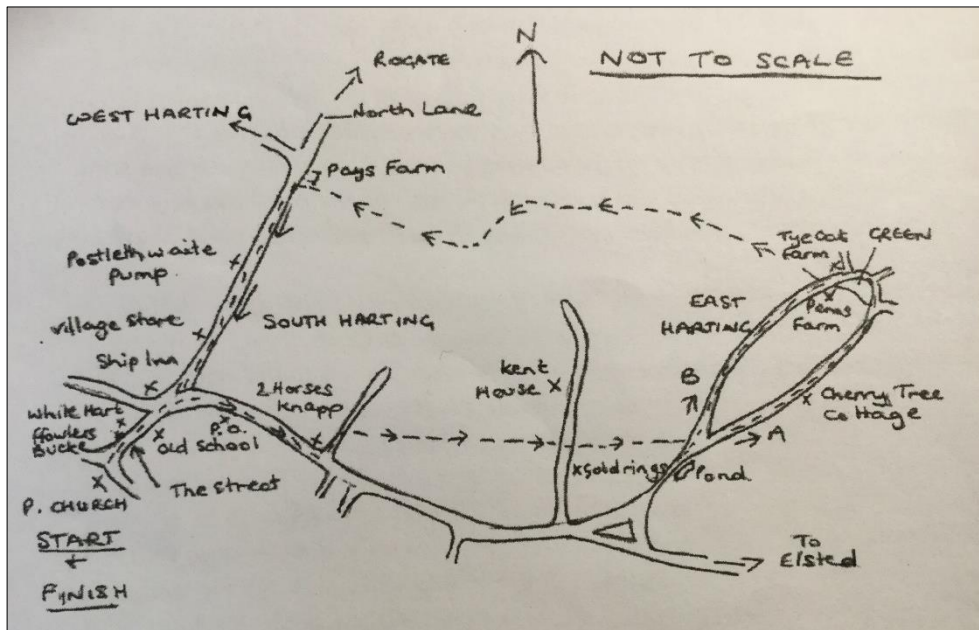


Getting to and from South Harting by Public Transport

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. 1	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. 5

HARTING SOCIETY: WALKS ROUND HARTING

Circular walk – South Harting by Kent House to East Harting and return by Tye Oak Farm and Pays Farm to South Harting

Distance: 3 miles approx.

Time: 1.5 hours approx.

Sheep are often in the fields so please keep dogs under control.

START

From the Parish Church, walk down The Street past Fowler's Buckle (late medieval timber-framed house) and The White Hart pub, before following the Elsted Road which leads round to the right and up past The Old Post Office. As the road starts to steepen, on the left hand side you will see a narrow lane, Mill Lane just after 2 Horses Knapp. Follow this until you reach a gap in the hedge on the right hand side, with a footpath sign pointing up the small bank. Follow the footpath across the field straight ahead and you will see the path meets the hedge on the right, as it leads down a slope to small gate surrounded by great tree roots. In spring the bright blue of speedwell is seen among the crops on all sides.

Once through the gate continue straight across the field. To your left you will see the attractive front of Kent House (1792 & earlier) while over the hedge to the right lies Goldrings, the smallest type of medieval timber framed house found in the Hartings. To the right you will see the views of Beacon and Harting Down. Pass through a small gate in the hedge and cross the lane to pass through another gap in the hedge where the footpath is signed. Look around for yellow



hammers (yellow buntings) which are often in the hedgerows here. Listen for their song "Little-bit-of-bread-and-NO-cheese".

Follow the footpath down past a small orchard and the path will take you left, before coming up through converted farm buildings on the left and open barns on the right. Pass through the opening to the right of the wooden 5 bar gate onto the road and turn left up the quiet road, keeping East Harting Farmhouse on your right.

EITHER – (A) take the right fork and walk along passing banks thick with flowers in spring. Cherry tree Cottage (thatched) on the right is a medieval and Tudor timber-framed house. On an interior wall is a landscape painting dating from 1550. At the top of the road near the Green, long tailed tits and goldfinch can sometimes be seen among the trees so look out for them. Follow the Green round to the left to Penns Farm (Tye Oak Farm is across the road a little way up to the right). Across the road from the side wall of Penns Farm is a finger post pointing up to a path under a beech tree. OR – (B) take the left fork and walk up a shaded lane with many badger paths and prints on either bank. Green hellebores, hart's tongue fern, campion cuckoo pint and archangel grow here. Near the top of the road opposite the wall of Penns Farm join (A) and follow the footpath sign up a track into the field and cross this field, following the well marked path through a gap in the hedge and across a second field. In spring the air is filled with the bleating of the lambs here. You will see the beautiful views of Torberry Hill ahead, Hemner, Harting Down and Beacon Hill on the left. Crossing the next field you will follow the path down the hill with the hedge on your right and the sight of South Harting Church tucked under the Downs with the village around it.

You will reach a metal gate and then cross the next field to a fenced area of sapling trees with metal gates allowing access through to the stream. There is a stile to climb just before the stream and then walk across the wooden bridge and follow the footpath straight ahead and across the field to a gap in the hedge. Then follow the footpath left across this next field towards a telegraph pole

behind a hedge. You will come to a well trodden track with hedges on each side, turn right here.

Follow the path to the top where you will see the converted Pays Barns and take the track as it leads to the left, keeping the barns on your right with chestnut fencing beside them before a steep slope with an iron hand rail will lead you onto the road, North Lane.

Cross the road and turn left to follow the path down past the Postlethwaite Pump, dating back to 1865 and you will pass Harting Stores on your right. Keep walking straight until you meet the junction of the road to Petersfield and cross this with the church in front of you. On the left you will see The Old School (1865), now 3 private houses. Recessed in the wall is a pump erected in 1887 to mark Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The village had no mains water until 1952. Continue up The Street until you reach the church of St Mary & St Gabriel which dates back over 800 years.