Old Woking Heritage Trail

This walk by local historian, Iain Wakeford, was compiled for the winter 2018 edition of The Woking Magazine.

Key facts

Start/finish: Manor Way Car Park, Old Woking (off the roundabout at the junction of High Street and Broadmead Road).

Time: 2 to 2.5 hours

Distance: 3 miles/4.8 kilometres approx

Type of walk: Most of the walk is on pavements, apart from the middle section along Sheep Walk and the Hoe Valley Path. Please ensure that you follow the Country Code and respect the privacy of local residents.

The route

1. From Manor Way Car Park, head towards High Street then bear left. After a short distance turn right on to Church Street towards St Peter's Church where the War Memorial can be found inside the tower.

2. Retrace your steps back to High Street. Carefully cross the road, turn right and continue along High Street to the corner where the road becomes Old Woking Road then continue. Carefully cross the road again at the junction with Carters Lane.

3. Continue along Carters Lane past the houses towards the sewage works where the road turns right towards Woking Palace. Turn left onto the footpath, over the Hoe Stream and towards

Houses of Church Street

There are a number of Grade II listed buildings in Church Street, including the Old Vicarage (opposite the church), which dates from about 1800, Weylea (the tall building beside the church), which is early 17th Century, Church Cottages (beside the lych gate), dating from the 16th Century with an 18th Century front, and Wey * Lea Cottages, which date from the late 15th/early 16th Century.


Woking Palace

Home in the late 15th Century to Lady Margaret Beaufort (and then her son, Henry VII), the palace was substantially improved in the times of Henry VIII. The ruins are open to the public on certain dates of the year. For more details please visit **www.woking-palace.org**
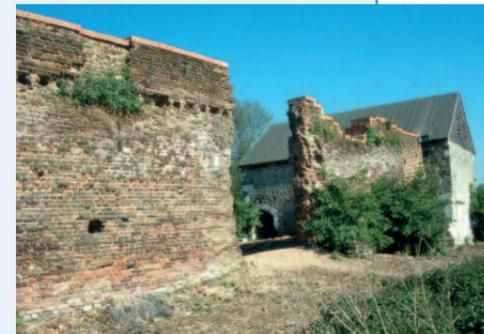
Roundbridge Farm. Alternatively, turn right for a short detour to Woking Palace.

4. Continue past Roundhill Farm and through the metal gate to Hoebridge Golf Course. Continue along the tree lined footpath. Before the footpath opens out onto the golf course, turn left onto another tree lined footpath, known as Sheep Walk.

St Peter's Church and War Memorial

The War Memorial, unveiled on 28 November 1920, is located within the church tower. It consists of tablets listing the men from the village who died in both world wars. The oldest part of the church dates back to the late 11th Century, with the original door (now in the tower) being made from a tree most likely felled around the year 1115.
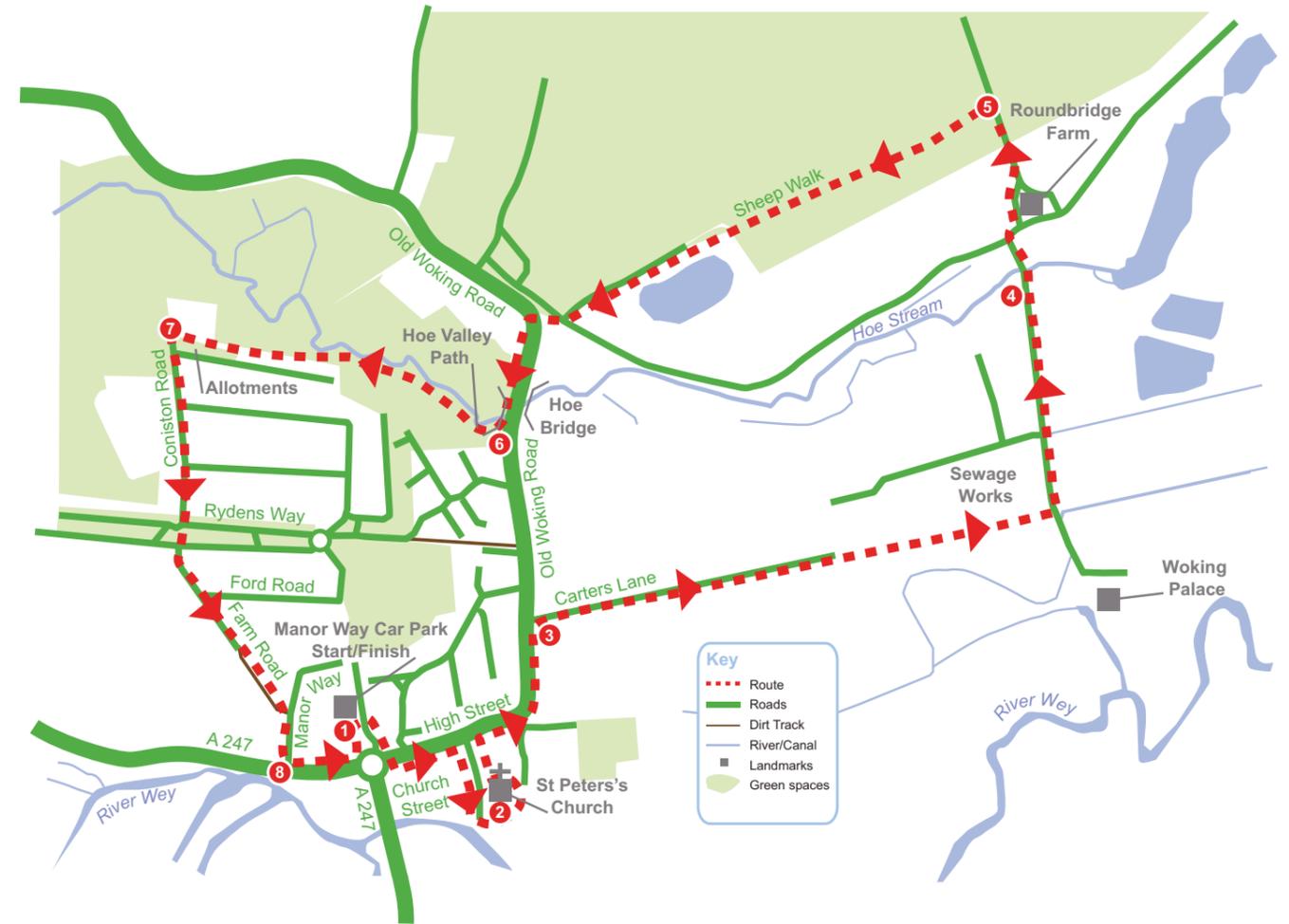
5. Continue along Sheep Walk, carefully crossing the golf course. At the end of the path, carefully cross Old Woking Road and head down the hill toward Hoe Bridge.

6. Immediately after the bridge, on your left. At the end of the allotments, turn left and continue.

Sheep Walk

This ancient track linking Old Woking to Pyrford (and Byfleet) evidently pre-dates the establishment of the deer park around Woking Palace the right, is a signed footpath for the Hoe Valley Path. Take the path across the playing fields of the school. Continue along the footpath keeping the allotments

7. The path leads to Coniston Road. Continue until reaching Rydens Way. Carefully cross both parts of Rydens Way (named after Edward Ryde, upon whose land the estate was built) and continue along Farm Road. At the end of Farm Road continue on the footpath between the houses to Manor Way.

8. At Manor Way turn right towards the High Street. At High Street turn left and continue on the pavement towards Manor Way Car Park and the start of the walk.

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