

Bromley Pub Walk No. 11

Green St Green to Downe

Via High Elms Country Park

A walk mostly through woodland or along paths between hedgerows

Please read the Bromley Pub Walks [introductory notes](#) for explanation about information provided in these walking guides



Queen's Head, Downe

Approx. Distance:

- 2.25 miles

Approx. Time:

- 1 hour

Gradients:

- No significant gradients

Type(s) of path(s):

- Mostly gravel paths

Stiles / Gates:

- This route has some kissing gates, but no stiles

Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- All roads have footways

Livestock or crops:

- This routes includes a field which may contain livestock or crops

OS Grid References:

- Green St Green: TQ 455633
- Downe: TQ 432616

Maps

- OS 1:25 000, Nos 162 & 147
- Also, the entire route is within the areas covered on Bromley Council's 'Green St Green' and 'Cudham' walk leaflets (includes maps)

Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Downe:
 - 04 to Keston
 - 06 to Leaves Green
 - 08 to Farnborough
 - 12 to Pratts Bottom
 - 13 to Cudham
 - 14 to Berry's Green
 - 15 to Biggin Hill [Black Horse]
 - 54 to Knockholt Pound



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Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks (*continued*):

- From Green St Green:
 - 20 to Pratts Bottom
- The route crosses other routes:
 - 09 Farnborough to Cudham
 - 10 Farnborough to Pratts Bottom

Pubs:

- Green St Green
 - [Queen's Head](#), 73 High St, Green St Green, BR6 6BQ
 - [Royal Oak](#), High St, Green St Green, BR6 6BJ
 - [Rose & Crown](#), Farnborough Way, Green St Green, BR6 6BT
- Downe:
 - [George & Dragon](#) 26 High Street, Downe. BR6 7UT
 - [Queens Head](#) 25 High Street, Downe. BR6 7US

Public Transport:

- Green St Green
 - R1 Orpington
 - R5 / R10 Orpington circular, via Cudham, Knockholt, Halstead
 - R11 Sidcup via Orpington
 - (*Also, at far end of High St*) 358 Crystal Palace to Orpington Stn, via Bromley
- Downe:
 - 146 Bromley North/South to Downe
 - R8 Orpington to Biggin Hill

Notes:

- There are several possible variations to this route by using some of the many different paths within High Elms Country Park
- Please note that an alternative route crossing the field near the power pylons is NOT recommended as it requires some walking on High Elms Lane where there is no footway.
- Downe was once the home of Charles Darwin. Down House, his former home, is managed by [English Heritage](#). Bromley Pub Walk Routes Nos 13, 14 & 15 all pass Down House

The Route:

Starting at Green St Green

- The route starts in Old Hill, off Cudham Lane North, very close to the Rose & Crown
- Take the path adjacent to the right hand side of the play area. Go through a kissing gate and then follow the path diagonally uphill across the field, parallel to the electricity poles, and into the woods of High Elms Country Park

High Elms Country Park

- (*There are several possible other routes through the park*)
- Once in the park, continue to walk up the hill
- Turn left at the first crossroads of tracks. The track then goes slightly downhill before turning slightly right to follow the side of the wooded hill
- *At two steel barriers gate / kissing gates, go right (uphill) for routes 09 & 10 Farnborough, or left (downhill) for route 09 to Cudham and routes 10 & 20 to Pratts Bottom*

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- Continue straight ahead into Cuckoo Wood. The path then swings right, up over the brow of the hill, then descends to 'Cuckoo Cottage' on High Elms Road
- *There is a possible alternative route by leaving the woods at the point where the track turns to the right. This route passes through farmland to join High Elms Rd. This route is NOT recommended as it joins the road in a section without a footway*



High Elms Rd

- At Cuckoo Cottage, cross High Elms Rd to the track on the opposite side
- Turn left onto a 'permissive path', which runs adjacent to High Elms Rd (not shown on OS Map)
- Follow this path all the way to Downe, crossing Mill Lane at the road junction near Gorrings Farm. The permissive path resumes after the junction, still following High Elms Rd
- The permissive path finishes in the recreation ground, where you join the road
- Walk past the school and cemetery into the centre of the village
- Just before the church there is a (signed) path which leads directly to the rear courtyard of the Queen's Head. Continue on past the church for the George & Dragon, or for the front entrance of the Queen's Head

Starting at Downe

- Leave the village by High Elms Rd, go past the school and into the recreation ground.

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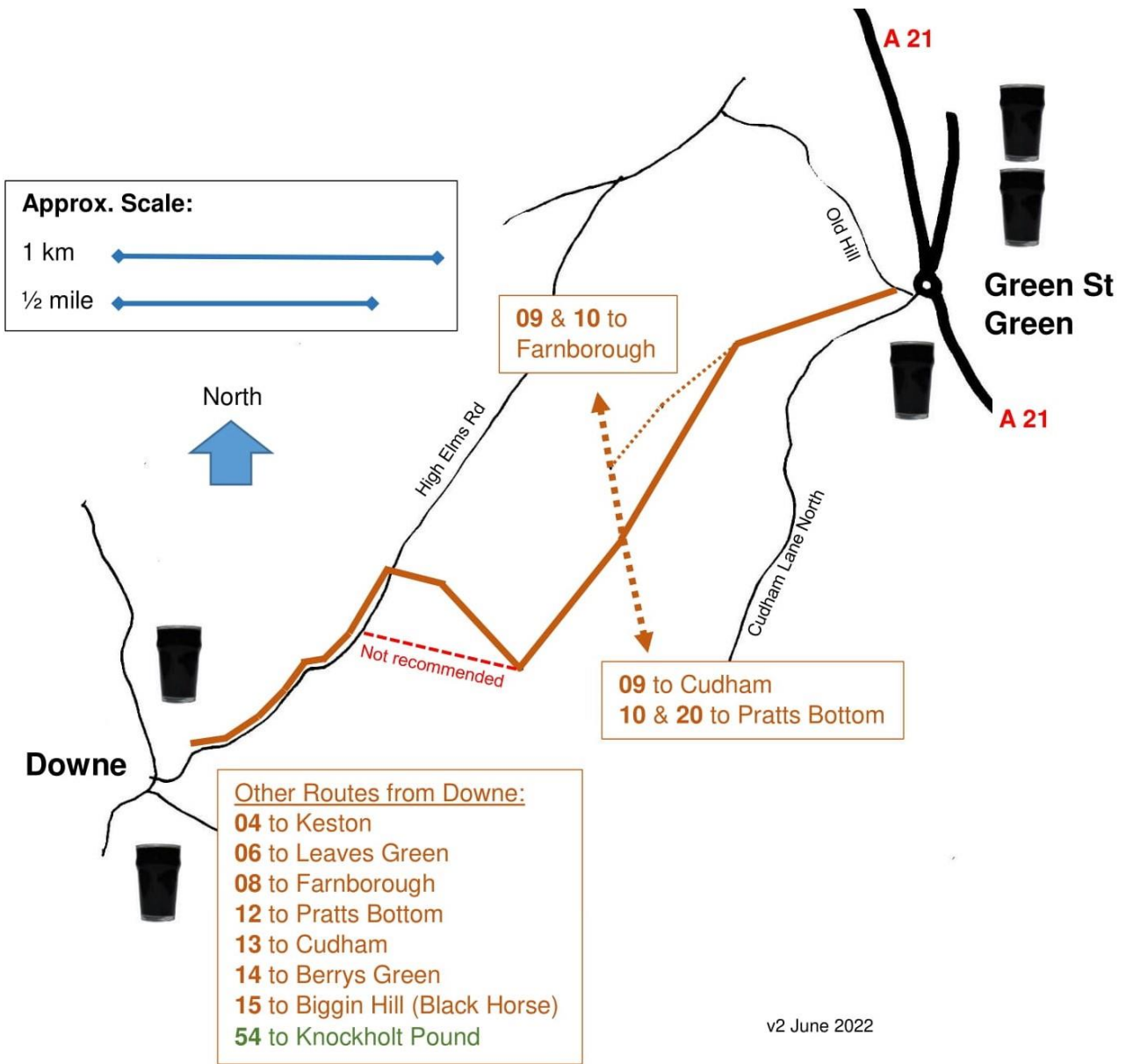
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Temporary Map
 It is hoped to be able to improve the maps for the Bromley Pub walks routes