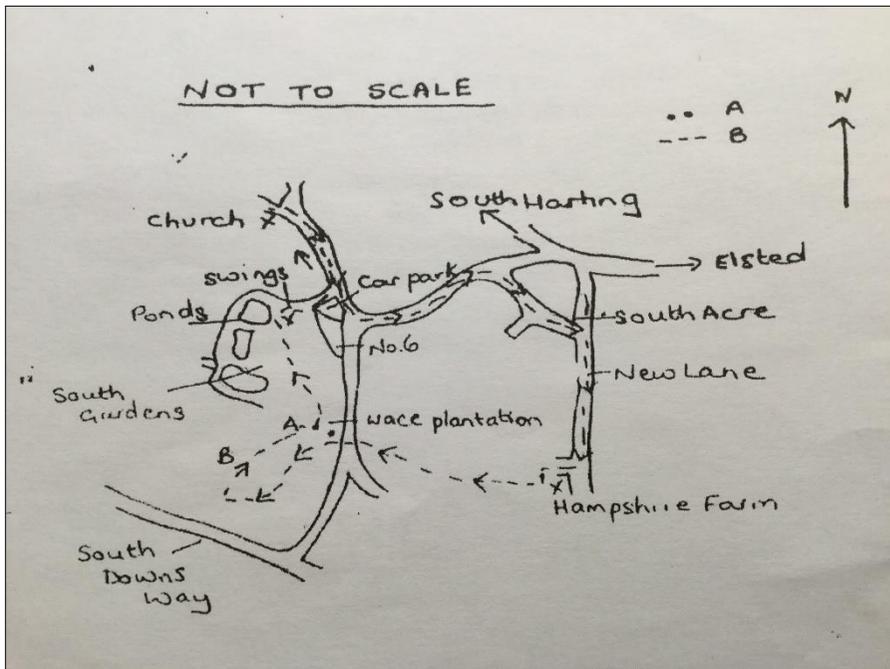


Getting to and from South Harting by Public Transport

Chichester	Bus No. 54	2 hourly, no Sunday service
Petersfield*	Bus No. 54	2 hourly, no Sunday service
	Bus No. 91	infrequent Sat & weekdays
		2 hourly Sundays & Public Holidays
Midhurst	Bus No. 91	As above
Worthing	Bus No. 91	South Harting to Worthing 2 hourly
		Sundays & Public Holidays
	Bus No. 1	Worthing to South Harting as above

*Leaves Petersfield Railway Station



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Walk No. 2

HARTING SOCIETY: WALKS ROUND HARTING

Circular walk – South Harting to Hampshire Farm, The Warren, South Gardens and return to South Harting

Distance: 2 miles approx.

Time: 1.25 hours approx.

An easy walk, with one steep incline at (B) but there are fallen trees to rest on if necessary. The anemones in Spring are not to be missed.



START – from the Parish Church and turn right down the narrow road beside the churchyard wall taking care of traffic. Arriving at the small car park at the bottom of the hill, cross the road and turning right walk along to Tipper Lane. Look across the road to your right at the pretty group of thatched cottages. No. 6 is a Tudor timber-framed house with S-shaped (ogee) braces which date it between 1570 and 1590. Turn left into Tipper Lane and walk along past the school until nearing the end of the road, just past a red letter box, cross into South Acre. Bearing left follow the road around to New Lane. Turn right onto the lane, walk past several houses until the fields take over on both sides. Across the fields on the left there are views towards East Harting and Elsted, Beacon Hill and Harting Down. In autumn there are wonderful colours here as the leaves turn. To the right lies South Harting village with its copper church spire against a background of Hemner, Little

Torberry and Torberry Hills. Look for siskins, skylarks and the occasional woodpecker.

Swallows and martins swoop overhead to herald their return for the summer months.

At the finger post on the right by the wooden field gate of Hampshire Cottage, follow the path around by the thatched farm buildings. Coming to a gate to a field keep straight ahead along the narrow path by the hedge to your right. Look over to the hills on the left rising to the Downs and on the right a lovely view across to the Church and village spread out under the Hemner, Little Torberry and Torberry hills. Pass to the next field and follow the path down to a disused gate beside a wide opening. The next gate is across a short grassy walk slightly to the right between two plane trees. Go through the gate to the road to Uppark. See the sign post as you turn left.

Within a few yards, across the road, is a finger post pointing through the recently felled woods. This work was carried out in 2019 but a huge amount of replanting is taking place. Cross the road to this (be careful of traffic) and take either the following marked by a double finger post:

EITHER – (A) After a few yards a wide slope on the right which shortly brings you to the Wace Plantation area. OR – (B) A narrow track edged with sapling markers climbing through massed wood anemones, purple and white violets, ransom (wild garlic) and primroses in spring. Look up at the tall straight trunks of the young beech trees lining the path as it winds up to join the main path leading down to South Gardens. Rest a while on a fallen tree trunk and take in the peace and beauty of it all. Resuming the walk keep on until reaching another path crossing yours and turn right going along it to join (A) by the Wace Plantation area. Continue on down the path being careful of tree roots hidden in the leaves underfoot. Notice the clumps of violets, massed primroses, bugle and orchids and woodruff in season. Take either the first or second waymarked paths on the left (both quite steep) to join the main path down to South Gardens. Reaching the Gardens

look across through the trees at the delightful reflections of the tree branches in the water. On one side of the pond is a platform where once stood a pretty bathing house. Walk across the grass noting the lovely trees especially the copper beech. At the middle pond you may be lucky enough to see a kingfisher sitting on a bullrush or flashing past across the waters. Rest a while on the bench beside the third pond near the swings to watch the antics of the ducks or the moorhens with their chicks walking over the lily pads or carp swimming round the white and yellow water lilies or water mint. Perhaps see nuthatches in the trees or a tree creeper making its way up a tree trunk. When you are ready make your way out of the Gardens by the wooden gate past the swings. Walk along passing the small car park on the right. The first house you reach on your left, now a private house, was once South Harting's third pub "The Coach & Horses". Walk up the narrow road by the churchyard wall to reach the church of St Mary & St Gabriel once again. Just past the gates along the wall you will see the Old Stocks. Spare time to visit the well-loved, beautiful church (over 800 years old). It is full of interest and loveliness. Look at the colourful kneelers depicting all aspects of life in the Parish. They were designed and worked by the Parishioners. You may like to buy a card or a bookmark here to remind you of South Harting.