

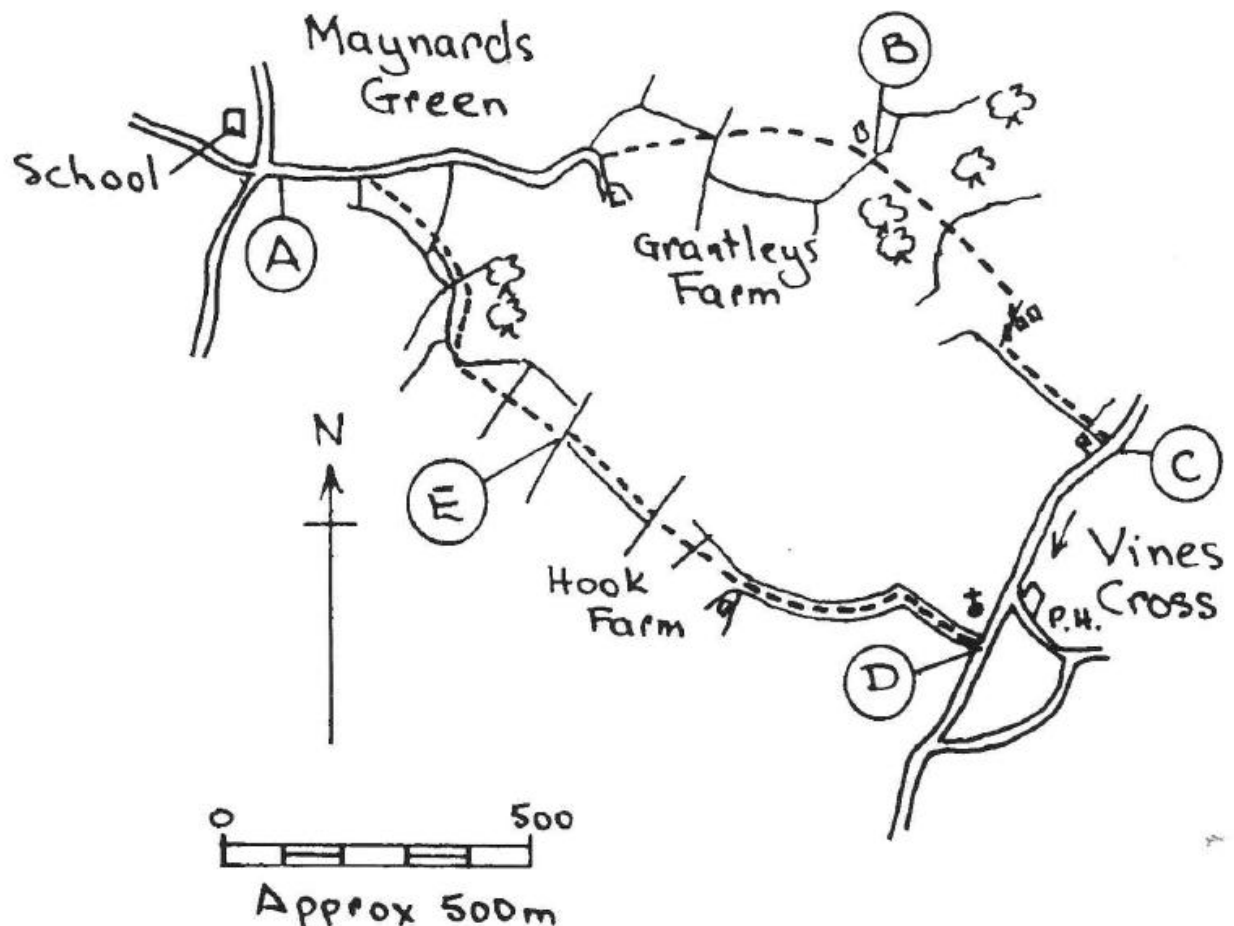
Walk No. 9

MAYNARD'S GREEN, SICKLEHATCH, VINES CROSS (4Km)

This is a short walk of 4km, (2.5 miles), taking about 1.5 hours, but allow longer in winter as it can be very wet and muddy in places.

The walk starts and ends at Maynards Green School on the B2203 between Heathfield and Horam. Parking is possible in Sicklehatch Lane, about 200m from the beginning of the road, on the verge by a stile and footpath sign on the right.

It is easy walking but there are several stiles to cross, most of them dog friendly but a couple are quite high for small dogs.



- A. Start near Maynard's Green School and go down Sicklehatch Lane for 400m and where it bears right uphill (entrance to Grantleys Farm) take the stile at the top of the bank on the left. Cross the field uphill to a stile in the corner. Go ahead

towards the electricity pole, passing a pond on the left, to a stile and enter Nettlesworth Wood.

- B. Keep straight on and emerge into a field. There are lovely views from this field across to the South Downs on the right. Go ahead and aim just to the right of the farm buildings to a stile and then diagonally across to the bottom right-hand corner of the field. Keep ahead to the road along a path with the garden of Highlands Farmhouse on your left.
- C. Turn right onto Nettlesworth Lane. Go past the Vines Cross sign and the Brewers Arms public house on the left. Ignore the turning to the left and go past two modern houses on the right which have replaced the corrugated iron St James Chapel which was removed in 2003 but still remains on OS maps. Go down Hook Lane on the right (sign posted Sussex Fruit Trees) with a small concrete footpath sign next to it.
- D. Continue past some cottages, then downhill over a stream and up past Hook Farm cottage on the left into a field on the right. Keep Sussex Fruit Trees gardens on your left. Turn left at a large oak tree with a yellow waymarker and diagonally across to a stile with a makeshift gate. Keep ahead with the fence on your left.
- E. On reaching the crossing of paths, go over the stile and keep ahead to a stile and plank bridge and go down the next field into a wood via a stile. Bear left in the wood (well waymarked) over another plank bridge, then a footbridge, and up into a field. Turn left, keeping the hedge on the left to a stile, then straight over the next field to a stile into the road opposite a cottage. Turn left into this road (Sicklehatch Lane) and back to your starting point.