




SLADE GREEN & BARNEHURST



SHORTER CIRCUIT - Sheet 1
(start and finish)

88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)

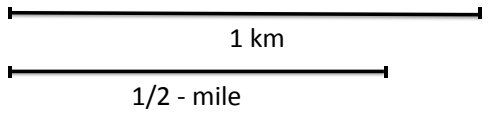
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-  Others - on route
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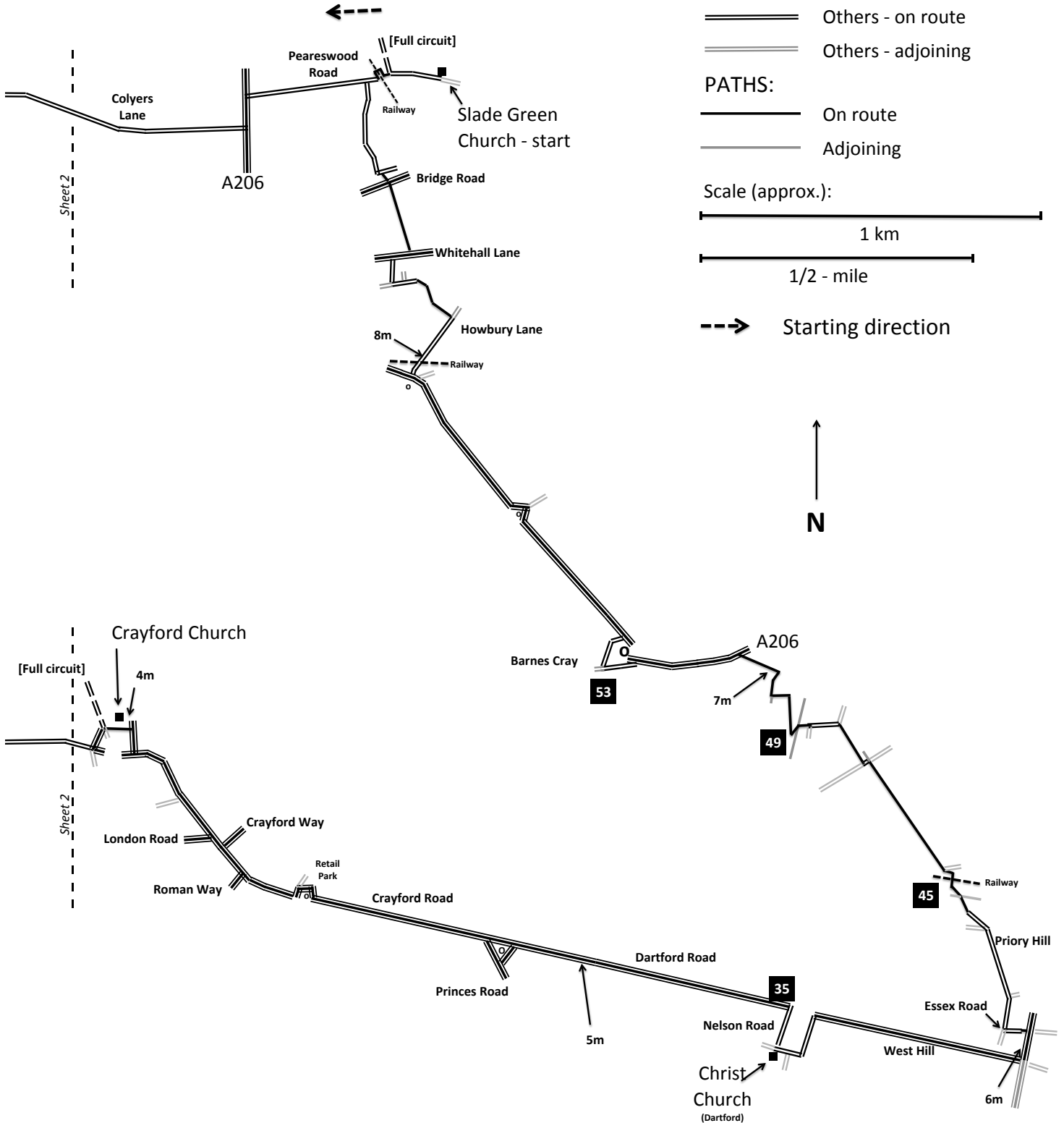
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Scale (approx.):



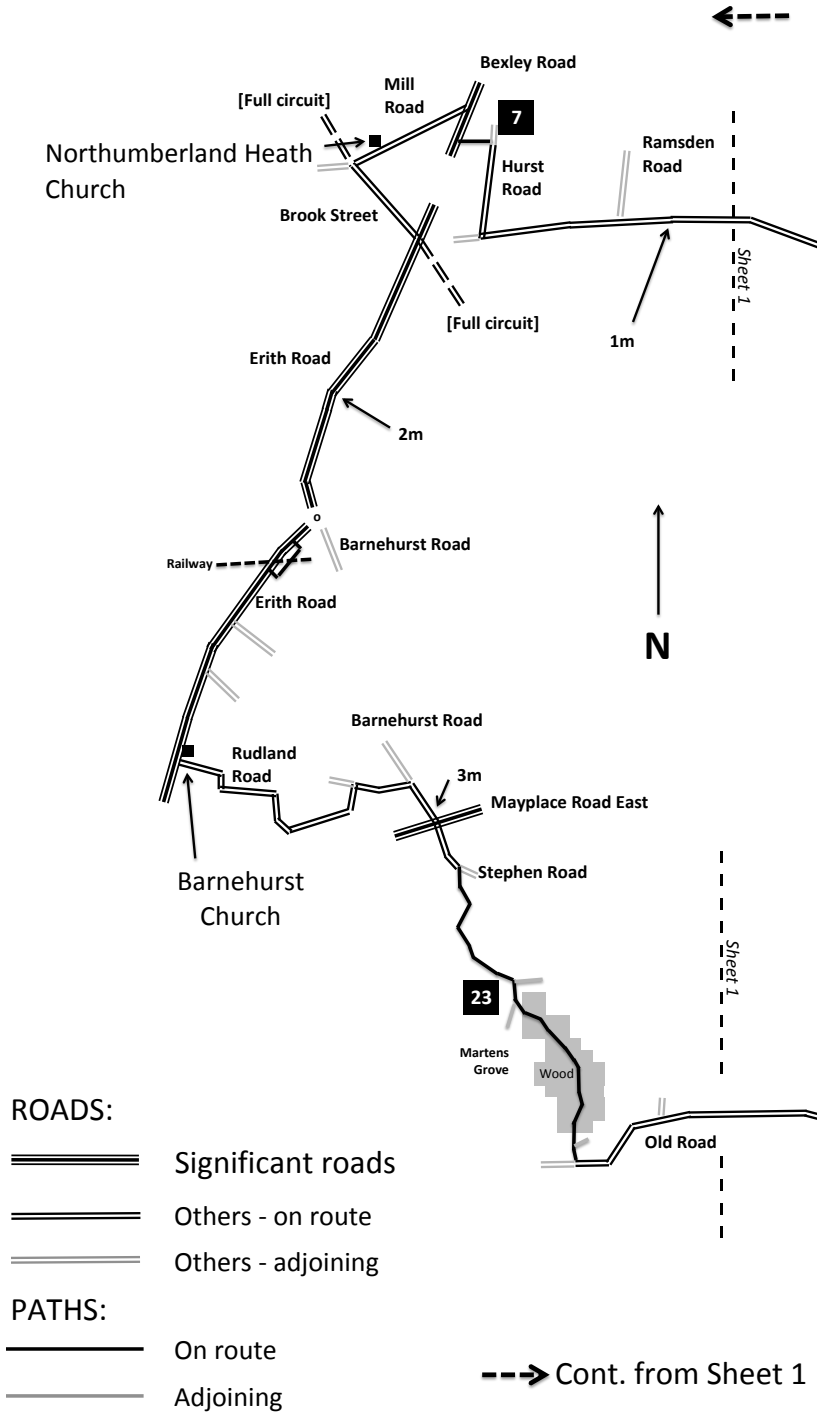
 Starting direction






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SHORTER CIRCUIT - Sheet 2 (middle section)



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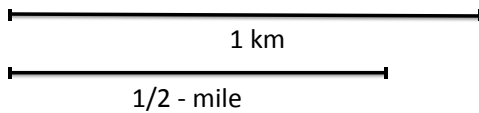
ROADS:

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-  Others - on route
-  Others - adjoining

PATHS:

-  On route
-  Adjoining

Scale (approx.):



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SLADE GREEN & BARNEHURST CIRCUIT - shorter: 8.85 miles

Churches in the shorter circuit:

Slade Green (start and finish)

Northumberland Heath (Direction 10)

Barnehurst (15)

Crayford (28)

Dartford Christ Church (35)

Associated local circuits

- SB1: Slade Green – Erith – Belvedere – Northumberland Heath – Slade Green
- BH2: Barnehurst - Bexleyheath – Bexley – Crayford - Barnehurst
(to be published summer 2020)
- DA1: Dartford

Shorter circuit: The shortening deprives it of the full circuit's forest section, so this route is slightly extended to take in Martens Wood. It is otherwise unremittingly suburban, though in general perfectly pleasant.

Roads and hindrances:

The roads, though busy, present no special problems.

The path alongside the stream in Direction 49 is slightly hidden and unhelpfully narrow, but reasonably short.

SHORTER CIRCUIT

Slade Green – Northumberland Heath – Barnehurst – Crayford – Dartford – Slade Green

Notes taken: May and June 2020

The start and finish is at **Slade Green Church**, Slade Green Road (DA8 2LW).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the exit from <u>Slade Green Church</u> , turn right along the roadway.	521 770	
2	3	Reaching the railway, use the footbridge to cross it. On the other side turn right to start the walk along Peareswood Road.		
3	5	Pass Craydene Road on the left and continue along Peareswood Road.		
4	9	Turn left along the busy dual carriageway (Northend Road).		
5	10	Turn right up Colyers Lane, after using the lights to cross the main road.		0.46
6	28	Turn right along Hurst Road.		1.23

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
7	30	[Map point] Opposite house no.79 turn left along a rough parking area which then becomes a passage leading to the main road.		
8	31	Turn right along the main road.		
9	32	Turn left along Mill Road after using the zebra crossing.		
10	35	Pass Northumberland Heath Church on the right.		
11	36	At the mini-roundabout, turn left along Brook Street, crossing to its right-hand side when convenient.		
12	39	At the junction turn right into Erith Road and continue on its right-hand pavement.		1.75
13	47	At the mini-roundabout fork right to remain on Erith Road.	500 763	
14	48	Use the zebra crossing to go over to the left-hand, and continue over the railway by way of the walkway parallel to the bridge.		
15	54	Pass Barnehurst Church on the left.		2.49
16	55	Turn left along Rudland Road, and follow it as it turns right, left, right, left and left again.		
17	61	At the T-junction at the end, turn right along Lyndhurst Road.		
18	63	And right at the next T-junction on to Barnehurst Road, crossing to its left-hand side as soon as possible.		
19	64	Reaching the main road, go directly across by way of the zebra crossing, and start towards the park, down Stephen Road.		
20	66	After bending left with the road, leave it by going into the park on the right.		3.05
21	67	Keep left at the first fork and keep bending gradually to the left.		
22	68	Again keep left.		
23	69	[Map point] But reaching a dog-waste bin, swing briefly right with the main path, then about 15 yds. later turn left along a path into the trees. Follow this main path as winds its way gently downhill, eventually passing near the backs of houses over on the right.		
24	75	At the bottom, continue ahead, ignoring the path coming down from the left, and head toward a road about 60 yds. away, and a gas-holder.		
25	76	Turn left along the road, and continue along its left-hand side.	505 749	
26	86	Turn left up Manor Road, crossing over to its right-hand side to reach the lych-gate of Crayford Church.		
27	87	START OF THE SPINE SECTION Go through the lych-gate and go ahead into the church grounds.		
28	88	Pass the south door of Crayford Church and continue ahead along the path.		3.99
29		Reaching the road (Perry Street), turn right along it.		
30	89	At the mini-roundabout, cross Perry Street and turn left down the hill, staying on the left-hand pavement.		
31	94	Cross both sections of Crayford Way.		
32	98	Cross both sections of Tower Park Road, the entrance to the retail park. Continue ahead, still on the left-hand pavement.		
33	101	Cross both sections of the entrance to Acorn Industrial Park.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
34	106	Pass the mini-roundabout on the right and continue ahead (now Dartford Road). Cross to its right-hand side in due course.		4.84
35	118	[Map point] Turn right into Nelson Road, go ahead to reach the Christ Church building, and there turn left.		
36	120	At the T-junction at the end turn left.		
37	122	Reaching the main road, turn right along it. Cross to its left-hand side as soon as possible, and at least before the far end of the green railings on that side (St Anselm's Parish Centre).		
38	124	Continue ahead on the left-hand side of the road, passing the Shepherds Lane junction opposite.		5.73
39	127	Use the lights to cross King Edward Avenue, and continue ahead down the last descent of West Hill.		
40	130	END OF THE SPINE SECTION At the major junction at the bottom of West Hill, follow the pavement round to the left along Highfield Road.		
41	131	Opposite the sign for Essex Road, turn left up a few steps and continue up along the continuation of Essex Road.		
42	132	At the top, turn right (Priory Hill).		
43	136	At the top of the hill, where the road bends left, instead go more or less straight ahead up the 'No Through Road' slightly to the left (Priory Gardens).		
44	137	At the end of the road keep straight on along a metalled passageway.		
45	138	[Map point] Reach the start of the footbridge over the railway and go ahead over it.		
46	140	At the end of the footbridge ignore the cul-de-sac on the right, and start down a broad path past the back of houses on the right, and later also a playground on the left.		
47	145	Reach a road, and continue on the other side in the same direction, but not along the narrow, overgrown (and unhelpfully signposted) path directly opposite, but along the parallel tarmac path about 10 yds. further to the left.		6.68
48	147	At the end turn left, cutting the corner to join an estate road, and continue down along it all the way to the end.		
49	148	[Map point] Cross the footpath at the end. The next objective is to cross the little stream a few yards ahead and follow it to the right, but to achieve this the access is by going left for a few yards to start with, and then turning sharp right beyond the stream. The path becomes overgrown and almost unbelievably narrow, but is passable.		
50	150	At the end turn left along a rough roadway.		
51		And then turn right at the end - an equally rough roadway - and follow it as it bends right and left and then goes straight ahead to the main road next to the railway bridge.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
52	153	At the road turn left and go under the bridge, and on towards the major roundabout ahead. Although the route will continue with this major road (A206), which turns half-right at the roundabout, it is worth parting from it briefly by walking about 100 yds. past the roundabout, to use the lights to cross, to the right, a less busy road.		
53	158	[Map point] Cross at these lights, and carry on, slightly right, to rejoin the main road.		
54	159	Now reaching again the A206, after this broad clockwise sweep at arm's length from the roundabout, turn left alongside it, making use of the immediately adjacent parallel roadway. Cross the main road to its right-hand side at some point. (There are light-controlled crossings, and there is a pavement the whole length of the other side.)		7.31
55	172	Having reached the second roundabout and made the double crossing of the works access road, turn right along the second exit road to go under the railway bridge. Walk along its left-hand side, ignoring Lincoln Road and a cul-de-sac on the left.	520 761	7.97
56	175	At the bus stop turn left to walk along the tarmac path across the recreation ground, going ahead to start with, then swinging left with it at the far end of the enclosed basketball court.	522 763	
57	177	Leave the ground at the dead end of a cul-de-sac, and go ahead briefly along it.		
58		Just before the end, turn right along Dale View (second-right).		
59	178	At the T-junction turn right along the major road.		
60	179	Cross the road to turn left along a path (number 235) bordering another recreation ground.		
61	181	At the end cross the road and continue ahead along a short pathway past the front of houses (no.76 etc.).		
62	182	At the end turn left along the road, and immediately swing right with it.		
63**	186	At the T-junction at the end: either, to continue the circuit (if not visiting, or finishing at, Slade Green Church), carry on from Direction 3, by turning left along the road;		8.67
** or 63A	186	... or, to detour to, or finish at, Slade Green Church , turn right and cross the railway over the footbridge.		
63B	188	Coming off the footbridge, turn 90-degree left along the main roadway.		
63C	191	On the left reach Slade Green Church , the starting point of the walk.	521 770	8.85
63D		If returning to the circuit having visited the church, resume from Direction 1.		

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FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

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I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog's point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.

The percentage distances on the right should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

SLADE GREEN & BARNEHURST - SHORTER CIRCUIT	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	3-5, 8, 11-14a, 14c-15, 18, 25-26, 29-34, 37-40, 52, 54-55, 59	60
Quiet road \$\$	1, 2b, 6, 9-10, 16-17, 19, 35-36, 41b-43, 48, 50-51, 53, 57-58, 62-63Aa, 63B	22
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	20-22, 47, 56, 60	6
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	2a, 7, 14b, 24, 27-28, 41a, 44-46, 49, 61, 63Ab	8
Woods	23	3

** This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

STILES: There are currently no stiles on this walk.