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Sutton Valence or Harrietsham to Pluckley

The Greensand Way along a gentle Kentish ridge

Length: Starting from Sutton Valence 17.7km (11 miles)
Starting from Harrietsham 15.9km (9.9 miles)

Toughness: 3 out of 10: gently hilly

Maps: OS Explorer 137, Landranger 189 (188 also needed for Sutton Valence start)

Features

This is a very pleasant, gentle section of the Greensand Way, going through typical Kentish countryside that includes apple orchards, pasture, a series of interesting churches attached to farms or manor houses, and fine escarpment views. For the most part the route is waymarked, but the waymarks have an annoying habit of disappearing at crucial points in the walk, hence these directions.

In places the path crosses arable fields or goes down the edge of orchards which could potentially be very muddy in winter, particularly as agricultural machinery is used in the orchards which can churn up the ground. There is sadly some evidence of orchards being grubbed up at present. There are a couple of modest bluebell woods, flowering in late April or early May.

The central part of the walk (from the Pepper Pot Inn to Egerton) runs about 2km to the south of the M20 motorway, which can produce a noticeable hum of noise if the wind is in the east or north. In such conditions there is also traffic noise on the Harrietsham start, which crosses the M20 motorway and heads southwards. However when the wind is southerly or westerly noise is minimal in both cases.

Walk options

Two possible starts to the walk are given here. By far the most attractive - as well as satisfying Greensand Way purists - is the one from **Sutton Valence**. But getting to it involves a 13 minute bus ride from Headcorn station, costing £3.80 at time of writing.

The **Harrietsham** start enables you to start from a railway station and saves you the bus fare, but this is potentially cancelled out by a more expensive train ticket - see **Transport** overleaf. Scenically it is much less interesting, crossing a motorway, arable fields and going through rather

dull coppiced woodland (admittedly with a good display of wood anemones in late March and early April and bluebells in late April and early May).

Transport

- For the **Sutton Valence start**, take the train from **London Charing Cross** or **Waterloo East** to **Headcorn**. Buy a **day return to Pluckley**. There are two trains an hour to Headcorn, but you want one that connects with the hourly **Arriva Bus 12** at Headcorn station. See www.arrivabus.co.uk/south-east/ for the latest bus times. Currently the **9.40** train from Charing Cross has a good connection and is advised if you want to get to The Barrow House in Egerton in time for lunch. For an early lunch at the Pepper Box the 10.40 from Charing Cross is sufficient.

The bus fare is currently £3.50. If you are a group of four it can be just as cheap to get a taxi from Headcorn station (there are usually some waiting) to Sutton Valence

Once on the bus, the journey takes 13 minutes. After a flat section, with a ridge seen ahead, the bus climbs a long steep hill up into Sutton Valence. Press the button during this climb to get off at the King's Head stop near the top of this hill.

If you miss a connection in Headcorn and have some time to wait for the bus, you can walk into the village and get the bus from there: go down the station approach and turn left on the main road for 400 metres or so to come to the very pretty village centre. The bus stop for Sutton Valence is opposite (on the other side of the road from) the George & Dragon Inn.

- For the **Harrietsham start**, take the train (one an hour) from **London Victoria** to Harrietsham. The **9.22** is advised if you want to get to The Barrow House in time for lunch, though the 10.22 might be OK for faster walkers. **A day return to Pluckley** might be accepted on this route if you explain you are on walk (it is on a different line entirely, but both are operated by Southeastern). Alternatively you can play safe by buying a **day return to Ashford International**, which is definitely valid for both lines but quite a bit more expensive.

There are currently two trains an hour back from **Pluckley** (one an hour on Sundays).

Lunch

The **Pepper Box Inn Windmill Hill** (*Fairbourne Heath on the OS map*) 01622 842558 www.thepepperboxinn.co.uk, 5.3km (3.3 miles) from Sutton Valence and 3.5km (2.2 miles) from Harrietsham, is a very popular pub with excellent food at the junction of the two alternative starts for the walk. Food is served 11am-2.15pm Monday to Saturday and 12-3pm on Sunday. Most of the pub is devoted to table service and even on weekdays it can be quite busy. However, there is an extensive area of outside tables which is accessible to non-reserved customers.

A later option is the **Barrow House**, Egerton 01233 756 599 www.thebarrowhouse.co.uk 11.8km (7.3 miles) from Sutton Valence, 10km (6.2 miles) from Harrietsham, which re-opened in 2016 under new management with a modern, stylish menu. It is open all afternoon and evening Monday to Saturday but closes at 6pm on Sundays.

Tea

If you have had lunch at the Pepper Box, the **Barrow House** (see **Lunch** above) might make a mid afternoon tea stop.

Reachable by a 1.2km diversion off the walk route just before Pluckley village (directions given in paragraph 105 of the walk directions), the **Rose & Crown** (01233 840048) in Mundy Bois, is a pub in a delightful rural location, open all afternoon daily. It makes an excellent tea stop, with a pretty garden with a view of the fields and plenty of comfortable sofas.

The **Black Horse** Pluckley 01233 841 948 www.blackhorsepluckley.co.uk is a traditional village pub, with a pleasant garden by a church. It is open all afternoon daily and serves hot drinks.

The **Dering Arms** 01233 840371 www.deringarms.com next to Pluckley station was originally built as a lodge to accommodate servants of rich aristocrats who came to the Dering estate on hunting trips (notice the arched 'Dering windows', typical of buildings on this estate. It has a good reputation as a seafood restaurant but also has a cosy bar area, with armchairs, and is usually happy to serve tea. It has a few outside tables. Note that it is **closed** on Mondays, after 3pm on Sundays, and from 3pm to 6pm on other days, however.

WALK DIRECTIONS

For the **Harrietsham start**, go to paragraph 34 on page 5.

Sutton Valence to the Pepper Box Inn (5.3km/3.3 miles)

1. Getting off the bus at the King's Head stop in Sutton Valence cross the road and turn right to retrace your steps downhill, passing Sutton Valence Primary School on your right and the gates of Sutton Valence School on your left.
2. In 200 metres, 30 metres *before* the King's Head pub, turn left up a side lane, signposted Greensand Way and 'Public footpath to Tower House Lane'.
 - **An attractive alternative**, passing through the very pretty village centre of Sutton Valence, is to turn left on the road just **past** the King's Head. Keep straight on ignoring ways off to the right. In 300 metres keep to the left of a chapel on a road climbing uphill. In 70 metres the raised footway to the left of the road becomes much higher. In another 150 metres, at the top of the hill, the footway ends by a house on the left. In another 100 metres the Greensand Way joins down steps from the left. Resume the directions in paragraph 8.
3. In 150 metres, where the tarmac ends, keep on up a track with the grand buildings of Sutton Valence School to your left.
4. In 100 metres more emerge into an open space and keep on along its right-hand edge. In 40 metres ignore a signposted path down steps to the right.
5. In 100 metres more pass through a field boundary and keep to the right-hand edge of the next open space.
6. In 170 metres, 40 metres before the end of the open space, ignore a track forking right through a fieldgate (and a path down wooden steps to the right just before it), to keep straight on between trees left and a hedge right.
7. In 40 metres more, in the far corner of the field, keep straight on down some wooden steps to the road.
8. Stay on this road, ignoring ways off. In 350 metres you come to a crossroads with Boyton Court Road right and Pleasure House Lane left. **Here there is a choice.**
 - **The official route of the Greensand Way** is to veer left through a gap marked by a concrete footpath sign into a commercial orchard. If you do this, carry on with the directions in paragraph 9 below.
 - An **alternative**, less muddy in winter, is to **stay on the road** by going straight ahead at the crossroads. In 450 metres the road turns left around a brick house. In 80 metres turn right at a road junction signposted Greensand Way and resume the directions in paragraph 14 overleaf.
9. Having veered left through the gap into an orchard, the path should carry on diagonally across the orchard but this way has been blocked by new planting. Instead, if no other way is indicated, keep along the right-hand edge of the field, parallel to your former direction, with the road over the hedge to your right.
10. In 250 metres turn left up a slightly wider gap in the rows of fruit trees, two rows before three tall trees midfield.
11. In another 70 metres, just after the three trees, turn half right to go up a narrow path diagonally across the rows in 20 metres.
12. In 150 metres, at the end of this section of fruit trees, go across an open space and a track and on into another area of fruit trees in 40 metres, following a green footpath sign.
13. In 100 metres, at the end of the plantation, veer left for 30 metres to a road junction. Keep straight on across

- this down a road, ignoring roads left and right, following a Greensand Way sign.
14. In 250 metres there is a church on your right. The mansion just visible beyond it is in fact a Young Offenders Institution and Women's open prison, **East Sutton Park**. *(If you of a nosey disposition, you can get a better view of it by entering the churchyard: the church is usually locked, but is open 10am to 4pm on the first Saturday of the month from May to September, when it does teas).*
 15. 450 metres after the church, where the road ends at a T-junction, keep straight ahead through a metal gate along the left-hand edge of a field, descending into a dip.
 16. In 120 metres there are fenced areas to your left and right, and in 70 metres more you pass through a gate into a field. Keep to the left-hand edge of this.
 17. In 80 metres, at the bottom of the dip, you cross a tiny stream on a concrete culvert. The right of way veers right, away from the fence here, but the path (signposted from the other direction) keeps straight on along the fence to pass through a fieldgate in 70 metres.
 18. Beyond this carry on up a grass strip with a hedge right to pass through another fieldgate in 100 metres or so. Turn left uphill beyond on a tarmac lane.
 19. In 120 metres turn right up a broad track, signposted Greensand Way, between houses.
 20. In 80 metres emerge on the left-hand edge of a field on a track.
 21. Keep straight on and in 200 metres pass into the next field and keep on up the left-hand edge of this.
 22. In 600 metres, level with a farm with a church in its midst, veer slightly left with the track to join a tarmac lane in 30 metres.
 23. In 40 metres there is a way up to the church on the left, if you want to visit it. *The churchyard has an **enormous yew tree** (and another that is merely big), along with an **impressive carpet of primroses** in later March and April. Inside there are a couple of small medieval wall paintings.*
 24. Otherwise, stay on the track for 40 metres more to cross a road (a bit busier than it looks) and keep on past wooden barriers up a path to the left of a mossy-roofed cottage. Beyond it keep downhill through an area of brambles and small trees.
 25. In 200 metres, at the bottom of the hill, pass through a metal kissing gate and carry on along a wooded path.
 26. In another 100 metres pass through another kissing gate and keep straight on uphill across a rough grassy area (which can be a bit boggy due to a spring halfway up the hill on the left).
 27. In 150 metres go through a kissing gate and keep on uphill across a field, aiming for the end of a line of trees you can see ahead.
 28. In 200 metres pass to the left of this line of trees, with polytunnels to your left.
 29. In 130 metres, in the field corner, **ignore a tempting car-wide gap** ahead and instead **take the hidden stile 10 metres to the left** with a yellow Greensand Way arrow.
 30. Follow a path that veers slightly left across the grassy slope, slightly uphill, ignoring a stile visible straight ahead.
 31. In 150 metres cross a stile in the far left-hand corner of the field (at the far end of a grass bank: with a Greensand Way arrow on it) and turn left uphill on the field edge.
 32. In 100 metres go straight ahead across a stile in the field corner and turn left on a road.
 33. Follow the road around to the right in 40 metres. In another 300 metres, 150 metres after passing a barn on your right, the Greensand Way is signposted to the right through a gap in the hedge.
 - **To continue the walk**, *turn right through this gap* and refer to paragraph 55 on page 6.
 - **For the Pepper Box Inn**, *stay on the road* for another 170 metres. After lunch retrace your steps back down the road. In 170 metres turn left up the signposted path and refer to paragraph 55 on page 6.

Harrietsham to the Pepper Box Inn (3.5km/2.2 miles)

34. From platform 2 at Harrietsham station, the platform you alight on if coming from London, cross the footbridge to exit the station. Turn left down the station approach road.
35. Ignore ways off. In 100 metres the road curves right downhill and in another 100 metres comes to a T-junction. Go right here.
36. In 30 metres go left down Forge Meadow, a dead end road.
37. In 100 metres, where the road turns right at its end, keep straight on up a tarmac path between garden fences.
38. In 60 metres go straight across a road (Cricketers Close) and on up a tarmac path.
39. In 50 metres cross a main road and turn right along its far side. In 60 metres turn left up Fairbourne Lane, signposted to Fairbourne Heath.
40. Cross over the railway line (the high speed line to the Channel Tunnel) and the M20 motorway. 70 metres after the railway bridge ignore Pollhill Lane to the right and keep ahead on the road.
41. **Take care initially on this road, as it is narrow between steep verges. There is little traffic, but what does come can be fast moving.** In 50 metres there is a wider verge on the left.
42. Follow this meandering lane, which starts to climb in 200 metres. In 100 metres more, it sweeps left at a sort of T-junction. Turn right here up a side lane, ignoring a signposted footpath to the left in 10 metres.
43. In 150 metres, as the lane crests a rise, turn left through a metal gate up a signposted footpath up the right-hand edge of an arable field (*no clear path here in 2017*).
44. In 80 metres veer right through the field boundary with the path so that you are now on the left-hand side of an arable field (*still with no clear path in 2017*).
45. In 300 metres you emerge onto a path that should follow a sunken hedgeless strip between two fields, though it is overgrown with nettles in spring and summer so you may find yourself forced to follow the field edge instead.
 - In 70 metres the sunken strip curves right.
46. In another 130 metres you come to a crosspaths (signposted, but the sign is currently broken). Go straight on here, still between fields, heading towards a wood. (There is a **nice view** backwards towards the North Downs at this point.)
47. In 200 metres, when you come to the wood corner, fork left up a path into the heart of the wood.
48. In 80 metres more fork left again.
49. In 180 metres you emerge into what is currently an area that was coppiced (cut down to the stumps to produce new growth) in 2015. Keep straight on uphill here on a clear path.
 - **Coppicing** looks rather drastic, but is in fact a very traditional way of managing woodland, which allows for a regular harvest of wood and encourages woodland flowers and other biodiversity. In medieval times most woods would have looked like this, apart from the occasional large trees that were left to supply structural timber. Surprisingly, coppicing also makes the tree live much longer.
50. Ignore ways off. In 400 metres you are passing some isolated mature trees and in another 100 metres or so the track curves right. (*The area to the right here was newly coppiced in 2017*).
51. In another 100 metres or so, a clear car-wide path (*not so clear in 2017 as it was crossing the newly cut area*) joins from the right. In another 5 metres **turn left** up a narrower path.

If you miss this turning you end up in 200 metres at a road with fields (with polytunnels in 2017) on the far side. Turn left on this road for 220 metres to come to the junction in paragraph 52 - take the right fork slanting off the road here, and continue with the directions in paragraph 53.
52. In 250 metres cross a road (with care, as there are some fast cars along here) and slant left up a side road on the far side.
53. In 120 metres turn right at a T-junction.

54. In 250 metres you pass the **Pepper Box Inn** on the left. 170 metres past the pub, turn left up a signposted footpath, joining the Greensand Way, and carry on with the directions below.

The Pepper Box Inn to Egerton (6.5km/4 miles)

55. Keep straight on across a field for 80 metres to pass to along the **right-hand side** of a hedge (not the left as seems more obvious, though in fact either side is fine).
56. In 350 metres, at the end of the field, pass through a gap in the hedge to cross a road.
57. Veer one third left across the next field, aiming for a point about two-fifths along its far edge (if counting from the right-hand corner), or in winter for the right-hand end of a large clump of holly in the otherwise brown wood edge.
58. In 250 metres enter a wood (actually an overgrown cobnut plantation from the look of it) and keep straight on through it on a car-wide path.
59. In 250 metres turn left on a road for 10 metres and then turn right to carry on along a grassy/muddy track along the right-hand edge of a field, following a footpath sign.
60. In 180 metres, at the end of the field, **ignore** a car-wide track into the field to the right, and instead go through a narrower gap into the field ahead. Again keep to its right-hand side.
61. The official path exits this field through a small gap at its far end in 100 metres, but it is easier to take a car-wide gap to the right in 50 metres and then merge with a road.
62. Either way when the road turns left (or after crossing the road if you came through the small gap) pass into the next field and veer one third left across it.
63. In 180 metres pass through a small gap marked by a footpath post with a yellow arrow, ignoring a car-wide gap to its left.
64. Follow a path along the left-hand side of a wood for 170 metres and then across a field.
65. In 250 metres the path runs between garden hedges and in another 130 metres you come to a road. Cross this and take the path up stone steps 5 metres to the right.
66. Follow this path between garden fences. In 100 metres it becomes a fenced path on a wooded strip between fields (with some **bluebells** in season).
67. In 250 metres you pass a redundant stile and emerge into an open field. Follow the left-hand edge of this, with a fine view to your right and the church of **Boughton Malherbe** ahead.
68. In 500 metres, when you come to the manor house and farm of Boughton, turn right with the track through the farmyard. In 80 metres turn left onto a road.
69. In 200 metres, 60 metres after the end of the churchyard, veer right steeply downhill on a tarmac lane, following the Greensand Way sign.
70. In 150 metres, just after the entry phone of a house and before the fieldgate to it, veer right across a stile into a field.
71. Ignore a stile to the right in 15 metres and instead follow the garden hedge around to the left, with a fine house uphill to your left.
72. In 100 metres, just past the house, keep straight ahead through a gate, ignoring a gate to the left into the house garden. Keep on along the line of the slope with the garden fence to your left.
73. In 150 metres cross a stile and footbridge. The way ahead across this area of rough grass is **not at all distinct**. You need to veer slightly right (*that is to say not straight ahead on the faint path that may be visible*).
74. In 100 metres or so, keep to the right of (ie below) a rough ridge of earth that goes along the field. Join a path visible below this which contours the slope, gradually aiming for the right-hand edge of the open space. Here, just after a small area of trees on the right, is a well-hidden stile and footbridge.
75. Cross the stile and carry on slightly to the left downhill towards a stile visible in the far left-hand corner of the field.
76. In 200 metres cross this stile and turn left along the field edge with a garden fence to your left.
77. In 70 metres, where the garden ends with a solar panel array to your left,

veer slightly right downhill across an arable field. (If a path is not evident, aim for a footpath post just about visible in the wood edge below).

78. In 200 metres, when you get to the wood edge, bear left along it.
79. In 300 metres, at the end of the field, turn right on a track, and then in 25 metres turn left through a metal gate across a footbridge into a huge grassy field. Keep to the right-hand edge of this.
80. In 300 metres, in the far corner of the field, cross a stile to the right and turn left to pass a redundant stile in 30 metres and enter a wood, crossing a footbridge. This is another **bluebell** wood in season.
81. In 80 metres cross another footbridge. In another 60 metres leave the wood via a kissing gate. Turn left diagonally up across this long field, heading for its left-hand corner 200 metres away.
82. When you get to the corner, pass through a wooded strip and cross a stile. Turn left beyond it on a track into another field.
83. Turn right uphill across this new field, heading for its top edge.
84. In 150 metres, at the top of the field, go up steps and cross a stile. Veer left, aiming somewhat to the left of a white house on a hill.
85. In 250 metres cross a stile about 50 metres to the left of the house. Veer slightly left across a road and carry on up a side road, signposted Greensand Way.
86. Keep on up a track past houses and stables for 200 metres, and then carry on along a broad strip between hedges.
87. In 200 metres, at a crosspaths, keep on down the right-hand side of an orchard.
88. In 150 metres follow the field boundary round to the right, but in 10 metres turn left across the orchard, heading just to the left of Egerton church on a clear path.
89. In 130 metres the path makes another kink to the right and then turns left again to resume its former direction, heading for a point just to the left of the church.
90. In 250 metres enter the churchyard and carry on uphill towards the church. Pass to the right of it to emerge onto the road, and turn right.
91. In 80 metres **Egerton Village Stores** are on the left, and in another 70 metres the **Barrow House** pub is on the left.

Egerton to Pluckey Village **(3.6km/2.2 miles)**

92. Coming out of the pub turn left, and then left again just past it (if passing without stopping, turn left just after the pub) onto New Road: then immediately right onto Elm Close.
93. In 80 metres turn left with the road.
94. In another 40 metres, just after you pass three benches to the right, veer right across a parking area and up a grassy bank, following a yellow arrow on a post, and on down a path between house gardens left and a fenced-off wooded slope to your right.
95. Follow this fenced path along the edge of a field. In 300 metres you come to a road and turn right on it.
96. In 70 metres you pass the entrance to Stone Hill Barn left. In another 50 metres, just after a 30mph sign on the left, turn left up a tarmac driveway to Stone Hill Farm.
97. In 60 metres, just after you pass Stone Hill Oast left, veer right down a concrete track, passing through a gate to the right of a fieldgate.
98. In 200 metres pass through a fieldgate, with an unhelpful 'Beware of the Bull' notice on it (*which interestingly does not appear if you enter this field from the opposite direction. It is in any case illegal to keep dangerous animals on a public footpath*). Keep straight on along the top of a field on a car-wide grassy shelf.
99. Continue along the contour of the hill to come in 200 metres to a stile. Cross this and continue along the top of the next field, keeping to its left-hand edge as it curves left away from the escarpment edge.
100. In 300 metres pass through a metal kissing gate, climb up steps and turn right downhill on a road.
101. In 80 metres, just past two houses on the left, and where the road curves

- right, go straight ahead through a kissing gate. Turn left along the top of a field to another kissing gate in 60 metres.
- 102.** After this second kissing gate cross a footbridge and turn half right downhill to cross a ditch in 70 metres at a point indicated by a footpath post, ignoring another footpath post in the ditch straight ahead.
- 103.** Beyond the ditch veer right to cross a stile in 40 metres. Keep on down the right-hand edge of the next field.
- 104.** Pass two more fences (there used to be stiles, but now there are just gaps), one in 100 metres and another 150 metres after that, still keeping to the right-hand edge of the field.
- 105.** In another 250 metres cross a stile to the left of a fieldgate. Beyond turn right to merge with a gravel track and pass through a fieldgate in 30 metres. *To continue with the main walk refer to paragraph 106 below.*
- **To divert to the Rose & Crown in Mundy Bois** for tea, adding **1.2km** to the walk length, stay on this track, merging with a road in 70 metres. Keep on down this for 700 metres to a crossroads, then go left. The Rose & Crown is on the right in 130 metres. Coming out of the Rose & Crown turn right on the road. In 50 metres turn left up Elvey Lane. In 320 metres ignore a footpath to the left. In another 150 metres the road curves left. 60 metres after this point ignore the gravel driveway to Honey Farm to the right, but take the signposted footpath to the right just beyond it, along the field edge, with the garden of Honey Farm to your right. In 130 metres, where the hedge ends, with a arable field ahead of you, turn left on a path along the field edge. In 300 metres a path joins from the left at a junction of two ditches. Keep straight ahead here and continue with the directions in paragraph 111 opposite.
- 106.** In another 5 metres **turn left** through a kissing gate onto a path fenced off from a field.
- 107.** **[!]** In 250 metres turn left across a footbridge and through a kissing gate. Go half right across a field to pass through another kissing gate in 80 metres. Keep on in the same direction across the next field.
- 108.** In 250 metres pass through a gate between two fieldgates and keep on through Elvey Farm, passing a wooden building to your right in 60 metres and an open barn to your right in 60 metres more.
- 109.** Just after the barn go through a fieldgate and keep on down the right-hand edge of the field beyond.
- 110.** In 250 metres pass through a gate in the far corner of the field. In 60 metres cross an earth island where three ditches meet and turn left, with a ditch to your left.
- 111.** In 100 metres veer left through a wooden gate. Beyond it turn right (ie resuming your former direction), initially with a fence to your right. After 60 metres, where the fence turns right, carry on uphill on a grassy path.
- 112.** In 300 metres pass through a gate and carry on in the same direction uphill.
- 113.** In another 200 metres pass through a gate onto a fenced path to the right, to pass through another gate in 10 metres.
- 114.** Keep to the right-hand side of the field beyond. In 100 metres pass through a gate and carry on down a track.
- 115.** In 150 metres you come to a road, where you have a choice:
- **For tea at the Black Horse**, turn *left* uphill. In 40 metres turn right up a side road to find the pub on your left in 40 metres. Return to this point after tea and carry straight on down the road.
 - **To go straight to Pluckey station** and for **tea at the Dering Arms**, go *right* downhill on the road.
- Pluckley Village to Pluckley station (2.3km/1.4 miles)**
- 116.** Stay on this busy road using the pavement on its right-hand side for 500 metres, until you see a signposted footpath to the left up the driveway to a house called Arden.
- 117.** Just before the gate of the house fork right on a path between fences.
- 118.** In 120 metres pass through a kissing gate and go straight across a field.

- 119.** In 70 metres go through a kissing gate and veer to the left of a shed to pass through another kissing gate to the right of a fieldgate. Veer left across the next field, heading for its far left-hand corner.
- 120.** In 150 metres, when you get to this corner, pass through a kissing gate and carry on down an overgrown path into a field. Keep to the right-hand edge of this field.
- 121.** In 100 metres cross a stile to the right of a fieldgate and in 10 metres turn left on a road.
- 122.** In 20 metres take the footpath to the right over an overgrown stile just to the right of a fieldgate.
- 123.** In 80 metres emerge into an open field and veer left across it.
- 124.** In 150 metres, in the far left-hand corner of the field, cross a wooden bridge and stile and climb half right across the field beyond, heading towards two small trees whose tops are just visible (NOT the two more fully visible trees more to the right).
- 125.** Cross the field for 300 metres. As you climb, the two small tree tops become a clump of trees: head towards a stile to the left end of these. (As you get closer still, you see the trees are in a line stretching away from you.)
- 126.** When you get to the stile, cross it and continue diagonally downhill across the next field, aiming for its far corner.
- 127.** In 300 metres exit the field by a stile in this corner and turn right on a road.
- 128.** In 300 metres you come to the **Dering Arms** on your left-hand side. Turn left on the road beside the pub and in 100 metres you come to **Pluckley Station**. Cross the footbridge for trains to London.