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SWC Walk 134: Lewes to Brighton via Rottingdean

- Length:**
- **Lewes to Rottingdean:** 11.2km (7 miles)
 - **Rottingdean to Brighton station:** 7.5km (4.7 miles)
 - **Total walk:** 18.7km (11.7 miles)
 - **Rottingdean to Southease:** 8.9km (5.5 miles)
 - **Lewes to Rottingdean to Southease:** 20 km (12.5 miles)

Toughness: 4 out of 10: one moderately steep hill climb, one lesser one: otherwise flat or downhill

Transport and suggested train: If you are aiming to have lunch in Rottingdean, catch a train around 9.15 from Victoria to Lewes. Returns to Lewes are valid for return from Brighton. See point 18 for details of buses from Rottingdean to Brighton, if you plan to end the walk there.

For the alternative ending at Southease buy a return to that station. If using this option note that last trains from Southease are currently 8.40pm Monday to Friday, 7.36pm on Saturday and 8.09pm on Sunday (winter times may vary: check).

Maps: Explorer OL11 (formerly 122), Landranger 198

Walk notes This route uses the same fine downland start as *Time Out Country Walks Volume Two*, Walk 24, Lewes to Saltdean, with magnificent views across the plains of the river Ouse. After that, it crosses the remoter, less frequented heart of the downs to Rottingdean, a village on the outskirts of Brighton. The sea is in view throughout this part of the walk, and in winter the low-angled sun turns it a glittering silver.

You can finish the walk at Rottingdean, taking very regular buses into Brighton. Alternatively, you can walk the attractive esplanade along the base of the cliffs to Brighton Pier. Though this section of the route is not a country walk by any stretch of the imagination, for at least the first two and a half kilometres it is a lot wilder than you might expect, and on a sunny afternoon the white cliffs against blue sky and the sun reflecting off the sea can make it feel positively Mediterranean. The same buses that serve Rottingdean also stop at many points along this route, and most terminate at Brighton station, so you can end the walk whenever you like.

Assuming you do not take the bus, eventually you come to the garish confusion around Brighton Pier, from where the walk offers a route to the station that takes in the Brighton Pavillion and the North Laines.

Walk options There are some who find ending of this walk in Brighton too urbanised after the tranquil downland of the morning section. For them an **alternative ending at Southease** is offered (see directions at the end of the main text). This is a quiet and lovely walk over the downs, the reverse of the

afternoon of walk 24 Lewes to Saltdean in *Time Out Country Walks Volume 2*, but has severely limited tea options (see **Tea** below) and while Southease station is a beautiful place to wait on a fine summer's day, it has no facilities (just a tiny shelter and uncomfortable bench shelves to sit on), and so would not be a cheerful place in winter on a day of inclement weather. On such days it would be a good idea to time your arrival at Southease carefully.

Lunch

Rottingdean is packed with pubs, tea rooms, and food shops, most of which are open all afternoon.

The best selections seem to be just before and after the intersection between the village high street and the coast road, but if you are after a snack or picnic items, note the **Village Bakery** (open till 5pm Monday to Friday, but only 4pm on Saturday and closed on Sunday) which is on the right as you walk down high street. Across the road is the **Co-op**, but the **Tesco Express** on the coast road probably has a bigger selection.

Just before the coast road intersection, **The Trellis Restaurant and Tea Room** has fine cakes, and also does meals. It has outside tables, albeit near a busy road, and a cosy inside. The **Old Cottage** restaurant and tea rooms on the opposite side of the road also has some daily hot meal specials. The best tea room in the village is probably the **Grange Tea Garden**, near the library, church and duck pond, which has tables set in an idyllic walled garden.

For a pub lunch, ignore the **Black Horse** and the **Queen Victoria** in the high street, and instead cross the intersection with the coast road. Very obvious on the far side is the **White Horse**, a modern chain pub, but with sea views and a small terrace overlooking the sea out the back, which serves food 12.30pm to 3pm and 6pm to 9.30pm. For a more quirky, friendly pub experience, the cosy **Coach House** (01273 301945) on the other side of the short road down to the sea serves hearty meals and is always busy with locals

For chips on the beach, The **Smugglers fish and chip shop** just before The Coach House is open to 2.30pm and from 5pm Monday to Saturday, and from 12-3pm only on Sundays, and just beyond the pub, the **Sea Spray cafe** (closed Mondays and Tuesdays, at least in winter) does all day breakfasts.

One final option in Rottingdean is to turn left when you get to the seafront esplanade, and walk the 1.5 kilometres or so to **Saltdean**, which has a **fine beachfront cafe** in the large glass building you can see at the top of the steps. The same buses link Saltdean to Brighton as pass through Rottingdean

Tea

There is a **tea/coffee kiosk** at Ovingdean, 1km along the cliff-bottom walk between Rottingdean and Brighton Marina. It is open on sunny days throughout the year, and has excellent homemade cakes. If you take option B), the route through the Marina at the end of the walk (see paragraph 39 of the walk directions) there are also options for tea in **Brighton Marina**, including **The West Quay**, a Weatherspoons pub, whose upper floor has fine views over the yacht harbour

Once at **Brighton Pier**, there are numerous food and tea options, of which the best, if you want fish and chips, is the **Palm Court** restaurant half way up the pier.

An even better idea, however, is to carry on into the town, where the route described passes the wonderful **Mock Turtle** tea room, which is open till 6pm Tuesday to Sunday (ie closed Monday), and many other cafes, alternative eateries and snack places in **The Lanes** and **North Laines** areas.

On the **alternative ending to Southease** tea options are limited. You can divert towards the end of the walk to Rodmell to the **Abergavenny Arms** pub, but only if the last train times from Southease permit. Otherwise the **YHA** just beyond Southease station has a **cafe**, but it is open only till 4pm and then from 6pm to 8pm for dinner. In between those times the YHA reception serves hot drinks and says it is happy to sell them to non-residents.

Swimming

Immediately opposite the ramp that you descend from the road there is a good shingle swimming beach at **Rottingdean**, though at mid levels of the tide you need to watch out for the underwater obstruction of an old outlet pipe, whose location about a third of the way across the beach from the right is marked by a yellow mast. This beach is the best spot for swimming on this stretch of coast, as the beaches to the left or right have platforms of sharp chalk rocks, which are exposed by low tide and make swimming awkward.

The beach in front of the tea kiosk at **Ovingdean** is also a fine place for a swim at higher states of the tide, though when the tide is low there is a wide area of coastal rocks.

Once you get into **Brighton**, the long shingle beach between the marina and the pier, part of which is reserved for naturists, makes an excellent – if often very crowded – place for a swim. It can be particularly romantic swimming right by the pier, though this is also the busiest part of the beach. At very low tide, there is a some sand exposed here.

Points of interest

The early part of this walk enables you to really appreciate the position of **the town of Lewes**, which is built on a low ridge that cuts across the flat plains of the river Ouse. A castle was built here by William the Conqueror in the eleventh century – one of five castles guarding key routes between London and his Normandy homeland (the others were from east to west: Hastings, Pevensey, Bramber, and Arundel).

Rottingdean was a remote village until the coast road was built, and is one of those places that supposedly was a hotbed of smuggling. These days it retains a quaint air, but this is somewhat spoiled by the enormous quantities of traffic that shoulder their way through its narrow streets.

It was the home of Pre-Raphaelite painter **Sir Edward Burne-Jones**, and – from 1897 to 1902 – of the writer **Rudyard Kipling** (The Kipling Gardens, passed on this walk, are the gardens of his former house). Kipling had a very productive time in Rottingdean, writing his children's works *Kim*, *Stalky & Co* and *the Just So stories* there, as well as *Recessional*, a surprisingly downbeat poem considering the fact that it was written for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In it, he worried about the imminent decline of the British Empire:

*Far called, our navies melt away
On dune and headland sinks the fire
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre.
Judge of Nations, spare us yet
Lest we forget - lest we forget*

Incidentally, the fact that the lines "Lest we forget" often appear on war memorials is not a coincidence. Kipling was given the job after the First World War or coming up with appropriate texts for war graves, and borrowed the line from this poem. It was an interesting choice, as it was the same concern about the possible decline in British power that is expressed in *Recessional* that led Kipling in the run up to the First World War to campaign vociferously for an increase in the size of the British army and navy to counter the growing power of Germany. One consequence of this was that when war finally broke, he vigorously encouraged his son Jack to enlist, despite the latter having terrible eyesight which would normally have disqualified him from active service. After Jack was killed and the horrors of the Western front became known, Kipling was wracked with a terrible guilt, from which he never quite recovered. In his later years he wrote in a poem about the World War One soldiers:

*If any question why we died
Tell them, because our fathers lied*

Brighton Pier might seem an unlikely spot for nature observation, but towards dusk you can see simply immense flocks of starlings wheeling about here – or over by the ruined **West Pier** a bit further along the seafront. Literally tens of thousands of these birds can gather in great flocks, which swirl and swoop in unison in the sky, before roosting for the night. Groups will settle and then take off again, and there an immensity of chattering. It is quite a sight.

Brighton Royal Pavilion (www.royalpavilion.org.uk) evolved from 1787 onwards as a holiday home for King George IV, who first popularised Brighton as a resort. The current extraordinary building was created by architect John Nash from 1815 to 1823. Its somewhat ludicrous oriental style is a good guide to the interior decor, which nonetheless somehow contrives to be breathtakingly beautiful. One key innovation of the Pavillion was the siting of the enormous kitchens right next to the dining room – normally in palaces, the kitchens were far away from the state rooms, but George was a gourmet (he became enormously fat) and hired the best chef of his day to cook for him. The Pavillion soon fell out of royal favour after Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837, however. Not only did she have a very low opinion of the disreputable George IV, but after the coming of the railways in the 1840s, Brighton became too busy with the lower classes. In any case the Pavillion was wildly unsuitable for Victoria and Albert's large family. They eventually built their own holiday home at Osborne, on the Isle of Wight. The Pavillion is now owned by Brighton Council and is open to the public.

WALK DIRECTIONS

1. Coming out of Lewes station, through the barriers, turn right on Station Road, which crosses the railway.
2. In 100 metres, turn left on Southover Road.
3. In 120 metres cross over Garden Street and enter the flint-walled arched gate of **Southover Grange Gardens**. Continue on the path inside the gardens, with the flint wall to your right.
4. After 70 metres take the path off to the left across the lawn. Then after 40 metres (and 20 metres before some toilets) turn right just before the watercourse.
5. In 80 metres pass through a stone arch and turn left on a red brick path across a footbridge. Then veer right to exit the gardens through a metal gate in the far corner. Turn left uphill on a road.
6. In 50 metres, at a junction, with the Kings Head pub on your left, turn right, still on Southover High Street.
7. Continue along this street, passing Southover parish church on your left, and, in 200 metres, Anne of Cleves House on your right.
8. In 400 metres more, cross a mini-roundabout to veer slightly left with the main road, passing the Swan Inn on your right.
9. In 20 metres, turn right up Juggs Road, taking the bridleway to the left of the road.
10. In 200 metres veer left with the road over a bridge, high over the A27 in a deep cutting below you. Beyond, veer right again with the road, climbing steadily uphill.
11. In a further 200 metres, at the top of the hill, the lane becomes a car-wide track. Keep straight on down this.
12. In 300 metres go through a wooden gate and follow the path in the same direction as before across the centre of a field, heading for two diverging paths on the downland escarpment visible after about 100 metres.
13. In 500 metres exit the field through a wooden gate, to go past some stables on your right and a mock-Tudor house on your left. The path becomes a tarmac lane.
14. In 150 metres, cross over a road (**take care**, as traffic comes quite fast), and continue up the tarmac lane opposite.
15. In 400 metres, where the lane ends at a junction of tracks, keep straight on up a potentially muddy, fenced-in car-wide track.
16. In 300 metres go through a metal gate to the left of a metal fieldgate and continue uphill.
17. In 80 metres, where the path divides, take the left fork to follow the path upwards.
18. Ignore all ways off until you come in 600 metres to the top of the hill, where the track merges with the South Downs Way, as indicated by a blue bridleway arrow.
19. Veer left on the South Downs Way, along the escarpment. In 70 metres you pass through a wooden gate, and continue uphill with a barbed wire fence on your right and magnificent views to the left.
20. You are now on a car-wide track right along the edge of the ridge. In 250 metres, this curves around a natural bowl, and in 250 metres more turns right around a much larger bowl.
21. In 150 metres, at the apex of this second, larger bowl, ignore a concrete farm track slanting sharply left downhill, and the double fieldgates to the right that it leads to, and keep straight ahead. But in another 150 metres go through a wooden gate to your right, following the South Downs Way signpost
22. In 60 metres, you come to a concrete track. The SDW turns left down this track, but your route is straight on along the other arm of the track, towards a barn ahead, your direction 240 degrees.
23. In 400 metres, pass to the left of this barn, and curve left along the brow of the ridge, on a grass track between two fields. Your direction once on this track is roughly 200 degrees.
24. In 700 metres, this starts to descend gently, and you can see a panoramic view of the coast ahead.
25. In another 200 metres, you pass the shell of an old barn right and find yourself on a long straight descent to the valley, still on a car-wide track
26. In 600 metres, the track turns left towards a ruined brick barn. Here, at a footpath post, *go right*, along the right hand edge of a field, heading for a large modern barn in the valley, your direction 240 degrees.
27. In 200 metres, at the end of the field, go through a wooden gate and on downhill, with a fence to your right.
28. Descend into the dip and up the other side. In 450 metres, pass through a gate to merge with a farm track

29. In 70 metres, go through another gate, and turn right, uphill, on a road.
30. You stay on this road (which is a private road to a farm, and so virtually traffic free) all the way into Rottingdean, a distance of some 2.5km. The track curves left and up the far side of the valley and in 600 metres, near the crest of the rise, passes a raised reservoir to the right. 100 metres later it starts to descend, with a fine view of the sea, and **Rottingdean's** famous **windmill** ahead. In 1.5km more you come to houses left and right, and you descend another 300 metres down to a T-junction, with a busy main road, where you go left.
31. In 50 metres cross the road at the zebra crossing, and carry on up the right hand side of the road. In 70 metres, at a major junction, go right downhill, on a road marked with a no-entry sign
32. In 30 metres, notice the entrance to **Kipling Gardens** (see *Points of Interest*) to the left. If it is open, turn left into this. In 30 metres, go through the doorway in the stone wall, and beyond it veer right to follow the path through the gardens to their far right hand corner, and eventually emerge onto the road. (Alternatively, if the gardens are closed, stay on the road, curve left with it in 40 metres, and carry on for 60 metres to reach the point below)
33. Whichever way you come, you should be back on the busy road, with the porticoed North End House to your right. The next house on the right is Prospect Cottage, which was the home of the pre-raphaelite painter **Sir Edward Burne-Jones**.
34. You soon come to the heart of Rottingdean: to get to the **Grange Tea Garden**, turn left on the first main road to come in from the left, and curve back a little to find the tea room in 100 metres or so, on the right behind the library and just before the church and duck pond. For other tea options, ignore this left turning, and keep straight on along the main road through the village centre: first you pass the Olde Black Horse pub on the right and, the **Village Bakery** just beyond it with the **Co-op** supermarket opposite. In 70 metres more on the right is **The Trellis Restaurant and Tea Rooms**, and in 20 metres more **The Old Cottage** tea rooms and restaurant on the left. In 30 metres more on the left is the Queen Victoria pub, and up the road to the right is **Tesco Express**. In 30 metres more you come to the main coast road: cross this at the lights
35. If you plan to finish the walk at this point and get a **bus to Brighton**, the bus stop is on the far (seaward) side of the coast road, about 50 metres to the right of the intersection: Buses you can get include the 12 and 12A, the 14, the 27 and the 47 (or 57 on Sundays). All but the 12 go all the way to Brighton railway station if you wish, and all pass Brighton pier, if you want to get off there and use the directions at the end of this document to walk up through the town to the station. Note that certain 27 and 47 buses do a detour to Brighton Marina, which adds a bit to journey times
36. Otherwise, further lunch options include the **White Horse** pub to the right, and the **Smugglers Fish and Chip Shop** 40 metres further on the left. In another 30 metres there is **The Coach House** pub on the left, and just beyond it, the small **Sea Spray** cafe.
37. **To continue the walk to Brighton**, walk down the ramp to the beach at the end of this short road, and turn right along the concrete esplanade that runs along the bottom of the cliff. (*For the **alternative ending to Southease**, go to the esplanade and consult the directions at the end of this document.*)
38. Follow this esplanade to **Brighton Marina**, in about 2.5km. In 1km, there are steps that allow you to climb the cliff up to the road, if you want to catch the bus (the seasonal **tea kiosk** is at the bottom of these steps). Beyond this, it is 1.5km to the marina, with a ramp just before it being your next exit point to catch a bus, should you wish to do so. (*You can also use these exit points to switch between the esplanade and the clifftop path: the latter has its charms, but is afflicted by heavy traffic noise from the coast road.*)
39. When you come to the marina, you have a choice – Option A) or B) below
- ### Option A) Behind the marina
1. If the path is open, you can carry on along the cliff-bottom path behind Brighton Marina, ie with the marina to your left and the cliff to your right. This path gives perfectly interesting views of the marina houses, and avoids the commercial garishness of the western end of the marina. It also takes a higher level route along Brighton seafront, with fine views.
 2. At the far end of the marina pass through a metal gate. Ignore a ramp up to the right just beyond the gate and instead continue straight along the path on under a road.
 3. On the far side of this underpass look out for a gravel esplanade to your right, just below the level of the coast road. In 400 metres this merges with a tarmac path coming up from the left, and in 40 metres this brings you up to the main coast road.
 4. Merge with the coast road (that is, turn left along it, with metal railings to your left).

5. In 400 metres, you used to be able to go down steps to your left to access a mid level esplanade, but this is now closed for repairs. You may be able to use the steps to get down to the less noisy beach level, however. Either way, once you get to **Brighton Pier**, pick up the directions in the next column to get from there to the railway station.

Option B) Through the Marina

This option takes you through the heart of the marina. It passes along its lively waterfront, with fine views of its houses and yachts, but at the far end you have to pass through a slightly depressing car parking area which can spoil the atmosphere of the walk a bit. There is the option of a **tea/drink stop** overlooking the yacht harbour, however – see paragraph 4

1. To take this option, when you get to the marina, and 30 metres after a car-wide ramp leading up the cliff to your right, turn left around a metal fence and up steps onto the sea wall of the marina. Follow this out away from the coast.
2. In 200 metres, 25 metres after a metal fence ends right, go right down steps and carry on along the waterfront of the marina.
3. In 700 metres, at the end of the waterfront, you pass between **The West Quay**, a Weatherspoons pub (a possible tea stop). Keep to the lower level here, ignoring a ramp up to the right.
4. Just beyond the pub, turn right down steps to the road level, and immediately turn hard left, doubling back on yourself. In 30 metres curve right across the road to pass by a McDonalds on your left, with a multi-storey car park on the right.
5. Cross the road to walk along the edge of the multi-storey car park (ie with it still on your right), then a Cineworld cinema complex.
6. In 200 metres, at the end of the Cineworld complex, and opposite a Pizza Hut on the left-hand side of the road, turn right up a covered passageway, signposted 'Superstore'.
7. In 80 metres you come out into a car park. Turn left along the edge of this.
8. In 100 metres, just before a car-wash area, turn right. In 40 metres, in front of two huge pillars holding up the road above, turn left to go through another short covered passageway and up a ramp.
9. In 80 metres you emerge onto the seafront. You can simply follow this all the way to **Brighton Pier** in 2km. Or, if it is running,

in 300 metres you can take the **Volks Railway** – Brighton's seafront electric railway and the oldest electric railway in the world, which also goes to the pier.

- At crossing 5 of the Volks Railway track 700 metres after it starts you could until recently turn right and climb up the steps onto an attractive **arched veranda** that runs along the seafront, halfway between beach level and the main road above, a scenic and peaceful route. However currently this is **closed for repairs**.

From Brighton Pier to the railway station

1. Coming off the pier, turn left (or walk past it, if coming from the direction of this walk) for 40 metres, and then cross the main coast road by the pedestrian lights in front of the Royal Albion Hotel.
2. Turn left on the far side of the road. In 50 metres, ignore a turning to a kind of plaza to the right, and in 40 metres ignore another minor road right. But in 20 metres more turn right up a larger street with shops in the distance (East Street, though not named here)
3. 60 metres along this road, in the second turning on the right (Pool Valley), you can find the **Mock Turtle** tea rooms. Otherwise, continue on East Street, and in 90 metres more, where the road curves left into Bartholomews, keep straight on up a part pedestrianised area towards the domed gateway of **Brighton Royal Pavillion** (see *Points of Interest*) visible in the distance .
4. In 130 metres cross a busy road at Castle Square, and carry on for another 70 metres to pass under the domed gateway. The Pavillion is now to your immediate right
5. Take the second path to the left beyond the gateway to go diagonally across the park. In 80 metres, keep straight on, with the Brighton Dome, another Pavillion-like building on your right, to exit the park in its far corner in 100 metres.
6. Here turn right on another part-pedestrianised road, passing the entrance to the **Pavillion Theatre** on your right.
7. In 90 metres you come to a road junction, and go left. In 30 metres ignore Regent Street to the right, but in another 40 metres, go right up Gardner Street, which is full of alternative shops and cafes. This is the trendy **North Laines** area of the town.
8. In 150 metres, at the end of Gardner Street, go left and then right into Upper Gardner Street

9. At the end of this, in 150 metres, turn left uphill. Follow this road to the top of the hill, ignoring ways off.
10. In 160 metres, cross Frederick Place and go up the steps for 20 metres to a main road, where you turn right. **Brighton Station** is 200 metres away at the end of this street

Alternative ending at Southease

1. On the seafront esplanade at Rottingdean (paragraph 37 in the main walk directions, turn left, eastwards.
2. Walk along the esplanade at the base of the cliffs for 1km until you get to the next bay, **Saltdean**, marked by a white cafe building halfway up the hill to the left.
3. Go up the steps onto the level of the cafe and then walk past it on up a ramp to the coast road.
4. Turn right on the coast road for 30 metres, to cross it at the traffic lights. Go uphill on Longridge Avenue, a wide side road.
5. In 700 metres, where the road ends at the top of the hill, keep straight on up a gravel track between fields, ignoring another track slanting right with houses to its right.
6. In 1km you come to a track and path junction, with a fieldgate on the left. Go right here into a dip, still on a track, and up the other side, aiming for the right-hand end of a line of trees.
7. In 300 metres, when you get to the line of trees, pass through a gate and keep on down the left-hand edge of a field with the trees to your left. In 30 metres, where the trees end, veer slightly left across an open field following a faint grassy path.
8. In 350 metres you come to a road. Turn left downhill on this, passing over a cattle grid.
9. In 200 metres you come to the village of Telscombe. Pass right through this on the road, climbing again after 300 metres.
10. **You can simply remain on this road** for the 2.6km (1.6 miles) until it comes to a junction with a busy main road. This is a pleasant route, along a ridge with fine views and with only the occasional car passing. *Once you come to the main road see paragraph 13 below.*

Otherwise **for an off-road option**, 300 metres after starting the climb in Telscombe, just over the crest of the hill, take the signposted path to the left - **not the track going left at this point**, but through a gate to the left of a fieldgate on

the far side of that track, where you pick up a gravel and grass track that descends downhill into a valley, diverging only slightly from the line of the road.

11. In 400 metres, at the end of the field, curve left with the track into a dip and up the other side. In 100 metres pass through a wooden gate (it is round to the left of the metal fieldgates you see) and beyond turn right at a track T-junction.
12. In another 700 metres pass through a farm. Beyond keep straight on along the track for another 1km until it comes to a line of trees ahead (which actually conceal the main road). Turn **right** here, leaving the track, to follow a path along a fence (initially to the left then to the right), signposted South Downs Way.

*(If you want - and have time to - visit the **Abergavenny Arms in Rodmell**, stay on the track as it curves left before the trees. In 150 metres you come to the road and then it is 300 metres down the road into Rodmell, to find the pub on the left. To get to the station you can either reverse your steps, or look out for a permissive path on the left-hand side of the road as you come out of Rodmell which runs through fields to the left of the road and brings you out on the road through Southease Village mentioned in paragraph 14. Go downhill on this and refer to paragraph 15 below.)*

13. In 80 metres pass through a gate and curve right and then left with the path up a section of downland, to come in 100 metres to a road junction. Cross a minor road here, and go along the main road verge. (**If you have stayed on the road since Telscombe**, turn right on the main road.)
14. In 20-30 metres cross the main road with care and go down a side road signposted to Southease Village. In 150 metres you pass the church: there is a drinking water tap by the gate of this church if you need to refill your water bottles for the journey home, and the benches here are a pleasant place to sit if you are early for the train. It is about 10 minutes to the station from here.
15. To get to the station keep downhill on the road through the village, ignoring one slanting right across its green. In 150 metres you are on the flat in open country, and in 350 metres you cross the River Ouse on a bridge. In another 250 metres the road turns left and in 150 metres comes to **Southease station**. For the **YHA** and its **cafe** cross the railway line and carry on up the road for 200 metres: the cafe is on the left, the YHA reception on the right.