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## Haslemere to Midhurst (The Midhurst Way)

**Start:** Haslemere Station

**Finish:** Midhurst Bus Station

Haslemere Station, map reference SU 897 329, is 62 km south west of Charing Cross, 139m above sea level and in **Surrey**. Midhurst, map reference SU 887 218, is 11 km south of Haslemere, 25m above sea level and in **West Sussex**.

**Length:** 16.3 km (10.1 mi), of which 6.1 km (3.8 mi) on tarmac or concrete.

**Cumulative ascent/descent:** 332/449m.

For a shorter walk, see below **Walk Options**.

**Toughness:** 4 out of 10

**Time:** 4 hours walking time.

For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 7 ½ hours.

**Transport:** Haslemere station is on the Portsmouth Direct Line from London Waterloo to Portsmouth Harbour, with up to four trains an hour Mon-Sat (two on Sundays). Journey time is from 48 minutes Mon-Sat (56 minutes on Sundays). Midhurst Bus Stand has services connecting to Haslemere, Petersfield, Pulborough and Chichester stations. Line 70 to Haslemere runs Mon-Sat only, about hourly to 19.05 hours (01/18 fare: £5.00).

**Saturday Walkers' Club:** Take the train closest to 10.00.

**OS Landranger Map:** 186 (Aldershot & Guildford) and 197 (Chichester & the South Downs)

**OS Explorer Map:** OL33 (Haslemere & Petersfield)

### Walk Notes:

The route of this walk leads out of Haslemere in a southerly direction through Camelsdale and steeply up to Marley Common, a mixture of mature woodland and open heathland and then continues south through a fine mix of quiet forests with frequent far views out to the South Downs or back to Black Down. The walk continues to the scenic villages of Fernhurst and then Henley with their respective pubs, the latter halfway up another steep ascent to Verdleyhill. Finally it passes Easebourne village and priory and enters Midhurst via Cowdray Park with its polo fields, then past the ruined Cowdray Castle by the River Rother.

This walk is the northerly section of the unmarked Midhurst Way, which has been created by John Trueman, local to the area and a passionate advocate of outdoor pursuits. It runs between Arundel and Haslemere. The northerly section Midhurst to Haslemere is available as a separate SWC Walk. Both sections have been written up in either direction (in separate pdf's) to enable a through-walk of the whole 47.4 km/29.5 mi Midhurst Way with an overnight stay along the route in Sutton, Coultershaw Bridge, Tillington, Halfway Bridge (a little off route) or Midhurst.

### Walk Options:

**For a shortcut**, the Midhurst to Haslemere bus line 70 also stops along the route in: Fernhurst, Henley (above the village on the A-road) and Easebourne (350m off-route on the A286).

### Lunch:

**The Red Lion** The Green, Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 3HY (01428 643 112, <http://www.red-lion-fernhurst.co.uk/>). Open 11.30-23.00 Mon-Sat and 11.30-22.30 Sun. Food served 12.00-15.00 and 18.00-21.00 daily (not Sun evenings). The Red Lion is located 6.2 km (3.8 mi) into the walk.

**The Duke of Cumberland Arms** Henley Village, Henley near Fernhurst, Midhurst, Surrey GU27 3HQ (01428 652 280, <http://dukeofcumberland.com/>). Open 11.30-23.30 Mon-Thu, 11.30-24.00 Fri-Sat and 12.00-22.30 Sun. Food served 12.00-14.00 daily and 19.00-21.00 Tue-Sat. The Duke of Cumberland is located 9.7 km (6.1 mi) into the walk.

### Tea:

**The White Horse** Easebourne Street, Easebourne, Midhurst, Surrey GU29 0AL (01730 813 521, <http://www.whitehorseeasebourne.co.uk/>). Open 12.00-14.30 and 17.00-23.00 Mon-Thu, 12.00-24.00 Fri-Sat and 12.00-23.00 Sun. Food served 12.00-14.00 and 18.00-20.45 Mon-Thu, 12.00-21.00 Fri-Sat and 12.00-15.30 Sun. The White Horse is located 2.2 km (1.4 mi) from the end of the walk.

**Cowdray Farm Shop & Café** Cowdray Park, Easebourne, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 0AJ (01730 815 152, <http://www.cowdray.co.uk/farm-shop-and-cafe/cafe/>). Open daily 09.00-17.00. The Cowdray Café is located 2.0 km (1.3 mi) from the end of the walk.

**Garton's Coffee House** The Old Town Hall, Market Square, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9NJ (01730 817 166, <http://gartonscoffeehouse.co.uk/>). Open (summer): 08.00-17.00 Mon-Sat and 09.00-17.00 Sun. Garton's is located 550m from the end of the walk.

**The Swan Inn** Red Lion Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9PB (01730 812 853, <http://www.theswanmidhurst.co.uk/>). Open 08.00-24.00 Mon-Sat and 10.00-23.00 Sun. The Swan is located 530m from the end of the walk.

**Spread Eagle Hotel** South Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9NH (01730 816 911, <http://www.hshotels.co.uk/spread-eagle-hotel-and-spa/>). The Spread Eagle is located 500m from the end of the walk.

**The Crafty Pint** Apsley House, West Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9NQ (01730 817 892, <http://craftypintshop.co.uk/>). Open 10.00-17.00 Mon-Wed, 10.00-18.00 Thu & Sat and 10.00-19.00 Fri and 11.00-14.00 Sun. The Crafty Pint Shop is located 450m from the end of the walk.

**The Bricklayers Arms** West Street/Wool Lane, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9BX (01730 812 084, <http://www.thebricklayers.net/>). Open 12.00-23.00 Sun-Wed, 12.00-24.00 Thu and 12.00-00.30 Fri-Sat. The Bricklayers Arms is located 400m from the end of the walk.

**The Wheatsheaf** Wool Lane, Rumbolds Hill, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9BY (01730 813 450, <http://www.hall-woodhouse.co.uk/find-your-perfect-pub/wheatsheaf-midhurst>). The Wheatsheaf is located 300m from the end of the walk.

**The Vintage Tearooms** Hill House, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9BY (01730 812 084, <http://www.exclusive-cupcakes.com/vintage-tearooms/index.html>). Open 10.00-16.00 Tue-Fri and 10.00-17.00 Sat (last sitting 16.15). The Tearooms are located near the end of the walk.

**Faustino's Wine & Tapas Bar** 2A North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DQ (01730 814 745, <http://www.faustinosmidhurst.co.uk/>). Open daily. Food served 12.00-14.00 and 18.00-22.00. Faustino's is located near the end of the walk.

**Caffee Verdi** 72 North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DJ (01730 810 789). Open 08.00-17.00 Mon-Sat and 09.00-16.00 Sun. Caffee Verdi is located near the end of the walk.

**The Angel Inn** North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DN (01730 812 421, <http://www.theangelinnmidhurst.com/>). Dinner served from 18.00. The Angel Inn is located near the end of the walk.

**The Olive & Vine** North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9BY (01730 859 532, <http://www.theoliveandvine.co.uk/>). Open 09.00-late daily. Food served 12.00-21.00 daily. The Olive & Vine is located at the end of the walk.

**Fitzcane's Café Ice Cream** North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DJ (01730 817 951, <http://www.fitzcanes.com/>). Open 09.00-late daily. Food served 12.00-21.00 daily. Fitzcane's is located at the end of the walk.

## Notes:

### Haslemere

Haslemere is a town first mentioned in 1221 (as a Godalming tithing) and named after Hazel trees standing beside a mere (lake) which no longer exists. The most southerly town in Surrey, it sits at the tripoint with West Sussex and Hampshire. The south branch of the River Wey rises just to the south, on Black Down.

### The River Wey

The River Wey is very unusual in that it has several sources feeding two separate rivers that share the same name. The northern branch rises near Alton in Hampshire, while the south branch has two sources: one rises just over the West Sussex border on the western flank of Blackdown near Haslemere, the other at Inval, below Gibbet Hill, Hindhead. Both arms of the river join south of Farnham at Tilford in Surrey. From there the Wey as a single river flows east to Godalming and then northwards towards the Thames. The name 'Wey' may be derived from the Old English word *Éa* meaning "river". The main sub-tributary is the Tilling Bourne flowing from the slopes of Leith Hill.

### Marley Common

Marley Common has been acquired by the National Trust in 1911 and is a 60 ha/150 acres mixed broadleaf woodland and open heathland. It was used as an army training ground during the Second World War, and during the 1950s and 1960s it suffered devastating fires which swept across the open heath.

### Serpent Trail

The Serpent Trail is a 103 km (64 mi) waymarked Long Distance Path through some of the finest heathland and woodland landscapes in the South East and follows a rough "S" shape along the hills of the Sussex Greensand - snaking between Haslemere, Petworth, Midhurst and Petersfield in a habitat of snakes.

### Sussex Border Path

The Sussex Border Path is a 222 km (138 mi) waymarked Long Distance Path approximating the Sussex border with Hampshire, Surrey and Kent, first making a 15 km circuit around Thorney Island and then crossing the South Downs before heading to Gospel Green, Rudgwick, Gatwick and East Grinstead.

### Cowdray Estate/House

The evocative ruins of Cowdray House - the former home of the Montague family and immortalized by JMW Turner - form the central focus of the 16,500 acres Cowdray Estate. It was a fortified Tudor manor house built in the 1520s on the site of an original manor house called Coudreye (the Norman word for the nearby hazel woods) built across the River Rother 1273-1284. The structure was badly damaged by a fire in 1793 during a restoration project and left to decay. In its heyday, Cowdray House saw many influential visitors including Henry VIII, Edward VI, Elizabeth I and Guy Fawkes. The last surviving member of the House of Plantagenet was imprisoned in the house before being taken to the Tower of London for execution. The estate also includes world class polo fields and a Farm Shop and Café with wine tasting room. The window frames of many of the Estates cottages around Midhurst are painted in unusual yellow paint.

### Easebourne Priory

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was built as an Augustinian nunnery for a prioress and ten nuns. It was founded before 1238 by the de Bohun family of St. Ann's Hill in nearby Midhurst, probably by John de Bohun. It may have been re-founded in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and became Benedictine. In 1536, following the Dissolution of the Monasteries, Easebourne Priory was granted to William FitzWilliam, 1st Earl of Southampton, along with other properties. Claustal remains are now incorporated into a Grade I listed house built on the south side of St Mary's church. The restored refectory is now in parochial use.

### The Rother River

The River Rother flows from Empshott in Hampshire to Stopham in West Sussex, where it joins the River Arun. The upper river, from its source to Midhurst, has been used to power watermills, with the earliest recorded use being in 1086. Many of the buildings which housed the mills still exist, and in some cases, still retain their milling machinery. This section is also noted for the number of early bridges, which have survived since the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. The lower Rother has been used for navigation in the past. The river is a designated Site of Nature Conservation Importance, in recognition of its value for wildlife.

### Midhurst

Midhurst is a medieval market town nestled in the South Downs National Park, with some remains of a Norman motte-and-double bailey castle built in 1102 (along with Pulborough, Chichester and Bramber castles) to safeguard the Norman stronghold in Sussex after the Conquest in 1066. Also surviving are the town stocks and pillory, last used in 1859. Like Pulborough castle, near the confluence of the River Rother and the Arun, Midhurst Castle was built on a high point (St. Ann's Hill) along the River Rother, an important transportation link in the Middle Ages due to poor roads in the area. Midhurst Castle led to the growth of Midhurst as a thriving town but was abandoned in 1317 and ultimately replaced with Cowdray House, built just across the river. The name Midhurst was first recorded in 1186 as *Middeherst*, meaning "Middle wooded hill", or "(place) among the wooded hills".

## WALK DIRECTIONS

Alight from the train in **Haslemere** on platform 1 and leave through the ticket office or to the left of it, *turn right* and follow the driveway down to a main road 60m away (Lower Street), where you cross the road to continue up **Longdene Road**. In 350m, soon after a left turn in the road, ignore a right turning footpath by the corner of a wood, and in 20m continue up along **Hedgehog Lane**, where the main road turns sharply up to the left (as Courts Hill Road). In 30m *turn right* along a wide path through trees and between barbed wire fences, with a footpath signpost on the right. In 50m go through a gap to the right of a metal field gate (a missing kissing gate) and continue in the same direction.

In 450m you go over a stile to the left of a metal field gate by a house on the left (**Sturt Farm** on the OS map) to continue along its gravel driveway. In 60m you cross the **A287 Sturt Road** a little to the right and walk around some metal railings to continue down a tarmac path. In 30m you cross a stream (the infant south branch of the **River Wey**) and continue along **Sturt Avenue**. In 110m *fork left* by some school buildings ahead and in 100m *turn right* at a T-junction with the **B2131 Camelsdale Road**. You ignore Marley Combe Road turning left after 30m and pass a bus stop on the left in another 30m. **[!]** In 30m *turn left* across the road and follow a footpath signpost with a National Trust marker up a steep path to the right of a wooded area.

In 300m ignore a left turning path, leading to a parallel running gravel track and in 10m ignore a right turning footpath by the last house on the right to continue in the same direction further up into **Marley Combe**. In 180m ignore another right turning path and continue in the same direction with a yellow marker. In 30m you walk through a wooden gate into a fenced part of the wood and in 80m you *veer right* where a more major path joins from the left. In 10m ignore a right fork to *bear left* (180°) with the marked footpath and in 30m continue in the same direction where another path turns right. In 30m you reach an open area (**Marley Common**) and in 130m ignore another right turning path. In 110m, by a bench a little away to the left, you have views on the left back to **Hindhead Common and Gibbet Hill** (on a bearing of 20°). In 40m you cross a six-way signposted path junction (with a five-way signpost). The **Serpent Trail** and the **Sussex Border Path** cross here, and you *fork left* along a footpath (130°).

In 230m continue in the same direction at a crosspaths with a footpath marker post and in 70m go through a wooden gate to leave the fenced area of the wood and cross a tarmac lane leading to some houses on the left. In 50m *turn right* with a NT marker post and in 60m emerge from the wood and cross **Marley Lane** to the National Trust Marley Common car park. You have splendid far views out to the **South Downs near Petersfield** (Queen Elizabeth Country Park and Butser Hill, with its transmission mast, on 235°). *Turn left* (from the previous direction) along the road and in 150m ignore a signposted footpath turning left into the wood.

In 50m *fork right* along a car wide track through trees with a restricted byway signpost, just before a tarmac lane joins from the left. In 230m the track bears right and then in 50m curves back to the left to continue in the previous direction. In 240m you *fork left* with the (gravel) restricted byway, ignoring the right forking (tarmac) bridleway. In 120m you have a couple of houses on the left (**Kilnhanger** and **The Old Orchard**) and in another 30m you continue downhill along a narrow path with a restricted byway marker post on the left. In another 50m the path turns left and in 15m turns right to continue in the previous direction (an unmarked footpath joins from the left in the bend), steeply downhill, with a hanging wood on the left (**Kingsley Copse**).

You descend to the tarmac lane visible on the left below and in 70m cross the lane (a signposted bridleway) to continue along the restricted byway. In about 100m you may

be able to spot a large house above on the right through the trees (**High Marley** on the OS map). In 100m a footpath joins from the left at a signposted junction as you now enjoy occasional open views into the valley below. In 90m you *fork down to the left* with the restricted byway, where the footpath forks up right. In 60m another footpath joins from the right by a Public Right of Way-signpost as you continue in the same direction, soon on tarmac, by **Updown Cottage** on the left.

The lane descends (steeply initially) through **Van Common**, and in 400m where it levels out, you have good views of the South Downs chain on the right. In 70m curve right with the tarmac lane, where a footpath joins from the right over a plank bridge and turns left into a wood. In about 50m take a footpath in the grass to the left of the tarmac lane. In 80m a footpath joins from the right out of **Vanlands Farm** by a three-way signpost and in 50m **[!]** *fork left* with the path away from the lane and in 40m into trees. In 120m emerge from the wood and *turn left* along the busy **Vann Road** into **Fernhurst** village. You cross a stream on the road and in 50m have a pavement on the left hand side.

Ignore all ways off and in 500m cross the **A 286 Haslemere Road/Midhurst Road** (there is a village store about 30m along on the right and a **bus stop for services to Midhurst and Haslemere** a further 70m along) to continue in the same direction along a tarmac path to the left of **Church Road**. In 200m the path continues to the right of **St. Margaret's, Fernhurst**, veering away from the road and in 70m you emerge on the village green. The early lunch stop **The Red Lion** is 90m away in the left corner of the green. If not going to the pub, *turn right* along the right hand side of the green (or: with the pub behind you, *turn left* along the lane along the left hand side of the green).

At the far end of the green continue along the road initially (signpost 'Lickfold, Lurgashall, Lodsworth') and in 20m along a tarmac path parallel to the left of the lane. In 130m cross a car wide track leading to a field gate on the left and soon afterwards, by a sports field on the left, the path dips and curves away from the lane, which runs at a higher level off to the right. In 50m by a house on the left, you have a stream running on your right hand side and in about 100m you cross another stream coming in from the left. In 10m *turn right* with the path to cross the stream on a railed bridge and *turn left* immediately with the path. In 65m turn left with the path to re-cross the stream and in 10m *turn right* along a tarmac lane. In 50m cross a footpath and follow **Ropes Lane** up to the main road to *turn left* along it in 70m.

**[!]** In 210m, where an unmarked and indistinct but clear earth path forks right up an earth bank into a wood, instead of continuing along the tarmac lane, *turn right* off the lane up the path (a presumed permissive path) into **Bridgeland Copse** and follow a clear path through it, largely parallel to the lane. Ignore a right turn along the way and in 250m emerge from the wood through a wooden field gate and *turn right* along a tarmac lane. In 60m you curve sharply left with the lane, ignoring a signposted footpath leading over a stile to the left of a metal field gate into a field. In 110m, where the lane turns right, continue in the same direction along a tarmac drive (a signed cul-de-sac) with a sign for **Courts Farm**.

In 40m you pass **Home Farm** and in 130m cross a stream on the drive. In about 170m, where the trees on the left discontinue, you have **Verdley Place** on the left, a Victorian Grade II-listed building in Vernacular Revival style. In 90m you *fork right*, ignoring the continuation of the footpath ahead, and in another 90m *turn down right* at a T-junction with a tarmac lane. [SWC Walk 263 Haslemere to Midhurst via Temple of the Winds and Henley joins from the left.] You cross a stream on the lane and immediately *turn right* on the other side along a restricted byway (a broken signpost leans against the trees on the right at time of writing), with the stream on your right.



In 60m ignore a right turning footpath and *turn left* away from the stream with the restricted byway. In 150m you emerge onto a tarmac lane leading to **Courts Farm** on your left. Here ignore the always rutted and often muddy continuation of the restricted byway dead ahead and *veer left* a little to continue parallel to the byway along a footpath, initially along a car wide gravel track. You continue in the same direction for 500m, on the left with views to **Bexleyhill** with its transmission mast, and eventually with views back to **Black Down**, going over a few stiles and across a few fields and through a wooded strip along the way to eventually enter a wood over another stile.

In 30m cross a stream on a railed plank bridge and in another 35m go down some railed wooden steps onto the byway and *turn left* along it. In 150m *veer right* along a car wide drive from a house on the left and in 80m continue in the same direction at a crosspaths (bridleway to the left, footpath to the right). You have **Verdley Wood** on the left (for most of this stretch behind some picturesquely overgrown wall remnants) and some fields on the right. In 400m a footpath joins from the left out of the wood, and in another 50m you emerge from the wood by a cottage on the left to in 30m continue uphill along a tarmac drive. In 90m *turn left* at a T-junction, further steeply uphill into **Henley** village, in 50m passing the late lunch stop **The Duke of Cumberland Arms**.

Continue in the same direction past the pub and in 180m, where the road turns sharply right, continue in the same direction with a footpath signpost through a gap in a wooden fence along an earthen path, still steeply up **Verdleyhill**. In about 200m the path levels out where there is a break in the trees on the left, revealing views back along the route walked from Fernhurst, including of Verdley Place, with Black Down behind. In 350m you go over a stile to the left of a metal field gate into a small pasture. Head for the far right corner, en route in 100m enjoying yet more views to Black Down on the left, and in 180m leave the field through a wooden gate to continue to the left of some stables.

In 35m *turn right* along a farm track to pass more stables at **Verdley Farm**. You leave the farm yard in 60m through a usually open double wooden field gate and continue along the farm's drive. In 200m *fork left* at a triangular green and in 20m *turn left* along a road. In 40m ignore a right turning forest track, but in another 60m *turn right* along a footpath (with a signpost on the right) into **Scotland Knob** plantation. In 100m ignore a right fork to continue in the same direction and in 90m leave the new plantings to enter a more mature wood. In 130m continue in the same direction at a crosspaths with a restricted byway and in 110m *turn right* at a T-junction with a forest track.

In 110m cross another forest track a little to the right at a signposted junction to continue downhill and in 200m *turn left* with the signposted track (the post can be overgrown). In 60m *turn right* with a footpath marker post through about 20m of wooded strip and emerge in a large arable field by a two-way signpost, with **South Downs views** ahead and with a large pylon line running across the field. Follow a usually well-cleared path across the field (210°) and in 200m continue in the same direction along a field boundary, in 30m entering an adjacent field. In 70m you go under the pylon line and in 320m, in the far left corner of the field, continue in the same direction along a car wide track, which curves right to in 50m meet a lane at a bend.

*Turn left* with a four-way signpost on the left, down along **Wick Lane**, soon between high earthen banks, and in 350m continue in the same direction at a four-way junction of car wide tracks with a footpath and in 60m you continue in the same direction along a grassy track running between a couple of large arable fields and in 450m *turn left* with a marker post (can be overgrown) along the field boundary. In 20m *turn right* through the boundary growth onto a gravel track by some allotments, where you *turn left*. Ignore a right turning path in 40m at a cemetery corner and in 75m continue in the same direction along tarmac. In 40m *veer right* with the drive and in 70m *turn right* at a T-junction along **Easebourne Street** in Easebourne village.

In 60m pass the early (pub) tea stop **The White Horse**. In another 60m, with a **bus stop for services to Pulborough and Midhurst** just to the right [for the bus to **Haslemere** turn right and in 350m reach the A 286, with the bus stop opposite to the right], *turn left* at a T-junction with the **A 272 Easebourne Lane** in the center of **Easebourne**. You pass **St. Mary, Easebourne** and in 80m *turn right* to cross the road carefully and continue down a wide tarmac drive into the heart of the **Cowdray Estate**.

You pass **Easebourne Priory** on your right hand side in 30m and in 70m **Cowdray Farm Shop & Café**, a recommended **tea stop**, is on your right. Continue along the tarmac drive with some polo fields on the left. In 100m [SWC Walk 48 Haslemere to Midhurst via Lurgashall has joined from the left.] go through or around a double wooden gate to continue in the same direction on the – soon gravel – drive (the tarmac forks to the left). In a further 270m go to the right of a double wooden field gate to carry on in the same direction along the right hand side of a wooden fence along the car wide track. In 200m you go to the right of a double wooden field gate to continue in the same direction. In 30m *take the left hand fork* on a car wide gravel track, which in 110m continues as tarmac, with the ruins of **Cowdray House** ahead on the left.

In 120m you arrive at the metal gate in front of **Cowdray House**, a fortified Tudor courtier's house, on the left hand side. *Turn right* to cross the **River Rother**, going through first a metal, then a wooden gate.

**Once across the river, you have a choice:**

**For a shortcut to the bus stop**, *continue* down the wide track for 330m emerging into the **Midhurst bus terminus** and return to Haslemere on Bus 70 (direction Guildford).

**For the Main Walk route through Midhurst** *turn left* on a faint footpath along the Rother and follow this path on the right-hand side of the river. In 120m this curves to the right and in a further 60m you walk through a wooden kissing gate. In a further 25m, where the riverside path turns left at a three-way footpath signpost, *continue in the same direction up* a stepped path with a wooden railing on the left, leaving the riverside footpath. At the top of the steps (ignoring a path to the left along the way), the path soon levels out and you reach a clearing with several large trees and the low stone remains of (the Norman motte-and-double bailey) **Midhurst Castle** on your left.

Follow the hedge on your right as it curves gently to the right. In 70m go through a wooden gate onto a road (**St. Anne's Castle Road**) and continue along it. In 70m you cross another road to arrive at **Midhurst's** market square with **St. Mary Magdalene and St. Denys Church** on the right, a **stock & pillory** to the left in the corner of **The Old Town Hall**, **Garton's Coffee House** also in the building on the left (entrance at the far side of the building), **The Swan Inn** opposite the square and **The Spread Eagle Hotel** (Lounge Bar with 'Luxury Afternoon Tea') to the left of it.

Cross the market square to continue to the left of The Swan Inn along **West Street**, in 40m pass **The Crafty Pint** on the right and in 50m *turn right* along **Wool Lane** by **The Bricklayers Arms** on your right. In 75m reach **The Wheatsheaf Inn** on your left at a junction with **North Street**. Continue along North Street (past **The Vintage Tearooms**, several chain restaurants, **Faustino's Wine & Tapas Bar**, **Caffee Verdi**, **The Angel Inn**, **The Olive & Vine** and **Fitzcane's Café Ice Cream**) and in 300m reach **Midhurst bus station** on the right hand side. Catch the number 70 bus to Haslemere Station (direction Guildford).