## **Route directions**

The walk starts & finishes in Painter's Forstal but as a circular walk it can be joined at any point on the route. Parking in the village is limited to on street.

- 1. With the play area to the LEFT & opposite the Alma public house walk along the road out of the village, keeping to the pavement on the RIGHT. After passing the first entrance to Lorenden Prep School on the RIGHT continue on to the 2nd entrance to the school where there is a post box & footpath opposite. Take this path straight through the orchard, keeping to the LEFT of the tree line. At the end of the orchard the path narrows and continues on to the lane. Turn LEFT onto the lane.
- 2. Pass a pair of oast houses on the LEFT and soon after turn RIGHT onto the drive of Willow Farm Equestrian & Gillett Cook. Continue on the concrete drive to the motorway where it turns to the LEFT, following alongside the motorway. Follow this to cross the bridge over the motorway. Turn LEFT immediately after crossing the bridge, toward the radio mast ahead. At the mast turn RIGHT between the fence line and hedge. Continue on to a stile, cross this into a field and cutting the corner of the field, to another stile leading into a copse. Go through the trees, emerging into a field going quite steeply downhill to meet a road next to a cottage. (Faversham Road)
- **3.** Cross the road to the footpath opposite. The path is not obvious across the field but follow the direction of the fingerpost, going uphill into the woods. Continue on the path, up through the woods. At the top where the wood has been recently coppiced go LEFT to a kissing gate.
- 4. Through the gate and follow the path which stays close to the fence line on the RIGHT until it meets a sign post where the path veers slightly LEFT toward the brow of the hill. At the top of the rise go downhill, aiming for the right hand end of the row of pruned trees ahead to meet a wider track at the bottom. (Again the path is not easily discernible across the recently ploughed field.) After a few steps along the track to the LEFT, turn RIGHT onto a footpath, signposted in quite an emphatic manner! Follow the path as it meanders through woodland to turn RIGHT at a driveway down to Provender Farm and the road.

- **5.** Turn RIGHT on the road and after a few steps turn LEFT onto a marked footpath. Take a moment to look at Provender House on the RIGHT, just beyond the footpath.
- **6.** Follow this narrow path to where it divides; keep straight on toward Norton Church. At the church turn LEFT down the track, between the apple trees, to the road. Turn LEFT onto the road.
- 7. Pass a row of houses and a lawn mower business on the RIGHT and continue along the road to West One industrial complex on the LEFT. Take the footpath on the RIGHT, marked with a sign declaring the orchard as a 'Leaf Marque Certified Farm'. Follow the path straight through the orchard, following a tree line to reach a barn and a fence. Cross over the stile and turn LEFT onto a grassy track.
- 8. Continue along the track which becomes a concrete drive to meet a lane. Turn RIGHT and follow this as it turns LEFT downhill to the road junction with the motorway bridge just to the RIGHT. Turn LEFT and keep to the pavement on the LEFT passing entrance to what is now 'The Lime Works Sculptures'. Continue on to turn RIGHT up Water Lane and under the motorway. Follow the lane round to the LEFT by the bungalow 'The Linnets' and on to a junction by Scott's Barn. Ignoring Scott's Lane to the RIGHT continue on passing Scott's farmhouse on the RIGHT. After 175yds (160m) turn RIGHT onto a marked bridleway although this is actually a narrow path alongside a hedge.
- **9.** The path emerges into a wide open field where it divides left & right. Take the path to the LEFT, across the fields back toward Painter's Forstal. Go through a gate onto a lane beside the striking building of Painter's Farmhouse. Follow the lane back to the road & the pub.

## To & from Painter's Forstal

## A circular 51/4 mile (8.6K) walk



What & where is this structure?

