

# Crowhurst Walks

## Walk 3

Accumulative distances measured in Kilometres and highlighted in blue

(FP) – Finger Post (D) - Disc. Follow direction of arrow

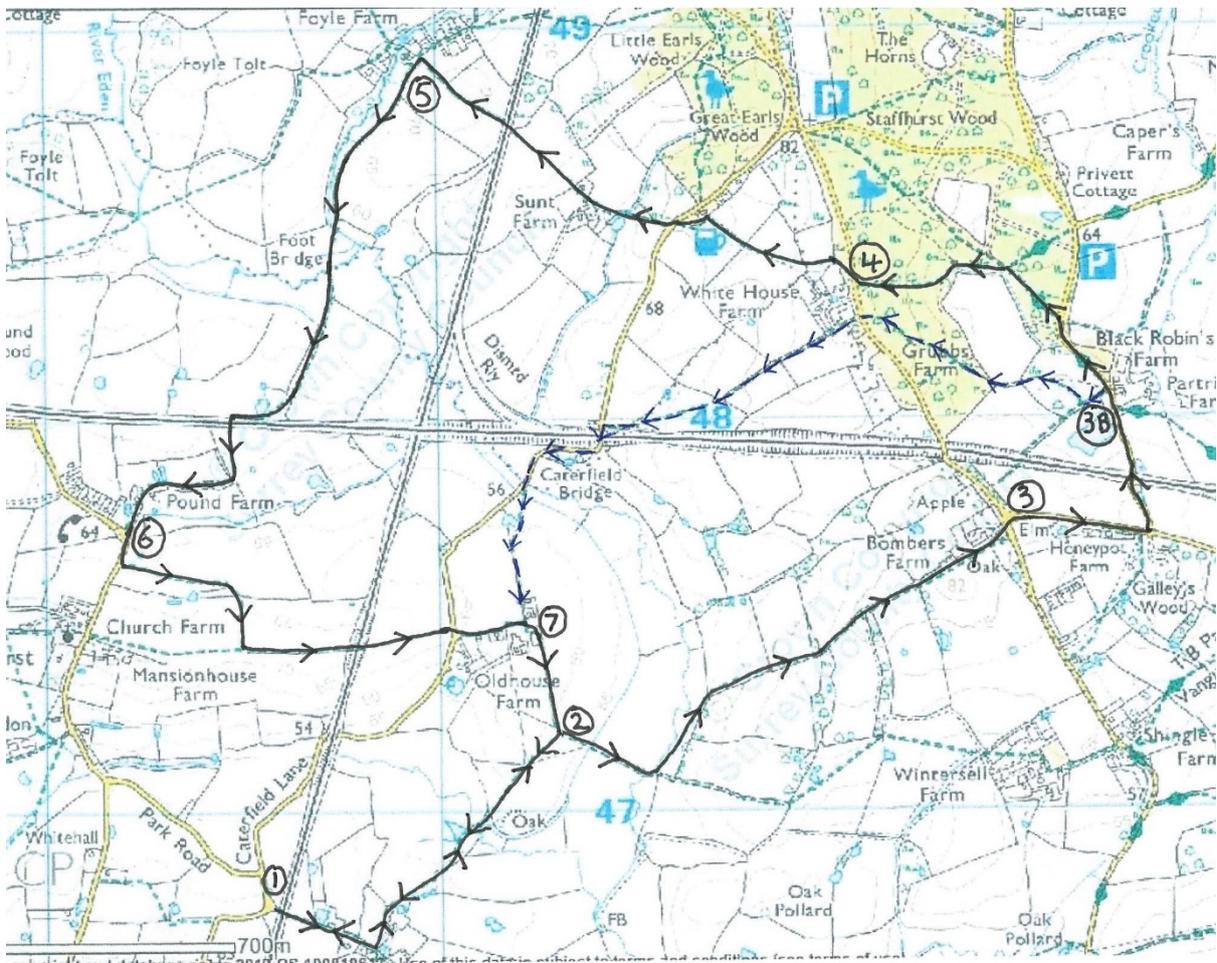
Crowhurst is a beautiful, quiet and historic rural parish sometimes called 'the forgotten little corner of Surrey'. *The place name was first recorded in 1189 and means 'crow wood'*. The traffic is generally light but always be cautious when walking along or crossing roads or when crossing railway lines.

**Staffhurst Wood is renowned for its bluebells in spring**

**Distance – 9.5 Kilometres**

**Difficulty:** Easy and relatively flat but there are a number of stiles to negotiate.

**Start:** Junction of Chellows Lane and Caterfield Lane OS: 396468



- 1) Walk east down Chellows Lane for 200m. [You cross the Meridian Line along this bit of road.](#) Opposite Chellows Farm Cottages turn left over stile at entrance to Old Chellows and veer right **(FP)**. Just to the left of Old Chellows cross a small bridge and veer right. *[Old Chellows is a Grade 2 listed building dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century]* cross another stile **(D)** and head towards the corner of a pond slightly to your left. Keeping the pond to your left, cross a bridge then down into a small dip and up again to a stile **(D)**. Vere left across a field for 100m to another stile **(D)** then across another field to a kissing gate at the corner of a garden **(FP)**. **(0.9K)**
- 2) Turn right and walk downhill with a fence on your left. Cross another stile **(D)** and keep straight until you come to a bridge over the River Eden. Cross the bridge and veer left **(D) (FP)** Ignore the stile 50m in front of you and continue left for 800m keeping a hedge to your right. Cross the stile on your right and walk up hill with the hedge on your right. Continue in this direction through a gate onto a track and now with the hedge on your left you continue straight over two further stiles to reach Bombers Farm and the junction of Dwelly Lane and Honeypot Lane. *[Bombers Farm is a Grade 2 listed building dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century]* **(2.3K)**
- 3) Walk down Honeypot Lane in front of you towards Edenbridge for 800m then turn left to walk down Grants Lane, walking over a railway bridge past a pond on your left and Black Robins Farm on your right. *[Black Robins Farm House is a Grade 2 listed building dating back to the early 16<sup>th</sup> century]* 800m after Black Robins Farm take the wide track on your left **(FP)** to enter Staffhurst Wood. Continue on this track for approx 400m and, as it bends to the right, turn left at 90 degrees (ignoring the narrow path in front of you) and, with a meadow to your left, follow a bridleway which bends to the right after 50m and left after another 50m to pass a pond on your right. 20m beyond the pond the path bends right and up a slight incline leaving the meadow behind you. Continue on this path until you reach Dwelly Lane. Cross the road and take the path through the wood **(FP)** just to the right of Nutcracker Hall and Stone Cottage. *[Nutcracker Hall is a Grade 2 listed building dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century]* **(4K)**
- 4) After 80m cross the stile and continue to a gate where you veer right across a field to a stile **(D)** then head towards The Royal Oak Pub along-side a hedge to your right. Just to the left of The Royal Oak cross the stile onto Caterfield Lane. Cross the road **(be cautious)** and turn left for 20m then right, down a track towards Sunt Farm for approx 300m to a stile into a field. Cross the field to the railway line. Cross the railway line **(be very cautious)** and continue straight until you reach Foyle Farm. *[Foyle Farm is a Grade 2 listed building dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century]*. **(FP) (5.3K)**
- 5) Having crossed the stile just before Foyle Farm, turn sharp left along a track with barns to your right. At a green caravan keep left to continue along the track for a further 500m to a stile leading into a field. Continue straight and cross the bridge over the River Eden and continue in the same direction, up a slight incline with hedge to your right the [crossing the Meridian Line as you do so](#). At the top of the incline take the stile to your right to go through a small copse. After 150m enter a field with the railway line on your left. After 50m cross the railway line **(be very cautious)** and immediately turn right (now with the railway on your right) for 20m then turn left with hedge on your right for 100m. Turn right **(D)** (now with hedge on your left) for 200m then turn left to walk down the driveway of Brook House. **(7K)**
- 6) When you reach Crowhurst Village Road, turn left for 80m and take the path to your left into a field **(FP)**. Turn immediately right for 40m then left for a further 250m with hedge to your right. Turn right **(D)** to walk across another field up a slight incline towards a

telegraph pole **(FP)**. *[at this point you will see St George's Church spire. The church dates back to 1191. Adjacent to the church are Mansion House and Church Farm both Grade 2 listed buildings dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century]*. At the pole turn left along a ridge. After 200m you cross the Meridian Line again. Cross over the railway bridge and, keeping straight, reach a stile on Caterfield Lane. **(8.2K)**

- 7) Cross the road and, just to your right, go down the driveway of Homefield Farm. Go through a kissing gate and after 50m turn right at the end of the hedge to follow the same hedge on your right to another kissing gate **(FP)**. Veer slightly right to a stile **(D)** and continue to the far corner of a field to another stile **(D)** Continue over a bridge past a pond on your right then veer left to a stile continue to a small bridge and stile just to the right of Old Chellows. Continue to reach Chellows Lane and then turn right to get back to the T junction with Caterfield Lane crossing the Meridian Line as you so. **(9.5K)**

### Walk 3B – Shorter alternative route: **(Total of 6.5 Kilometres)**

Directly opposite Black Robins Farm take the wide footpath **(FP)** up a slight incline between the pond and the wood. After 100m turn right over a stile into Staffhurst Wood **(D)** Follow the path down a gentle decent for 300m to enter the edge of a meadow through a gate. Continue straight ahead for 100m for 100m and enter the wood again. Follow the path to your right and after 40m cross a small bridge. After 100m where paths cross continue straight for 50m. Where the path forks, take the left fork **(D)** and continue on the same path for approx. 400m. Just after a small pond to your right at a T junction of paths, turn left along a wide path to meet Dwelly Lane opposite Nutcracker Hall *[Nutcracker Hall is a Grade 2 listed building dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century]*. Turn left along the road for 100m and just past Staffhurst Barn turn right **(FP)** over a stile **(D)** and continue straight ahead along a wide track for approx. 400m to a gate **(D)**. Veer right across a field to the far bottom corner to another gate. Continue for 50m to reach Caterfield Lane just in front of an electricity sub-station. Turn left along the road and under the railway bridge **(be very cautious)** Continue along the road for a further 300m and as you cross the bridge over the River Eden, take the stile to your left through a hedge **(FP)**. Veer right up a slight incline heading towards a converted oast-house. Continue to the left of the oast-house with a hedge to your right and you join **Point 7** of the walk to return to the start.