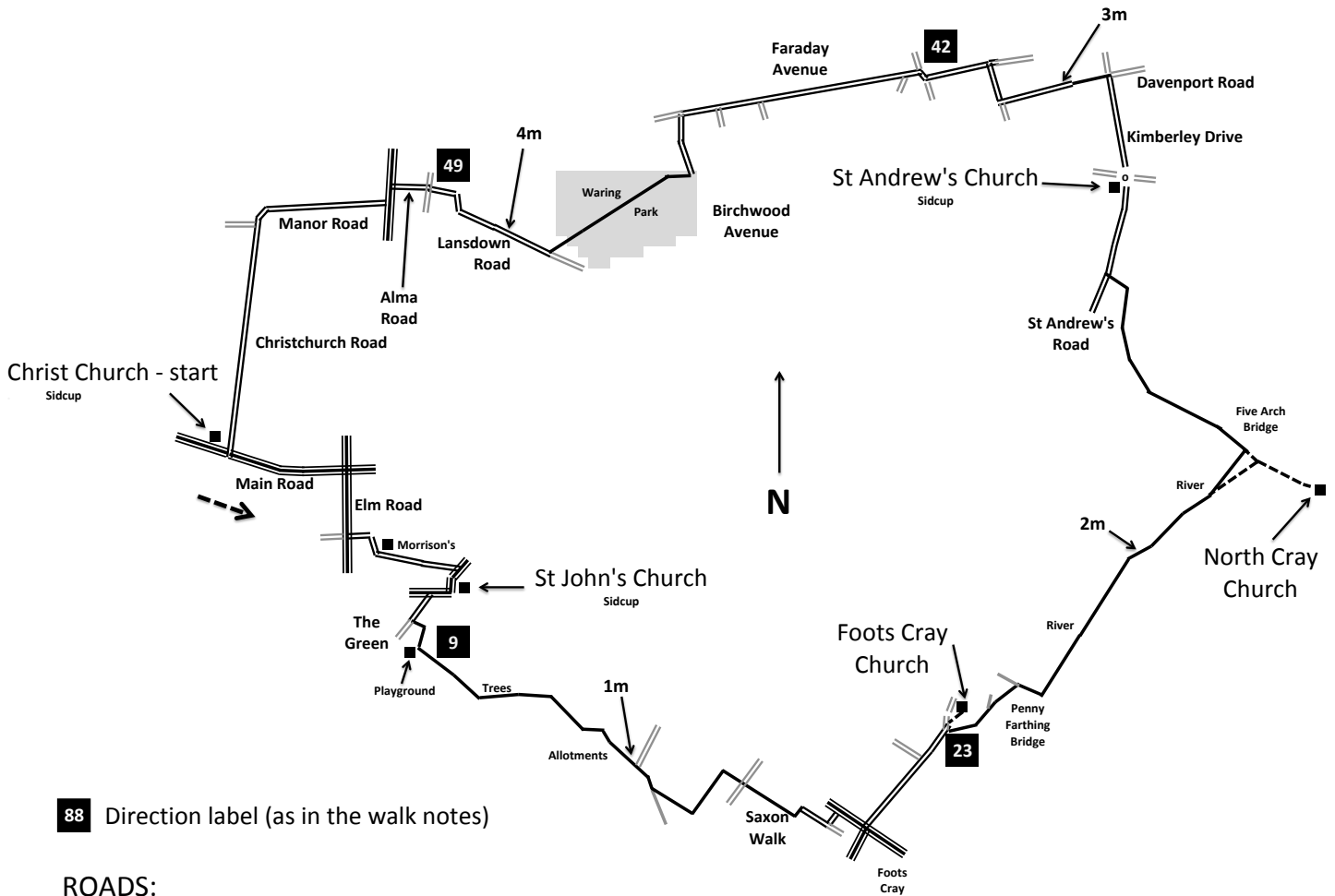

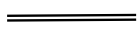



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88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)

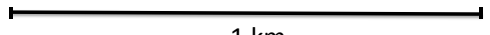
ROADS:

-  Significant roads
-  Others - on route
-  Others - adjoining

PATHS:

-  On route
-  Adjoining

Scale (approx.):



1 km



1/2 - mile

 Starting direction

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Linked churches:

Sidcup Christ Church (start and finish)

Sidcup St John (Direction 5)

Foots Cray (23C: Detour 1 – see Appendix)

North Cray (31E: Detour 2 – see Appendix)

Sidcup St Andrew (37)

Roads and hindrances:

Much of the walk is in urban Sidcup, but all the road crossings are reasonable.

Notes taken: August 2020

The start and finish is at **Sidcup Christ Church** (DA14 6PA) at the junction of Christchurch Road and Main Road.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From Sidcup Christ Church set out along Main Road, eastwards towards the town centre.	459 718	
2	5	At the major crossroads cross Elm Road and turn right to walk along its left-hand side.		
3	7	At the mini-roundabout (opposite Carlton Road) turn left. Stay on the left of the roadway, crossing the car park access, but swinging right with it to go to the right of Morrison's.		
4	9	At the far end of the Morrison's building go ahead past bollards, joining a cul-de-sac at its dead end.		
5	11	Turn right at the end and cross the road to pass Sidcup St John's Church .		
6		Swing right with the main road.		
7	12	Follow the left fork (minor road, 'No entry' for traffic).		
8	13	Turn left again along a winding path (Footpath 161).		
9	15	[Map point] Immediately opposite a children's play area on the right, turn left into trees.		
10	16	Emerge from the trees into a wide open space, and go ahead, moving a little to the right, to walk, on the grass, along the right-hand edge of the cluster of trees which soon appears ahead.		0.69
11	18	Maintaining the same direction, follow a path into more trees, soon going through a kissing gate and continuing along a winding tarmac passageway (now on the London Loop).	466 713	
12	22	Pass the end of a quiet road on the left and go ahead, then following the path as it bends to the right.		
13	23	Reaching a gate, do not go through it, but turn half-left.		
14	25	Follow the path as it turns left.		
15	26	And right.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
16	27	Cross the road and continue ahead (Saxon Walk).		
17	29	Turn left (Footpath 164, signposted).		
18		Turn right, joining a cul-de-sac at its dead end.		
19	30	Turn left (Wingate Road) towards the main road.		
20		Use the island to cross the main road, and turn right to go along its left-hand side towards the main crossroads.		
21	32	At the crossroads turn left along Rectory Lane, crossing to its right-hand side.		1.47
22	35	Pass a traffic constriction and continue ahead along the road.	475 711	
23	36	<i>To visit Foots Cray Church, now divert instead to Detour 1 in the Appendix.]</i> [Map point] Main route: Just before the road bends left at the end, go down to the right into the trees, following the 'Cray Riverway' signpost (in fact also continuing on the London Loop).		
24		At the bottom swing left past an information board. The path is grassy at the very start, but then goes a little to the right to merge with a rougher one and continue into trees.		
25	37	Fork right – still the rougher path, not the grassy one ahead.		
26	38	Meeting a path coming from the left, merge rightwards into it and cross a stone bridge over the river.		
27	39	At the end of the bridge turn left, go through a gate, and keep left to follow the main path roughly parallel to the river (now on the left), and, to start with, along the left-hand edge of a large field.		
28	43	Take the right fork, a little surprisingly, away from the river briefly, as shown by a currently concealed waymark on the left.		
29	45	After going over a footbridge between barriers, reach an area where signposted paths cross. At successive forks the route then essentially carries on in an unchanged direction: first, about 25 yds. after the multiple signpost, ignore the right fork and keep left.		
30	46	Then about 40 yds. further on go straight ahead ignoring the left fork (unless the proximity of the river inspires you to follow that slightly longer waterside path). Go ahead until the two paths come together again.		
31	49	<i>To visit North Cray Church, now divert instead to Detour 2 in the Appendix.]</i> Main route: Soon after the rejoin, about 40 yds. after a bench, and at a manhole cover, take the left fork, heading directly to the bridge.		
32	50	Turn left to cross Five Arch Bridge.		2.27
33		After the bridge go straight on along the tarmac path which can be seen bending slightly leftwards ahead.		
34	54	Follow the path rightwards into trees.		
35	57	And then through an exit gap at the far-left corner and along a passageway leading ahead between houses to a road.		
36		Turn right along the road, crossing to its left-hand side when convenient.	479 722	

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
37	60	Pass Sidcup St Andrew's Church on the left, and at the mini-roundabout continue uphill, slightly left (Kimberley Drive).		
38	64	At the top of the hill, opposite Davenport Road, turn left along the signposted footpath, between fences.		
39	65	At the end cross the road and continue ahead along Cherrydown Road.		
40	68	At the T-junction turn right (Onslow Road).		
41	69	Reaching Longmead Drive, turn left along it, staying on its left-hand side.		3.14
42	71	[Map point] At the end the route continues in the same direction, but first requires a right-left turn at the staggered junction. First cross the road ahead (helped, if necessary, by the traffic island only slightly out of the way on the left), then turn right to walk briefly along its left-hand side, and then follow the pavement round to the left to continue the original direction.		
43	78	Take the fourth-left turn (Birchwood Avenue).		
44	80	After passing and ignoring Parkside, turn right through the gates into Waring Park.	470 725	
45	81	At the end of the short driveway, go straight ahead alongside the tennis courts on the left.		
46	82	At the end of the tennis courts go ahead across the large field, aiming at the gap between the buildings on the far side.		
47	84	Leave the field at that gap and go ahead up the drive to the park's exit gate.		
48	85	At the gate turn right along the road and cross it when convenient.		3.93
49	89	[Map point] At the crossroads go straight ahead along Alma Road.		
50	91	Reaching the main road, turn left along it and cross to its right-hand side as soon as possible.		
51	92	Turn right along Manor Road.		
52	95	Follow the major road as it bends to the left and becomes Christchurch Road.		
53	102	At the end, reach Sidcup Christ Church , the starting point of the walk.	459 718	4.77

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APPENDIX to Full Circuit

Detour to Foots Cray Church (Detour 1)

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
23A	0	To reach Foots Cray Church, continue ahead instead of following the path down into the trees at Direction 23.		
23B		Turn right at the gate and follow the path through the churchyard.		
23C	1	Reach the entrance to Foots Cray Church . After visiting the church retrace your steps along the churchyard path, turning left at its end.		0.05
23D	3	Rejoin the main route at the 'Cray Riverway' signpost, going down to the left into trees (where there would have been a right-turn at Direction 23). Add 3 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.10 miles to cumulative distances.		0.10

Detour to North Cray Church (Detour 2)

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
31A	0	To reach North Cray Church, ignore the left fork at Direction 31 and go straight ahead.		
31B	1	Turn right on to the tarmac path leading away from the bridge.		
31C	2	Go over a crossing path.		
31D		Go ahead, slightly right, ignoring the left fork.		
31E	3	Reach the entrance gate to North Cray Church . After visiting the church retrace your steps from this gate by immediately keeping right on the tarmac path down through the trees.		0.14
31F	4	Go over the crossing path.		
31G	6	The main route joins from the left. Go ahead, following it from Direction 32, straight on over the bridge. Add 5 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.22 miles to cumulative distances.		0.26

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!

LOCAL CIRCUIT SL2	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	1-2, 5-6, 20-22, 37, 41-42, 48, 50	30
Quiet road \$\$	3-4, 18-19, 36, 39-40, 43, 49, 51-52	26
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	7, 8b, 10, 24a, 26a, 27-31, 33, 45-46	22
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	8a, 11b-17, 26b, 32, 35, 38, 44, 47	17
Woods	9, 11a, 23, 24b-25, 34	6

** 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.