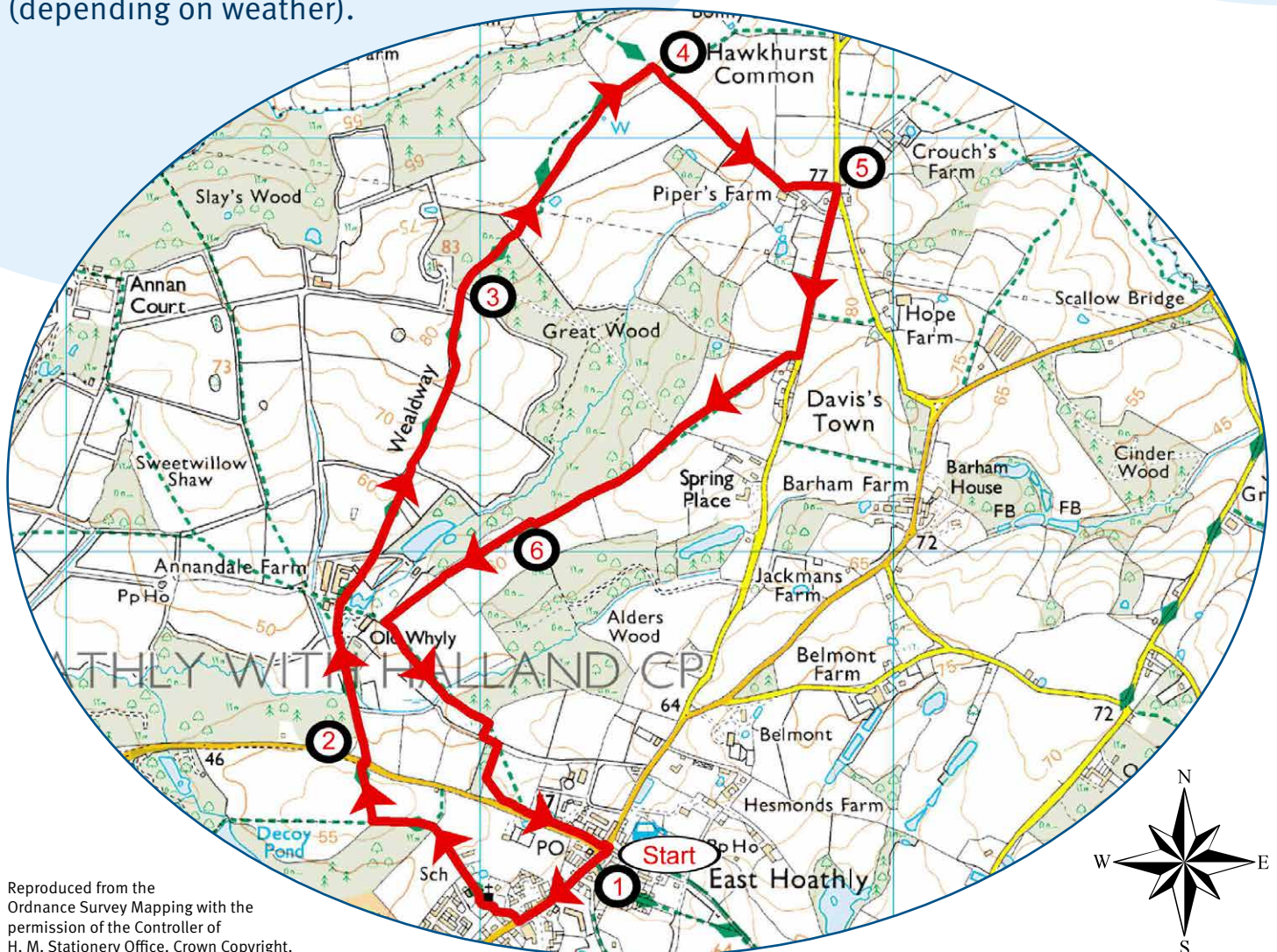


East Hoathly Walk

A generally easy walk with some stiles, can be muddy places (depending on weather).



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Local Information

East Hoathly is famous for the diarist Thomas Turner 1754 – 1765. A shopkeeper and holder of numerous other roles in the village including school master and tax-gatherer, he recorded everyday life in great detail, rarely leaving the village during the eleven years of his diary.

Essential Information

Distance: 3.5 miles/5.5km
Walk grade: Easy
Maps: OS Explorer 123
 OS Landranger 199
Start/Finish: East Hoathly Village Centre
Post Code: BN8 6DR
Grid Ref: TQ 523163

Route Description

- 1) Starting from the centre of East Hoathly village, outside the Kings Head pub, turn left and head along the High Street. Turn right into Church Marks Lane, and then follow the route into the Churchyard. Continue along the Wealdway, through the Churchyard, and then beside the school. Follow the well defined path, passing the sports grounds. At the end of the enclosed section of path, continue along the edge of the wood, following the Wealdway directions. At the next path junction, turn right as signposted for the Wealdway. Follow the field edge path to reach the road.
- 2) Cross the road and follow the driveway opposite, continuing along the Wealdway. Follow the route through the main entrance to the Stud Farm, and continue along the concrete track, past the buildings and then along the enclosed section. Continue to follow the Wealdway, along the enclosed path to the left hand side of the hedge line, for a distance of approximately 400 metres (435 yds.). From the end of the enclosed path, continue along the Wealdway, into Great Wood. At this point the route passes a group of Horses Graves.
- 3) Follow the path through the wood, and from the stile on the far side of the wood, cross the short section of field to another stile. From this point follow the route across the next large field to a footbridge. After the bridge, continue straight ahead for a short distance across the next field to a signposted path junction.
- 4) Turn right to leave the Wealdway, and after crossing the sleeper bridge and stile at the field edge, continue along the edge of the next field, keeping the hedge to your left. Continue along the track ahead to reach the lane near a road junction.
- 5) Turn right, and then bear right at the road junction, to follow the road signposted to East Hoathly. Follow the lane for a distance of approximately 420 metres (460 yds.) to reach a track on the right immediately before Well Cottage. Turn onto the track, and then almost immediately left through the gate into the field. Cross the field diagonally, heading towards the gap in the hedgeline nearest the woodland. From this point the route continues through a number of fields, following the edge of Great Wood.
- 6) On reaching a stile at the end of the woodland, head straight across the next field towards the buildings of Old Whyly, turning left just before reaching the buildings. Cross the remainder of the field, heading towards a stile into the woodland. Cross the boardwalk and then follow the path through a short section of woodland. Beyond the wood, follow the route around the corner of the first field, and then around a second field as waymarked. On reaching the road, turn left, and follow back into East Hoathly village centre, and the end of the walk.



East Hoathly Church