

Walk 5 of the 50/50 series.

6.3 Miles

This guide should be read in conjunction Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 148.

Meopham to Hartley and Longfield Hill	Map reference for OS sheet TQ
<p>From the War Memorial on Meopham Green cross the A227 to the footpath alongside the toilets, at the field gate cross the field diagonally right to a kissing gate. (1) Go through the gate to the bridleway and continue along the track keeping the hedge first to the right and then after the first field gate to the left, continue on through another field gate, the path then drops down and then up to some field gate posts (gate missing) at this point bear right to the corner of Elbows Wood.</p>	1 6398 6560
<p>With the wood on the left follow the track through another field gate to a cross track with a footpath heading down the valley to a wood cross the valley to the wood. Continue through the wood crossing a stile and then out into a field. Keeping the hedge on the right follow the hedge and fence to the road, (2) turn right on the road. Follow the road for a short distance to a footpath on a farm road on the left, (3) continue on the footpath to a farm gate with a stile on the right, cross the stile and continue ahead on the farm road. Passing woodland on the left and then woodland on the right. After about 50 meters with the wood on the right the path crosses diagonally right to a stile in the hedge.</p>	2 6217 6561 3 6224 6573
<p>Cross the stile into an enclosed path to a road, turn left onto Hartley Bottom road where the road bends left there are two paths to the right. (4) Take the left hand of the two footpaths follow the path down the hill passing a small pump outlet and on through a gap in the hedge. Take the path to the right and climb to the top right corner of the field and out onto the road. (5)</p>	4 6185 6649 5 6169 6684
<p>Cross the road to the footpath ahead, After a short distance turn right onto a track, ignore the track on the left, following the track through the wood to an open field, cross the field diagonally right to a path joining from the left, turn right and continue on.</p>	
<p>Cross the drive (6) to Hartley Manor and on to another enclosed path. Then to a gate into an open field with a large tree ahead, cross towards the tree and about halfway to the tree bear right to the far right corner to a stile. With the wood on your left follow the path down hill to a kissing gate to an enclosed path to Hartley Bottom Road. (7)</p>	6 6143 6733 7 6214 6777
<p>Cross the road and continue diagonally left up the hill to the railway. Bear right and continue to Manor Road, turn left and cross the railway bridge to Longfield Hill.</p>	
<p>Turn right and follow the B260 through the village, over the railway bridge and down the hill to a bridleway on the right, (8) follow to Gorse Bottom and then onto Shipley Hills Road, turn right on the road and after a short distance take the footpath to the left. (9) Follow the path with the wood on the left passing a field gate on the left and at the hedge turn left to a stile, climb the hill diagonally to the right to a field gate on the bridleway. (10)</p>	8 6328 6754 9 6320 6607 10 6350 6565
<p>Retrace your steps to Meopham Green by following the track to a kissing gate, cross the field to the far right corner, through a gate and on to a footpath back to Meopham Green.</p>	

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