

Start the walk at **Herstmonceux car park**.

Leave by the main car park entrance into West End, turn left and continue up the road until you reach **The Ridgeway**. Go left into **The Ridgeway** heading straight ahead until you see a sign post at the end of the Cul de Sac. From here you can see views looking toward Punnetts Town.

The first **kissing gate (1)** is a short distance ahead; from here you have a magnificent panorama stretching from Pevensey Bay, along the coast to Eastbourne and as far as Black Cap on the South Downs.

With the hedgerow on your right, follow the headland footpath round the corner of the field until you reach **kissing gate (2)**. Go through the gate, turn left and walk to the road to **kissing gate (3)**.

The walk can be shortened here by turning left and following the roadside footpath back to the village. To continue on the 2 ½ mile circular route turn right at the kissing gate (3) and walk along the roadside footpath for approximately 300 yards. Cross the road to a **kissing gate (4)**.

THE ROAD IS VERY BUSY.... TAKE CARE!

Once through **kissing gate (4)**, turn left following the headland with the hedgerow on your left to a

waymark post, turn left again through **kissing gate (5)**, bear right and walk a short distance to the **kissing gate (6)**. The path then continues diagonally across the field into the far corner.

To the left you will see **Buckwell Place** where the Reverend Robert Hare, Archdeacon of Lewes and Rector of Herstmonceux lived from 1830 to 1853. He was uncle to the Victorian author and traveller, **Julius Hare of Lime Park**.

The next part of the walk follows the **Robert & Julius Hare** would have taken as they travelled between the two houses.

When you reach the far corner of the field, you pass through the small coppice into the next field. Looking straight ahead you will see the South Downs and old drovers road running parallel with the footpath. With the hedgerow on your left, walk up the field with Herstmonceux Church in the distance. The Beachy Head Ramblers have built a seat at this point where you can rest and enjoy the view.

Turn left at the waymarker post; bear right to **kissing gate (7)**. Go through the gate, passing the pond on your left you will soon reach **kissing gate (8)**. The path on the other side of the gate is well-defined path and passes diagonally across the field to the **kissing gate (9)**.

Carry on straight ahead towards a barn, keep to the right of the barn to gate **kissing gate (10)**. **Lime Park and the Old Rectory** is on your right.

The blue sheds on your left used to house the equipment used to supply the village in 1909. Herstmonceux was one of the first villages to have its own electricity supply.

Continue on the well-defined path to the left, through the iron **kissing gate (11)** and follow the tarmac path back to the village.

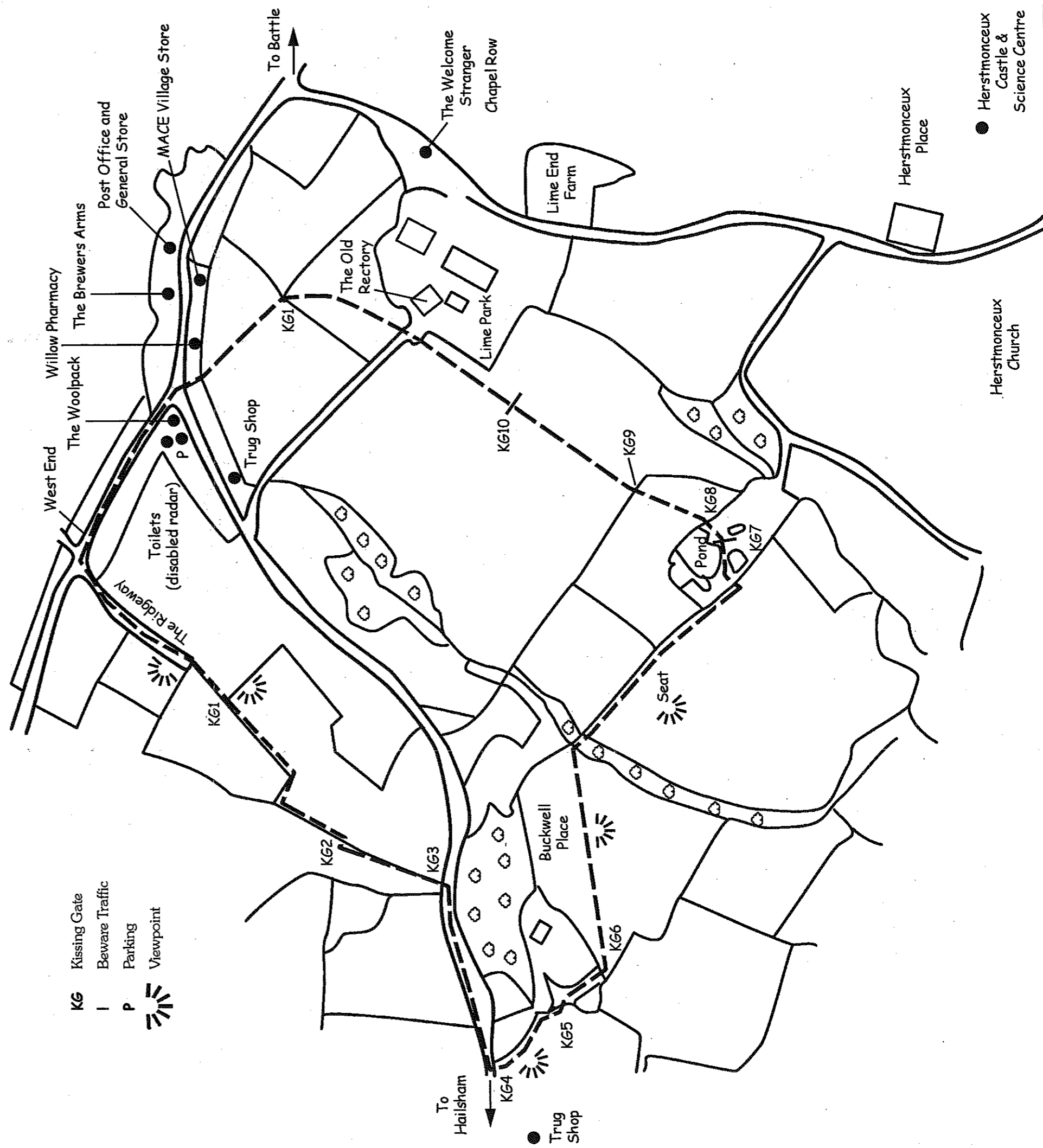
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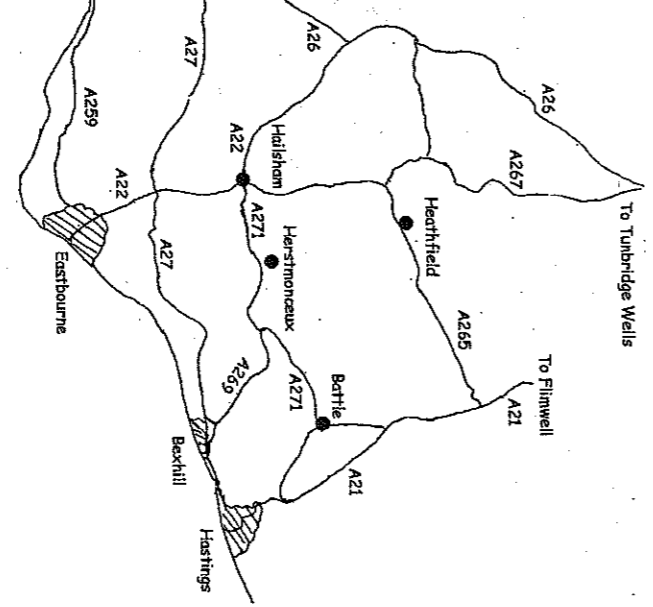
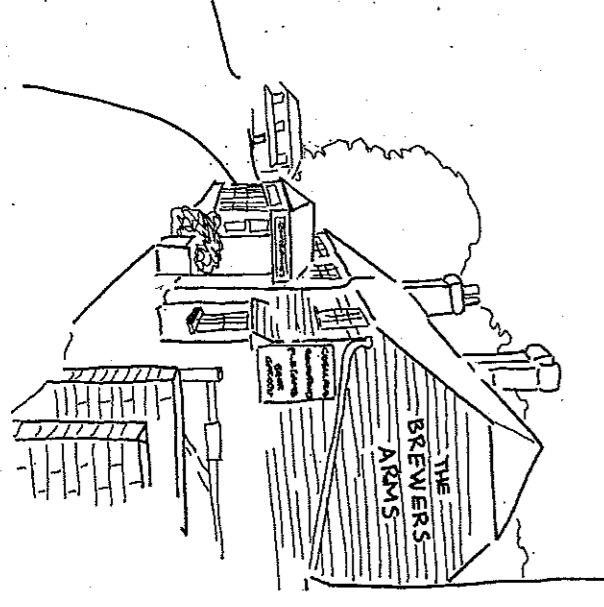
Structures: 11 kissing gates

Ground conditions:
Can be muddy in places in winter but is generally accessible all year round.

Suggested footwear:
Walking shoes or Wellington boots.

Please use this leaflet in conjunction with the Ordnance Survey Map - Explorer 124





How to get there

Information contained in this leaflet is correct at time of publication in August 2002.

The Truggery, Coopers Croft
The Truggery is another shop selling trugs and can be found just to the west of Buckwell Place on the circular walk.

Tel: 01323 832137

Thomas Smith Royal Sussex Trugs
The appearance of the trugs made by Thomas Smith at the Great Exhibition in London (1851) bought about royal recognition of the trug. Trugs have been made in Herstmonceux since that time. The shop can be found opposite the car park on the main Hailsham Road.

Tel: 01323 832731

Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre and Discovery Park
Housed in domes adjacent to the castle grounds, the centre is open to the public.

Tel: 01323 834444

Herstmonceux Castle
The castle has a visitor centre, tearooms, a gift shop brewers and a nature trail.

Tel: 01323 834444

All Saints Church
The Church is noted in the Domesday Book, dating back to the 12 century. It can be found south of Flowers Green to the south east of the village.

Places of Interest:

Wren Walks

The Wren walks are a series of graded paths to encourage people of all abilities to enjoy the countryside. The walks range in levels of difficulty from easy to those who are unable to walk far or do not wish to walk any great distance. The level of difficulty increases from level 1 to level 5.

Local people who know their area well wish to share the experience of taking recreation in the country have devised the walks so others can explore and enjoy the Sussex countryside.

easy walking, with gates or gaps and no stiles, generally flat

longer easy walks with gaps, gates or easy access stiles and few gentle hills

walks of mid-length with more hills, with gaps, gates or stiles

these have an increase in the level of exertion needed to complete and usually 3-4 miles in length

more arduous walks with a greater number of hills and where it is more likely to be muddy underfoot

Other walks in the WREN series can be obtained from East Sussex County Council 01273 481654

Beaney's Lane - The Ridge, Hastings Lane
Miles Without Stiles - Herstmonceux
Vistas & Valleys - Brede
Pill Boxes and Fish Ladders - Barcombe
5 WRENs Round Newick

Local Information:

Herstmonceux Offers the following amenities:
Herstmonceux Post Office & Stores (Londis)
The Village Store
The Willows Pharmacy

The Woolpack Inn - 01323 833270
The Brewers Arms Pub - 01323 832226
The Welcome Stranger, Chapel Row - 01323 832119

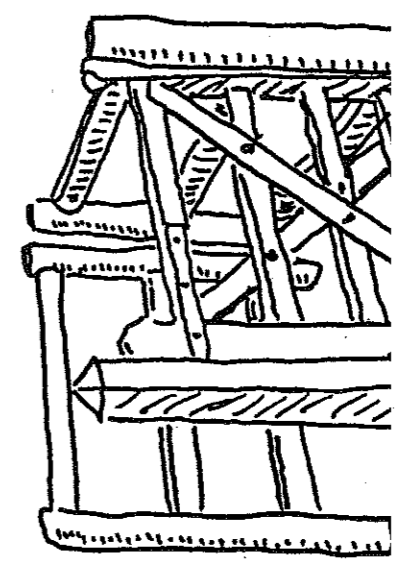
Public Transport Travel Line:
0870 6082608

Events:

The Mid Summer Music Festival in June and the Medieval Festival at Herstmonceux Castle.



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Thank you

Strolls for healthy exercise

Walk, Relax and Enjoy Nature

Miles Without Stiles

A circular walk set in the coastal & the village centre, passing through pastures and arable land providing panoramic views of the coast & the downs.

Grid reference: 921469 QT

Duration of walk: 1 1/4 - 1 1/2 Miles

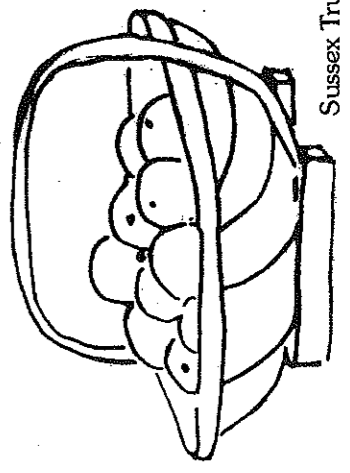
Distance: Approximately 2 1/2 Miles

Level of difficulty: 2

The walk was devised by the Beachy Head Ramblers. The group carried out all the negotiations with the landowners, and undertook the work to replace 10 stiles with kissing gates. Their aim was to provide an easy access walk for local people and visitors to the area close to the village.

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