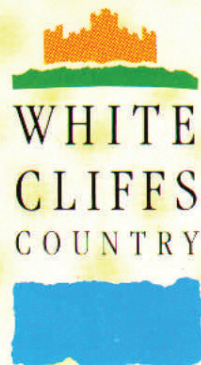


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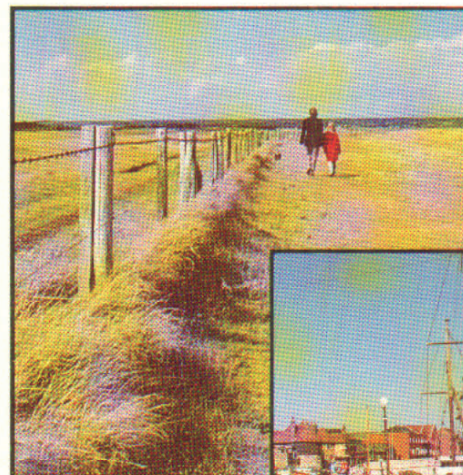
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Sandwich is one of the original Cinque Ports and in medieval times was one of the south coasts most important harbours.

The town's ancient character, its timbered houses and charming quay have been well preserved and are a delight to see.

The rural lands around Sandwich consist of orchards, meadows, marshlands and sandhills, the latter providing ideal golf links at Sandwich Bay.



SANDWICH BAY



THE MILL WALL



THE QUAY SANDWICH

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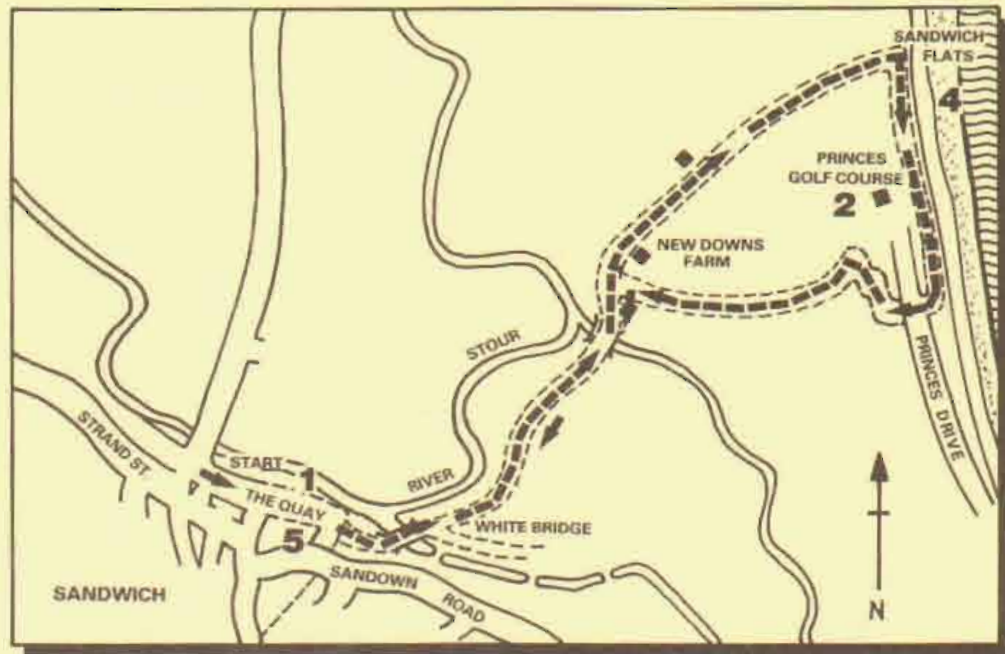
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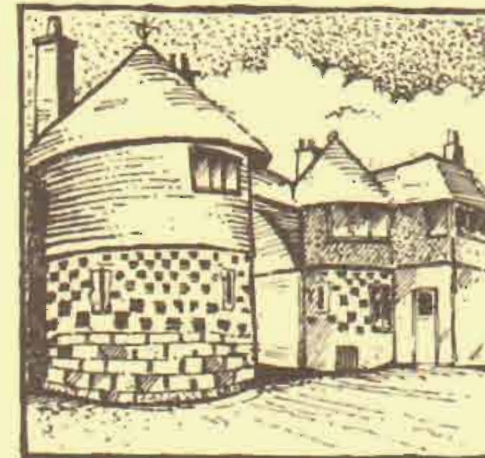
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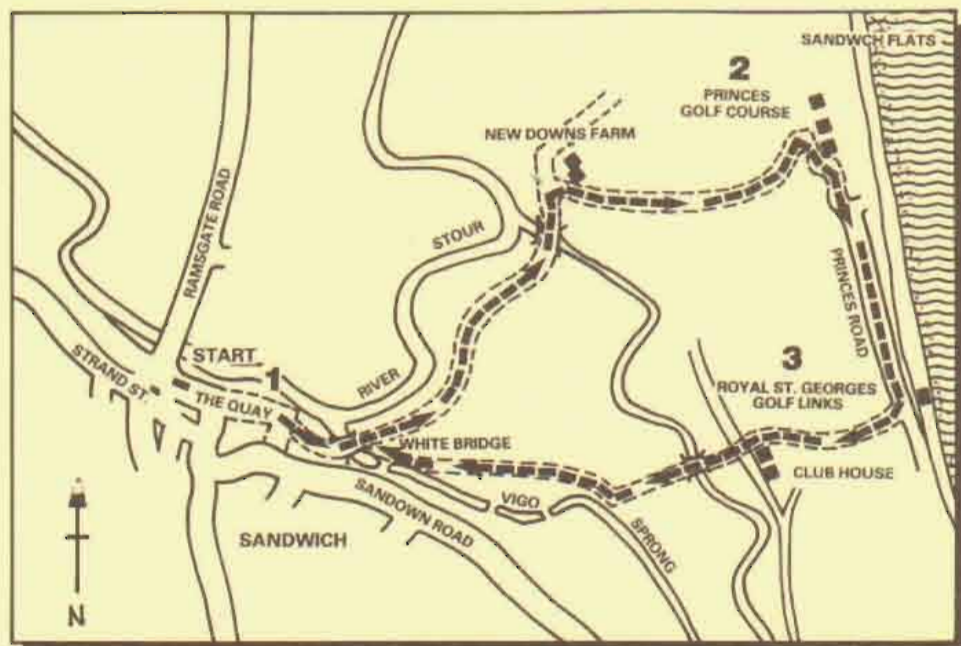
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Walk along Princes Road to the toilet block, turn right through Royal St. Georges Golf Club 3 (following the Saxon Shore Way and White Cliffs Trail signs) past the club house to the road. Cross the road to the white bridge. Follow the tarmac path to the next white bridge and follow the river path to the quay 1.



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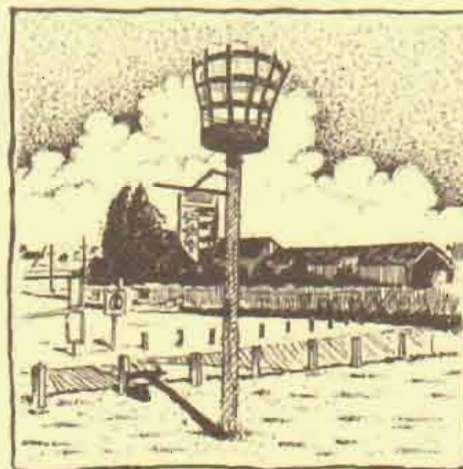
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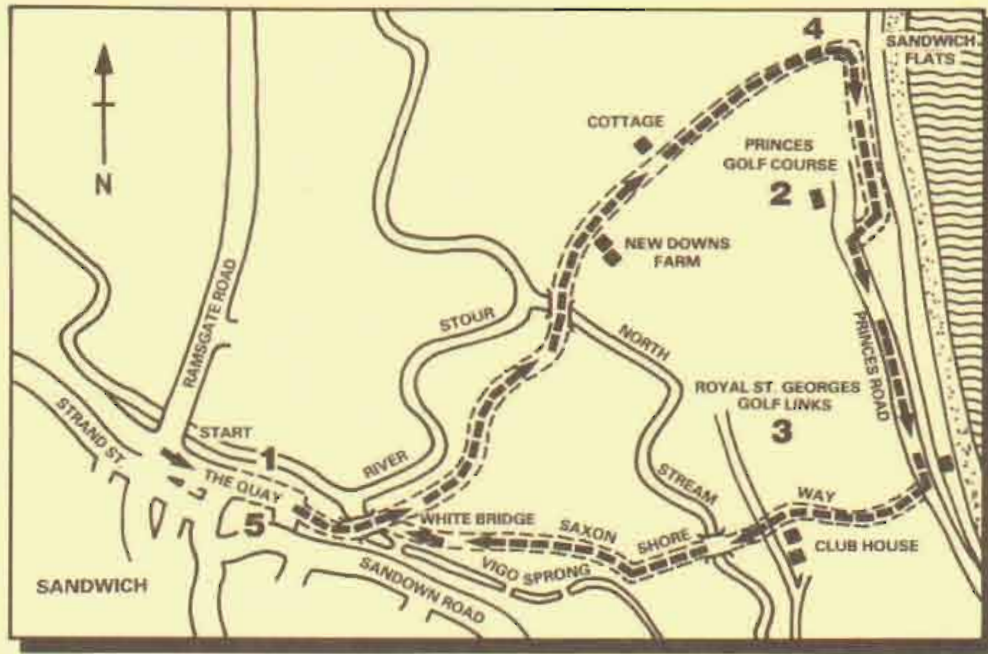
The Presidents of the Club have all been distinguished in their own fields and include the Earl Granville, Lord Northbourne, the Earl of Guildford, the Marquess of Linlithgow, Bernard Darwin and the newly-elected president Sir Godfrey Rall. Similarly, the list of Club Captains bears the names of a host of equally renowned figures such as HRH The Prince of Wales (1927-28), The Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, The Earl of Darnley, Lord Brabazon of Tara, Lord Aldington and Lord Salmon. Who can doubt that it is one of – if not *the* – greatest of Golf Clubs in the Country?



The Beacon, Sandwich

WALK 3 – START SANDWICH QUAY

Approx 5 miles • 2.5–3 hrs



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The dunes system has been formed from the accretion of sand and shingle which has taken place gradually isolating Sandwich town from the sea. Both the old dune systems and man-made seawalls can still be located inland from the present coastline. In 1550 the Shellness spit was located as far back as Back Sand Point with all the present reserve under the sea. In recent years two new spits have developed and are slowly becoming colonised with vegetation. In this way the land area of the reserve is increasing and process of natural reclamation continues.

The soils formed from the sand and shells are rich in lime and this accounts for much

of the botanical interest of the reserve. The dune flora includes sea holly, with its associated broomrape, sea sandwort and a range of unusual clover species. While on the older pasture in the wet slacks, southern marsh orchid, the giant sharp rush, ragged robin and species of sedge and reed occur. Wild asparagus, of uncertain origin, is found on the drier pasture with pyramidal orchid, lady's bedstraw, sand catchfly and many small ephemeral plants. The presence of this range of species including adders tongue, fern and yellow rattle, indicate the primary nature of this pasture which has never been ploughed or treated with chemical fertilisers or herbicides.

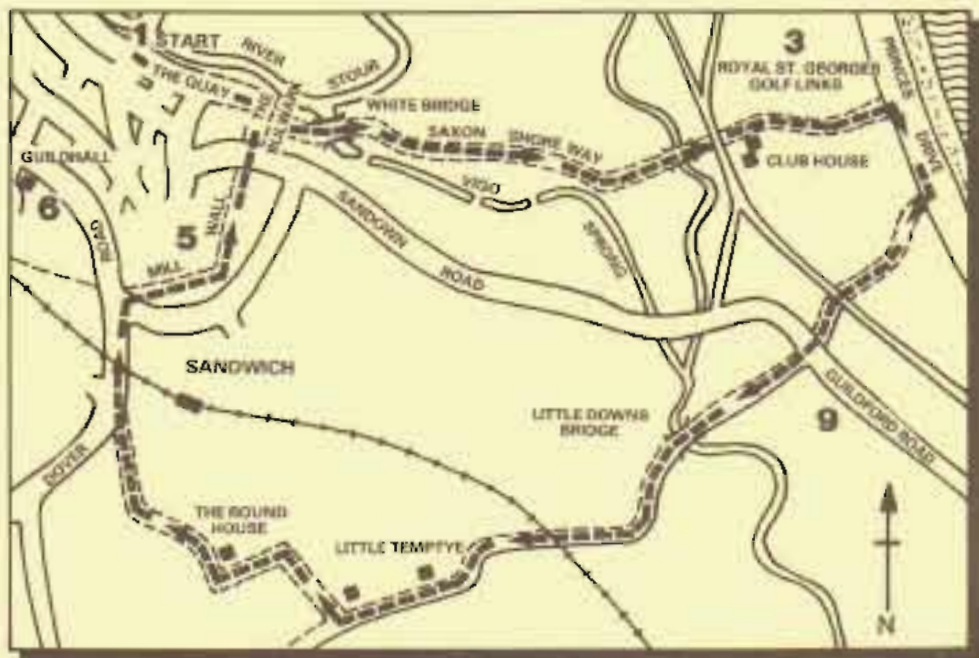
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WALK 4 – START SANDWICH QUAY

Approx 5.5 miles • 2.5–3 hrs



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Turn right along Princes Drive for approx. 450m to next stile and footpath sign, go back across the golf course, following the concrete sign stones to Guildford Road. Cross the road and continue along the track until the track turns left (DO NOT CONTINUE ALONG THE TRACK). Diagonally cross the grassed area or follow the stream to Little Downs Bridge. Follow the White Cliffs Trail signs along the track, crossing the railway with care, and continuing along the road to Little Tempye.

Turn right and follow the road to the Round House. Turn right along path to the Dover Road. Follow the road over the railway crossing to Mill Wall 5. Turn right and follow Mill Wall to Sandown Road, cross the road onto the Bulwark and follow the path back to the quay 1.



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A. Sandwich Bay is home to one of Kent's most recognised bird observatories. The private estate from which the observatory operates is situated on the Kent coast between the town of Deal and the estuary of the River Stour. Adjacent to the observatory is farmland, a golf course and a nature reserve. The historic Cinque port of Sandwich is to the south east and the French coastline is only 40km away.

B. Since Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory achieved an official observatory status in 1962, their main work has been to watch, record and ring the birds of Sandwich Bay. The effects of environmental changes are also monitored. By taking these steps the Observatory is able to provide valuable information in support for the conservation of threatened areas.

Appreciation of our heritage along with provision of instructions and example for the observatories future are the main objectives of the S.B.B.O.

An average of 10,000 birds are ringed annually. The majority of these birds being migrant birds which are most prominent in the Spring and Autumn.

C. Bird watchers in this area can see a wide variety of rare and interesting birds:

WATER BIRDS such as Purple Herons, Corn and Spotted Crakes the Little Egret and Grebes.

SEABIRDS such as Skua, Shearwater, Gull-billed Terns and Little Auks.

BIRDS OF PREY include Kites, Buzzards, Merlins and Goshawks.

Other interesting Marsh and Shore birds are Dotted, Phalaropes, Franticoles and Broad-billed Sandpipers.



WALK 5 – START SANDWICH GUILDHALL

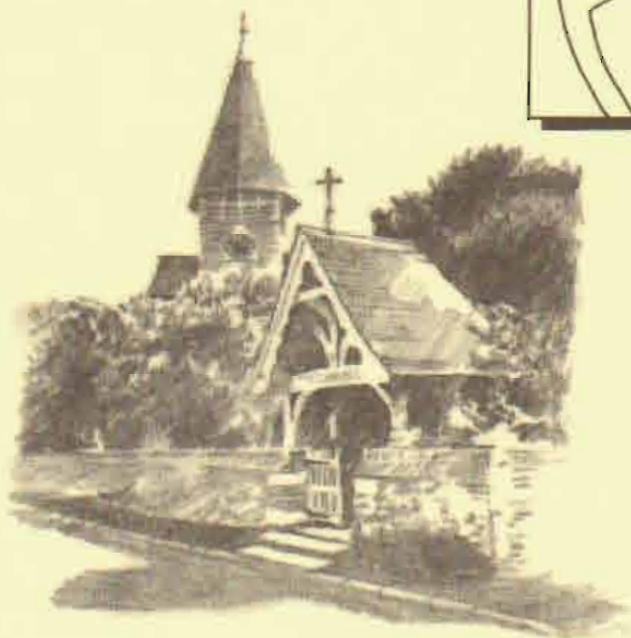
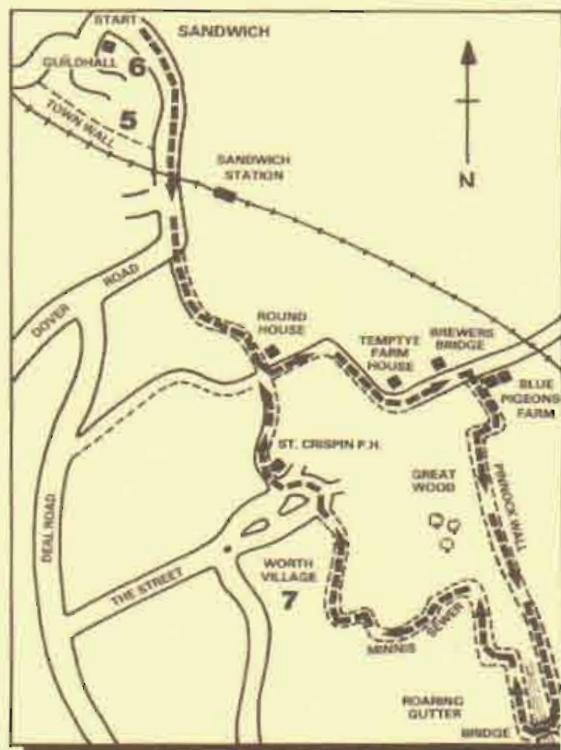
Approx 5.5 miles • 2.5–3 hrs

Walk in a southerly direction, along New Street, to the railway crossing and continue on to road bend. Turn left along path to the Round House.

Turn left along the road to Little Temptye and left again to Brewers Bridge and Blue Pigeons Farm. Turn right and follow the track adjacent to the Delf Stream and Pinnock Wall to the concrete bridge, on right, at Roaring Gutter.

Cross the bridge and turn right, to Minnis sewer. Turn left and follow field edge to track. Turn right along track to Great Wood. Turn left and follow track to Worth Village 7 and the St. Crispin Public House.

Follow path at left hand side of public house which leads back to Dover Road and Sandwich Town.



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WALK 6 – START GUILDHALL

Approx 8 miles • 4 – 4.5 hrs

Walk in a southerly direction, along New Street and over the railway crossing to the bend in the road. Turn left along the path to Worth Village and the St. Crispin Public House 7.

Turn left and immediately right into Minnis Way, at junction, veer right following the track through the farm buildings and out to the eastern edge of the Great Wood.

Turn right and follow the track for approx. 250m, turn left to Delf Stream, turn right and follow path past Roaring Gutter and on past the Pump House to the field edge. Turn right along the field edge to the grassed bridge (on L) cross the bridge and follow the track through to Hacklinge.

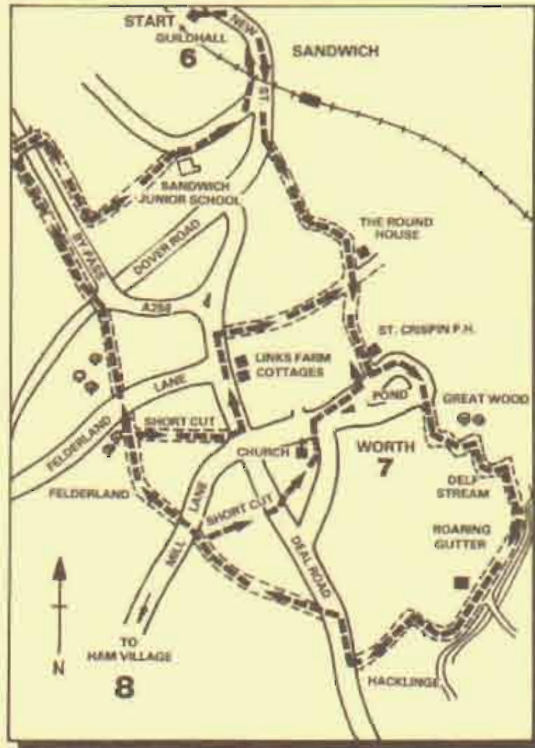
Turn right, and with care, follow road to the brow of the hill. Cross road to the lay-by and follow bridleway through to Mill Lane, Ham*.

Link a) back to Worth... Immediately before reaching Mill Lane turn right and follow footpath to Deal Road. Cross road and follow path to Worth Church. From Lych Gate turn right past the pond to St. Crispin's Public House. Follow path on left hand side of the pub back to Dover Road, Sandwich.

* Cross road and follow bridleway to footpath junction. Turn right and follow bridleway to Felderland Lane.

Link b) to Worth or Sandwich... Approx. 80m before Felderland Lane turn right along path to Deal Road. Cross road and turn left and follow the footway to the Little Chapel and Links Farm Cottages. Turn right and follow track to the Round House. Turn left for Sandwich, right for Worth.

* Cross road and follow bridleway (20 metres on left) through orchards to the by-pass roundabout. Cross road and follow the bridleway parallel to the by-pass to road bridge. Walk back parallel to by-pass on other side of the bridge to fence, turn left and follow field edge and path to Sandwich Junior School. Turn right to Dover Road, turn left over railway crossing and back to Sandwich Guildhall 6.



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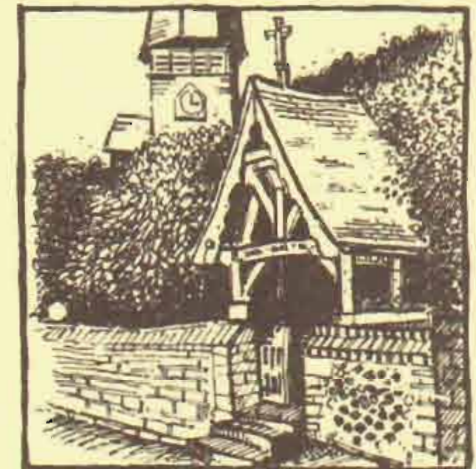
8 HAM VILLAGE

The parish of Ham was never anything more than three separate and tiny hamlets.

1. Ham Bottom or Brooks – near the low marshland which was formerly under the sea.
2. St. George the Martyr Church (now a private residence) and the manor house.
3. Updown Farm.

The early English church of St. George the Martyr which is situated close to the site of the original Ham Manor House – probably the ancient centre of Ham Manor – is thought to have existed in the 12th century as a chapel of Ease for the lord of the Manor.

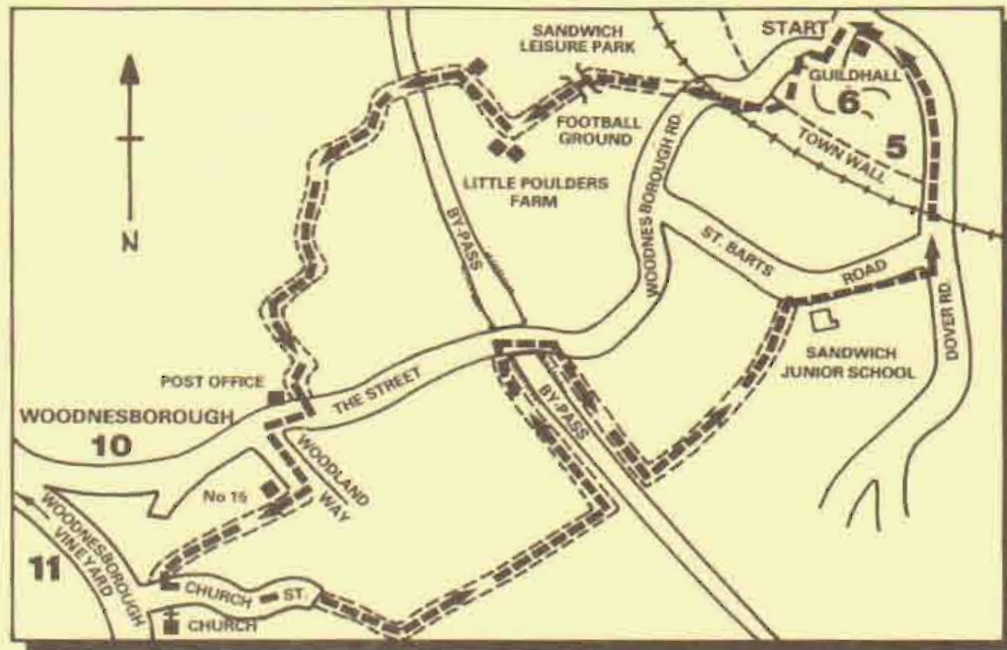
The lands at Ham made up the Barony of Port and were held by Barony of Dover Castle.



THE Lych Gate - Worth

WALK 7 – START SANDWICH GUILDHALL

Approx 7.5 miles • 3.5–4 hrs



Walk under Guildhall arch and the length of the car park to Town Wall, turn right to Woodnesborough Road. Turn left over railway crossing and turn right at road bend to Sandwich Leisure Park. Climb stile at side of Leisure Park and follow path to grassed park. Turn left across to wooden bridge and continue straight ahead, across field to N.W. side of Little Poulders Farm.

Turn right and follow farm track up over the by-pass then walk the field track for its entire length and join The Street, Woodnesborough 10 adjacent to the Post Office. Cross road and enter Woodland Way, turning right onto the path adjacent to No. 15.

Follow path to Woodnesborough Church. Turn left and follow Church Street and track to its junction. Remain on the south side of trees and drain to T-junction. Turn left and follow grass track for approx. 280m then walk with tree boundary on your right through to the by-pass. Turn left and walk parallel to the by-pass bridge and back parallel to the by-pass to field boundary. Turn left and follow field edge and path to Sandwich Junior School. Turn right to Dover Road, turn left over railway crossing and back to Sandwich Guildhall 6.



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Woodnesborough is reputed to be named after the Saxon God, Woden, and the highest point probably known as Woden's Mound. It was on the Roman route from Dover to Richborough and Roman Pottery has been found locally. Several Saxon 'Dene Holes' have been discovered in the outlying parts.

The sea at one time came close to the hill where the church stands and the church spire (replaced by a cupola in the late 17th century) was used as a landmark by mariners. The ancient church, which is dedicated to St Mary the Virgin, contains many features including a 14th century, triple seated sedelia in excellent condition. To mark the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, one of the parishoners presented a stained and painted glass window, representing the Creation, in the north aisle.

11 THREE CORNERS VINEYARD

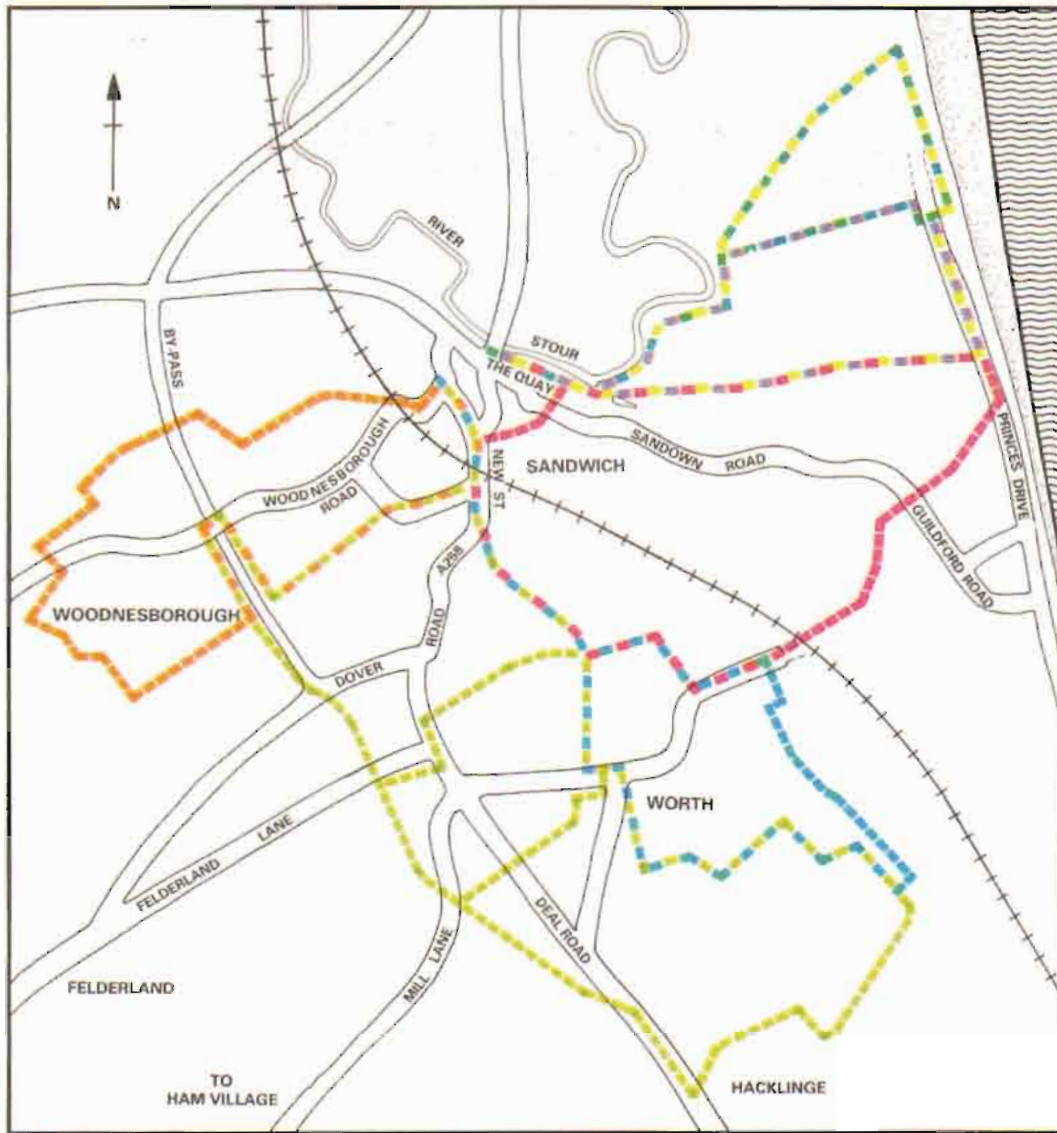
This family-run vineyard was established by Charles and Jan Galbraith in 1980

shortly before Charles retired from a full career in the Army. Set on a slight ridge amongst orchards with glorious views to Pegwell Bay, it benefits from well drained, sandy soil which is ideal for grape vines.

Charles and Jan researched diligently before deciding to plant early ripening vines which would produce fine wines rather different from those available elsewhere. Indeed two of the varieties are not grown anywhere else in the area.

The vineyard, on the Western edge of Woodnesborough, is just two miles from Sandwich, ten miles from Canterbury and eleven miles from Dover on public transport routes. A vineyard trail over public footpaths leads to two other local vineyards. Guided tours of Three Corners Vineyard are normally by appointment – £2 per head. However, walkers and casual visitors are welcome anytime between 10am and 6pm. Admission, car parking and wine tastings are free. There is an off-licence and soft drinks are available for thirsty children.





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