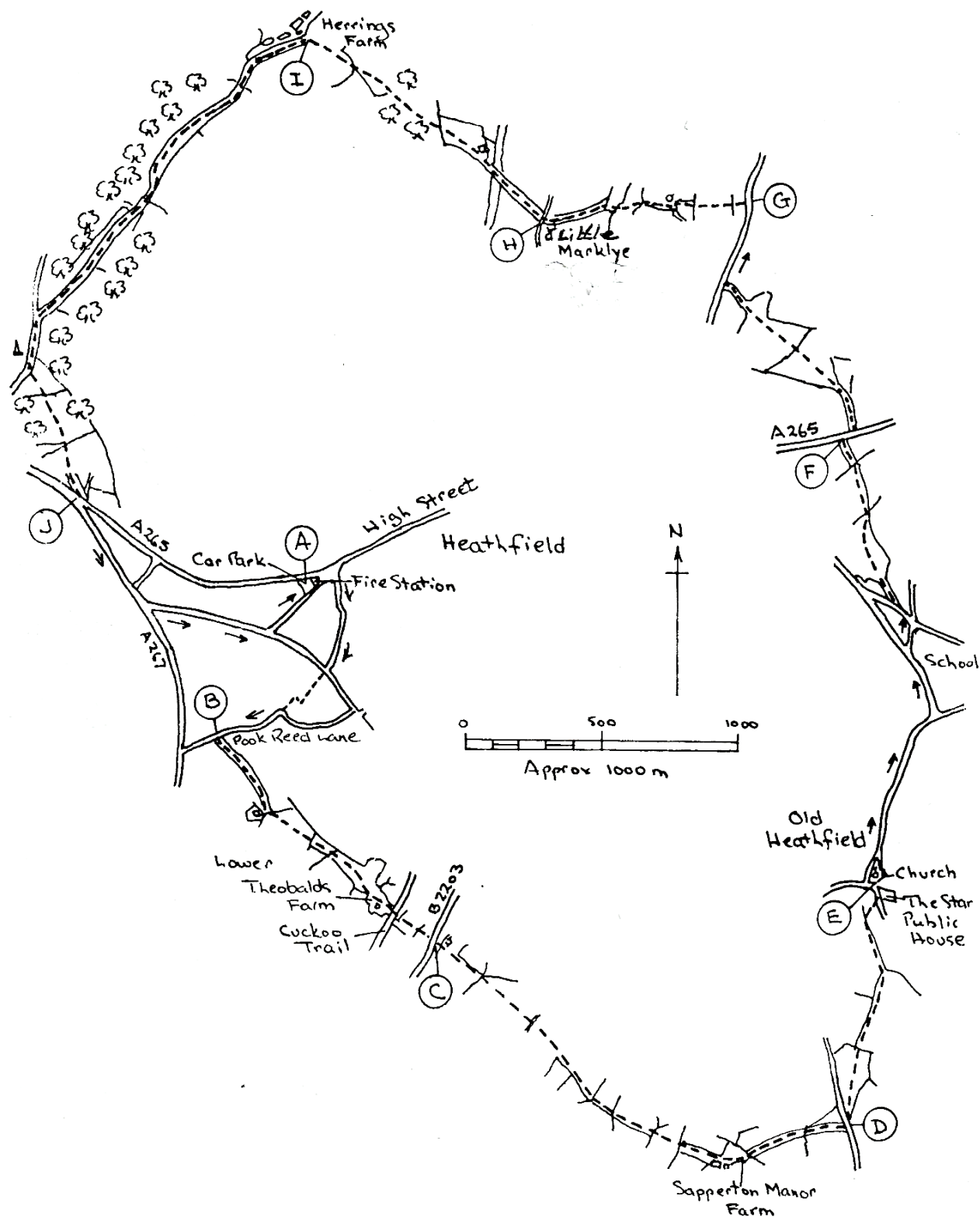


## Walk No. 20

# CIRCULAR ROUND HEATHFIELD (13Km)

This walk makes an almost complete ring round Heathfield and incorporates parts of some of the earlier walks in this book.

Park at Mill Road Car Park.





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- A.** Go left out of car park and then right into Tilsmore Road. Walk along Tilsmore Road to where it ends at Ghyll Road, cross over to public footpath opposite and follow round then left into a short track that leads down onto a road, Pook Reed Lane.
- B.** Before you reach A267 Little London Rd, just past a house called Pook Reed on the left, turn left onto a rough gravel track, which you follow to near the house at the end. Keep left into woodland. Follow the well-defined path, which can be muddy when wet. It bears to the left, then follows a wire fence on the right. Where this fence ends go right and as you go downhill you will pick up the fence again on your right. Keep on downhill until at the bottom you cross Waldron Gill over a wooden footbridge. Go on up the track & path, passing Lower Theobalds Farm on your right, rejoining the track left through brick gate posts, crossing over Cuckoo Trail and on up to the road. Cross over to the drive of Theobalds Green Farm opposite, where there is a marker stone.
- C.** Carry straight on up past the drive into the field and head along enclosed path for the far-left corner, slightly downhill and under the metal pole barrier. On the far side of the next (former turf) field is a metal railing stile in a gap. Go for this, and on in the next smaller field to stile on the far side. Continue now with the hedge on your right. Over to your left you should get a good view of the church in Old Heathfield which you will pass later in this walk. Go on to the far-right hand corner, through the gate and on in the same direction over a stile on your left; ignore the other path which forks right here. Keep the hedge on your right and at the corner of this small field over yet another stile, and on with the ground now more noticeably downhill. Near the bottom right-hand corner, about 10 – 15m before it, is a stile through the hedge on your right. Cross this, turn left over a bridge and through a short band of small trees into another field; here you go for the stile opposite. Over this stile is a crossing path, but you can carry straight on, slightly right at first, to the farm building ahead, through a metal gate and small yard, and turn half left onto the drive. This is Sapperton Manor Farm, and you go past the house along the drive all the way to the road.
- D.** Turn left for about 20m and take the path going half right up into the wood; there is a marker stone. After about 60m in the trees you come out to a stile into the field, and continue uphill in the middle of the field, towards the skyline and trees. Go through a gate which is about halfway along the fence along the top of the field, into another field. Walk in the same direction keeping towards its left side. Go over stile through a wicket gate to the left and follow the hedge on your right through another gate, and up to a kissing gate in the railings now on your right. Cross the drive and bearing left make for the corner by a house. At the road turn half left to pass the Star Inn, and on into the churchyard of All Saints in Old Heathfield.
- E.** Go round the church and through the lych gate to the access lane which leads you into the road (School Hill) where you go uphill, keeping the stone wall of Heathfield Park on your left, turning left at the junction to pass Heathfield Community College on your right, and then turning right at Portland Square. At the main road (B2096 to Battle) turn left and look



for the path 200 metres further on the right coming off by the small service road. This goes past 5 and 6 Round House Cottages, and over a stile just past them into a field. Carry on in the same direction to the uphill far corner. Go through the metal gate and with the hedge close on your right go uphill towards the red tile hung house. Just before the corner there is a stile on your right. Go over this and turn left, passing by the house on the other side of the hedge. Just before the end of the next field cross another stile into the drive of the house, which brings you out on the main A265 road to Burwash.

- F.** Turn right for about 50m, then left into the drive signed Greenviews Caravan Park and Western Farm. Go on down the drive past a sign saying Private Road (it is a public footpath however) and after another 100m or so keep half left onto a path between a fence and a hedge. This brings you out via a stile to a field. Head via the gap in the opposite hedge towards an asbestos sheeted barn beyond. As you approach the barn you may see a stile to its right; go towards the road 200m away, via the path which is just in the trees to the right. The path through the trees may be overgrown and difficult to follow into the wood (there is a drive from the barn also going to the road, but this is not actually a public path). Turn right down the road (Newick Lane) with caution for about 300m.
- G.** Just past a house on the left called Chelwood, opposite Newick House, take the marked path on the left beside Lupins' garage, which brings you out into a field. Keep to its right-hand side to a gate in the corner leading you into a levelled training paddock and out through 2 gates into a drive. Go on in the same direction passing a house and buildings on your right to another gate into a field. Carry on to the bottom left-hand corner, over a stile and downhill in trees to cross a stream. Up over a stile and uphill along the left side of a field to a gate in the corner immediately followed by a stile which takes you into a path between hedges. Follow this uphill to Little Marklye barn, passing a double stiled cattle crossing shortly before it. Come out and through a gate to the road, Marklye Lane, and straight across onto the drive signed Marklye House.
- H.** Follow the drive, crossing over the old railway, and loop left at the gate keeping the house on your right, & follow fence down to a gate into a field. Go on downhill, slightly to the right, to a stile into the trees at the bottom. Over the stile is a footbridge; follow the path up through the trees in the same general direction. Ignore a wide crossing track and follow the now wider heather lined path which leads on to another footbridge. Carry on in the same direction out into a field where you can see the chimneys of Herrings Farm on the crown of the ridge ahead. Go on uphill towards Herrings Farm, crossing just before it an airstrip that is in occasional use. Turn left in front of the house & pond.
- I.** Follow this farm access lane for 1.7km to the TV mast. Right opposite the mast, shortly after English Woodlands and a timber yard, and up a short hill, is a footpath going left, with a marker stone. Follow this through the trees and it brings you to the busy junction of the A267 and A265 roads.
- J.** You can follow the A265 into Heathfield, or more quietly, cross to follow the A267 Little London Road with care for 400m, taking the second turn left onto Sheepsetting Lane, which brings you to Mill Road second left past the school, and thus to your starting point.