

Fletching Walk Directions

1. Walk back to the High Street and turn left to walk to the churchyard gate. Inside the churchyard, go right, round to the main church entrance, then walk under the three large yew trees to the far corner.

2. TAKE CARE crossing the road to the school. Then go left for 50 yards along the road. Before entering the village recreation field gate, notice the old village pump across the road. Walk up alongside the children's play area and continue across the field, keeping the fence on your left, to the stile in the corner. Look out for the first wood branding.

3. **TAKING CARE**, go back out onto the road, turn right, and walk down the road for 500 metres, keeping to the right in single file. You pass Parsonage Farm, Brenner Cottage, turn right through the wooden gate into the field, and walk to the end of the garden hedge.

4. Now turn half left to walk to the right end of the clump of trees 150 metres away. Half left again takes you alongside the clump, to a stile 100 metres away. Proceed straight ahead with the tall trees on your left.

5. Cross the stream and go straight up the field towards the right hand end of the long hedgerow. **TAKE CARE** crossing the grass air strip at the top of the field.



6. Go over the stile into the next field and keep going towards the house. A path between the garden and the hedgerow takes you out onto the busy A272.

7. **TAKE EXTRA CARE** cross the road. Turn left and walk on the verge for 75 metres. Turn right onto a bridleway alongside Stonecroft, and proceed straight on between two hedgerows for 150 metres. Watch out for a signpost and stile on your right. Go over stile into the open field. Walk on the right edge of this field, with the hedge on your right. Barkham Manor and its oast-house (hops were very important in this area up until the war) is on your left. The South Downs can be seen on clear days.

8. Keep straight ahead, ignore the first footpath going to the right, follow the trees until an L-shape bridge in the corner of the field. Go onto the bridge and turn right here, over a stile and go ahead with trees on your right. Go over the stile back to the A272.

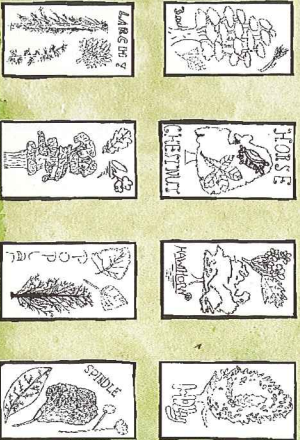
9. **TAKE GREAT CARE.** Cross the road. Turn left for 20 metres on the verge before turning right. Take the left hand of the two tracks. Ignore the drive to Frensham House. Go straight on, past outbuildings to a metal gate. Go through. You can see Fletching across the fields.

10. Cross the air strip, and walk down the field, towards the church, to a gap in the hedgerow at the bottom. Cross the stream and go straight ahead across the open field. There are views of Newick on your left, and as you near the top of the field, Fletching church spire gradually grows larger above the horizon. Soon, the village comes into view.

11. There are fine views south to the Downs, and north west to Ashdown Forest. The field path goes down now, to meet a track. Turn right and follow the telegraph poles. At the third pole, cross the stile and go half left to the next stile into the playing field. Walk round the field to the pavilion, and back to the village.



Wood Brandings by
Fletching School,
Hands-on-Art and
Artist Bill Hudson



Landscape from The Cricket Field

