

# LOCAL CIRCUIT SL1: LAMORBEY & FALCONWOOD

**ROADS:**

==== Significant roads

==== Others - on route

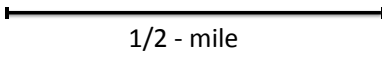
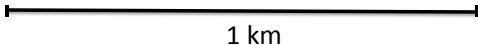
==== Others - adjoining

**PATHS:**

—— On route

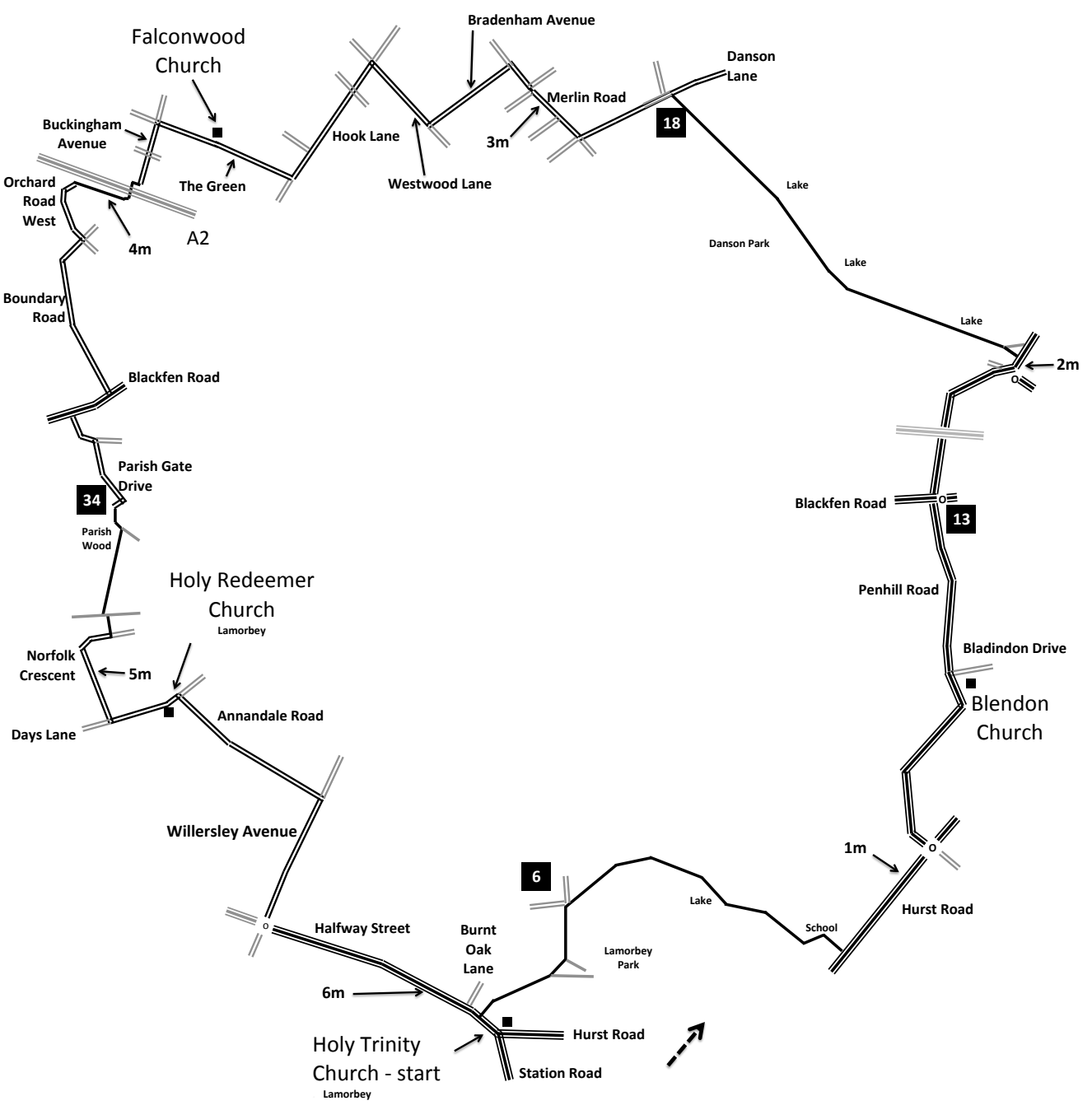
—— Adjoining

Scale (approx.):



---> Starting direction

**88** Direction label (as in the walk notes)



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### Linked churches:

Lamorbey Holy Trinity (start and finish)

Blendon (12)

Falconwood (25)

Lamorbey Holy Redeemer (39)

### Roads and hindrances:

Penhill Road (if being crossed to visit Blendon Church - Direction 10) and the Danson interchange (13) need care and possibly patience.

Notes taken: June to September 2020

The start and finish is at **Holy Trinity Church, Lamorbey** (DA15 8LG), a short distance north of Sidcup station, at the junction of Halfway Street, Station Road and Hurst Road.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		At the entrance pathway to Lamorbey <b>Holy Trinity Church</b> , near the Hurst Road junction: with your back to the church turn right along the start of Windmill Street.	462 728	
2	1	At the entrance to Lamorbey Park, turn right into it and follow the tarmac path as it bends gently to the right.		
3	4	At the point where the path bends to the left, go still further left between trees, cutting off the corner to the path on the left.		
4	5	Merge left into the path.		
5	6	Pass the gate and continue ahead.		
6	7	[Map point] At the end take the right turn along a rough road, at first signposted for Rose Bruford College.		
7	9	Pass the traffic barrier and continue ahead, bending gently rightwards.		
8	13	After passing the lake on the right, stay left at the junction, keeping the sports facility on your right.		0.63
9	18	After turning left with the path, and then right next to the school gate, reach the main road and turn left along it.	471 731	
10	22	Turn left at the roundabout down Penhill Road. <i>If intending to visit Blendon Church, take an early opportunity to cross to the right-hand side of the busy road - there are three islands - and afterwards be prepared to stay on that side all the way to the Danson interchange at Direction 13. But if not visiting the church it would be as well to stay on the left-hand side throughout.</i>		
11	25	At the bottom swing right up the road, and then left further up.		
12	30	Pass <b>Blendon Church</b> on the right and continue ahead.		1.41

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
13	<b>35</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> Reach the Danson interchange. ( <i>If approaching along the right-hand side of Penhill Road, first use the island on the left to cross both of its sections of the end. Then turn right in front of the shops.</i> ) Go ahead to cross both sections of Blackfen Road.		
14	<b>36</b>	On the far side follow the pavement round to resume the original direction of Penhill Road. Follow it as it crosses both sections of Park Mead, goes under the A2, bends uphill to the right and crosses both sections of Lakeside Close before reaching the roundabout at the top.	473 743	
15	<b>41</b>	At the roundabout take the second exit, half-left (Danson Road).		
16	<b>42</b>	Opposite house no.123 turn left into Danson Park and join the path along the left-hand side of the lake.  <i>Opening times currently advertised (June 2020): 7.30 weekdays, 9.00 weekends and bank holidays; closing 4.30 or sunset, whichever is the later.</i>		2.01
17	<b>53</b>	Pass through a gate and continue ahead on the same path.		
18	<b>57</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> At the exit gate turn left along the road (Danson Lane).		2.73
19	<b>61</b>	At the mini-roundabout turn right into Merlin Road.		
20	<b>63</b>	Though traffic is forced to go left, carry straight on along Merlin Road North.		
21	<b>65</b>	Turn left up Bradenham Avenue.		
22	<b>69</b>	At the top turn right along Westwood Lane, crossing to its left-hand side as soon as possible.		
23	<b>71</b>	At the lights turn left into Hook Lane.		
24	<b>75</b>	Near the bottom, just after a bus stop, turn right (The Green).		
25	<b>78</b>	Continue ahead, passing <b>Falconwood Church</b> on the right.		3.72
26	<b>80</b>	At the next crossroads turn left (Buckingham Avenue) and go straight ahead to the A2 footbridge.		
27	<b>82</b>	Begin the crossing of the footbridge.		
28	<b>84</b>	Coming down rightwards from the bridge, continue ahead at the bottom of the steps with houses on the left and the A2 now on the right, parallel.		
29	<b>86</b>	Turn left along Orchard Rise West.	451 750	
30	<b>88</b>	At the crossroads turn right (Boundary Road), and follow it around its leftward bend.		
31	<b>93</b>	At the end turn right into the main road and cross to its left-hand side as soon as possible.		
32	<b>94</b>	Turn left down Parish Gate Drive, soon swinging left with it.		4.51
33	<b>96</b>	Stay with Parish Gate Drive, by turning right.		
34	<b>98</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> At the end go across into Parish Wood, at its entrance slightly over to the right. Once inside follow the tarmac path for about 40 yds. as it bends to the left, then turn right through a gap in the trees and cross a children's playground and the tarmac path beyond it. Keep edging gradually across to the right, eventually to meet the roadway and the end of the flats at the distant right-hand corner of the grass.		

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35	<b>101</b>	At that corner, ignore the exit gate on the right, but go straight ahead across another path and along a broad track over rougher ground to reach and cross a footbridge.	452 740	
36	<b>102</b>	Leaving the bridge, continue in the same direction along the passageway which begins after a gate and a few paces to the left.		
37	<b>103</b>	Turn right along the road at the end, and follow it as it bends to the left.		
38	<b>106</b>	At the end turn left (Days Lane), crossing when convenient to its right-hand side.		
39	<b>108</b>	Pass <b>Lamorbey Holy Redeemer Church</b> on the right, and continue ahead along Days Lane.		5.20
40	<b>109</b>	Turn right along Annandale Road.		
41	<b>111</b>	Cross Woodlands Avenue and keep on ahead.		
42	<b>114</b>	Turn right along the main road at the end (Willersley Avenue) and cross to its left-hand side using the island which soon appears.		
43	<b>119</b>	At the mini-roundabout turn left (Halfway Street).		
44	<b>126</b>	Cross Burnt Oak Lane and continue ahead.		
45**	<b>127</b>	At the entrance, on the left, to Lamorbey Park: <b><u>either, to continue the circuit</u></b> (if not visiting, or finishing at, Holy Trinity Church), carry on from Direction 2, by going into the park and following the tarmac path as it bends gently to the right;		
** or 45A	<b>127</b>	<b><u>... or, to detour to, or finish at, Holy Trinity Church,</u></b> continue ahead along the main road.		6.10
45B	<b>128</b>	Reach the entrance to <b>Lamorbey Holy Trinity Church</b> , on the left.	462 728	6.15
45C		If returning to the circuit having visited the church, resume from Direction 1.		

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## **FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS**

See footnote on next page.

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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!

<b>LOCAL CIRCUIT SL1</b>	<b>Direction numbers</b>	<b>% of walk</b>
Busy road	1, 9-15, 18, 22-25, 31, 38-39, 42-44	45
Quiet road \$\$	4-6, 19-21, 26, 29-30, 32-33, 37, 40-41	27
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	2-3, 16-17, 34	17
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	7a, 8, 27-28, 36	8
Woods	35, 7b	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.