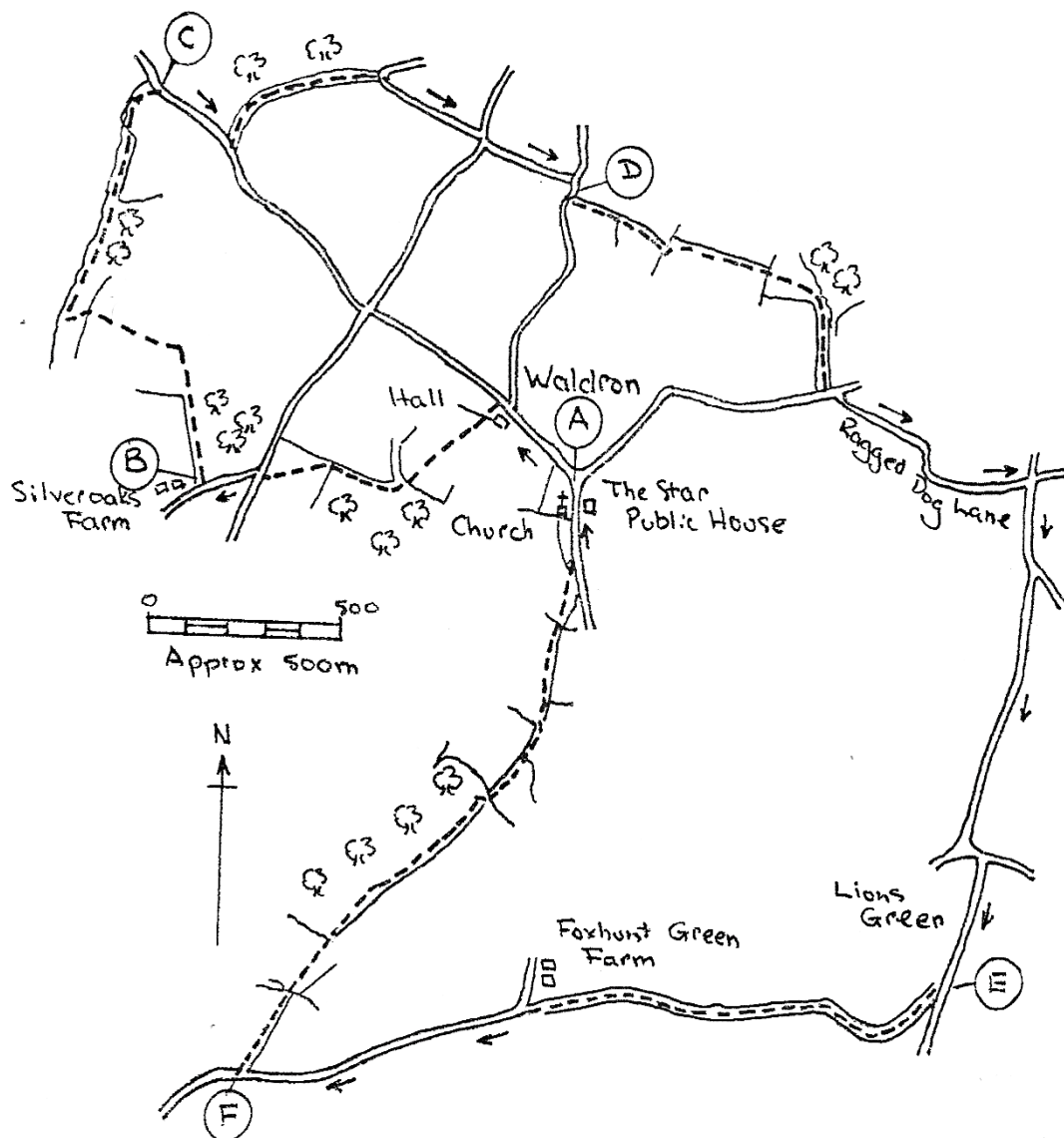


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A circular walk round Waldron. Although 4kms of this walk are on roads, most are quiet country lanes without much traffic. However, some are narrow, so take care.

You can park on the roadside at the centre of Waldron by the church in the wider places.

**A.** From the war memorial take the road leading north-west towards Rosers Cross and Cross-in-Hand, following it for 300m passing a phone box and the old PO. Turn left into the recreation ground just past the Lucas Memorial Hall cross the small car park and straight across the grass to the trees. Below the second sports pitch there is a track leading into the wood going over a footbridge. Follow this path as it bends right and becomes a clear pathway between fences, still in the trees. Come out of the wood over a stile and then go half left towards a yellow topped marker pole on the far side of the field. There is a stile beside the marker pole which takes you down onto the road. Cross it and take the lane opposite, signed Hawkhurst Common, which goes gently downhill. Follow this for 150m.

**B.** Turn right off the lane through a gate with a footpath way-marker and follow the track into the trees, passing a farm on the left avoiding track on the right. Go along the track, which is muddy in places, till it comes out from the trees through a gate with a footpath waymark into a field. Keep to the lower left-hand side of this field to reach a gate in the far corner. Take the track going half left downhill in the trees. At the bottom do not cross the stream but turn sharp right at the waymark post to follow the path beside the stream. This well-defined path goes gently upstream through the trees with the stream on its left. Ignore several paths going left over the stream and eventually as you near the road and come out of the trees, go through a wicket gate on your right leading into a field. Follow the way-marker diagonally across this field to a stile which comes out on the road.

**C.** Turn right uphill and follow the road for 200m then turn sharp left at a public bridleway stone and follow a track leading into the wood. Follow this track, which can be muddy, as it swings slowly to the right becoming slightly narrower and bringing you out beside a house and garden. The short drive brings you out onto the road, Brittenden Lane. Take the right-hand fork following it to cross another road with a post box, Harpers Lane. Continue in the same direction until you reach the T junction. Turn right for 40m to find a stile and a marker stone on the left, just past a house and garden.

**D.** Go over the stile which is hard against the garden hedge and follow the tree line keeping to the left side of the field to an opening in the bottom corner leading to the next field; then along the left-hand side of that field. A gate by an electric post leads into another field; keep up along the left uphill side of this field and follow the fence/tree line to the far end where there is a stile in a wire fence with yellow marker. Cross the next field in the same general direction to a gate in the far-right corner. Once through the gate keep the fence on your left until a stile crosses this fence. Turn right on the grassy track which brings you out in due course onto the road through a gate and stile. Cross over towards the left and take the lane opposite besides Weavers Cottage. This is Ragged Dog Lane, marked on the map. Follow it up to its end and turn right onto another road; keep right at the next fork and eventually come to a more major road where you turn left, then after 30/40m turn right into Dern Lane. Follow this for 300m.

**E.** Alongside a house called Little Forge is an unmarked bridleway which passes behind some houses and goes gently downhill to a wooden bridge closely followed by another. The bridleway continues as a green lane which can be muddy in parts and gradually climbs towards Foxhunt Green. Near the end go through two metal bridleway gates and after some 100m come out on the road passing in front of a house called September Cottage. Turn left and carry on along the road in the same westerly direction, passing several houses, until after about 800m just before a 'road narrow' sign you turn right off the road at a gate with a footpath stone.

**F.** Keep to the right-hand side of the field, now going in a north easterly direction into the next field. Cross the field uphill to a gate and a stile into the trees opposite. Keep on in the same direction along the generally well-defined path avoiding any paths on the left. The path follows near the right side of the wood, and for most of the way you can see the open field through the trees on your right. Just before the end of the trees keep right over a stile with way-markers - do not go straight on, that is not a public footpath - onto a fenced path with the hedge on your left to another stile. Carry on in the same direction keeping to the left side until about halfway into this field an opening to the left with a gate takes you down to the adjoining field. Now keep the hedge on your right, to the far upper corner where there is a stile into the next field. Go on slightly uphill following its right hedge to a gate, which brings you out on the road. Turn left and very shortly you are back in the centre of Waldron.