipers Lane and turn right along the lane.

At the school entrance, fork left down Boss Lane. Where the tarmac road turns right into the school, just continue straight ahead down the rough track.

If you haven't yet picked up your stone for the cairn, there will be plenty to choose from along this rough track. Gomms and Bubbles wood on your left has wonderful bluebells: probably past their best

Follow Boss Lane about 1km until it becomes tarmac again, and then meets Hughenden Valley Road.

Turn left past the mini-roundabout and then cross the road, and up the path to Village Hall. Go round the Village Hall to the right and across the football pitch to the path behind the far goalposts. After 30m turn left into the field.

Once in the field, follow the path, through several fields along the valley, to arrive opposite the church car park. (Sometimes there are black cattle which like to gather at the kissing gates: talk nicely to them and they'll let you pass.)

Go into the church grounds and when everyone has arrived we'll build our cairn.