

# Bromley Pub Walk No. 19

## Pratts Bottom to Cudham



An almost entirely rural walk, mostly through farmland to a pub on the edge of a chalk downland dry valley

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

### Approx. Distance:

- 2.8 miles

### Approx. Time:

- 1.25 hours

### Gradients:

- The walk has sections with steep gradients

### Type(s) of path(s):

Paths through farmland, grass, gravel or concrete tracks

### Stiles / Gates:

- This route has a stile, several kissing gates (plus steps on the 'shortcut')

### Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- A short section has no footway, Mace Lane (approx. 400 yds.)
- Part of the bridleway in Pratts Bottom is used by vehicles to access the properties along the track



### Livestock or crops:

This route includes fields which may contain livestock or crops

### OS Grid References:

- Cudham: TQ 445598
- Pratts Bottom: TQ 472623

### Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147
- The entire route is covered in Bromley Council's 'Cudham' and 'Green St Green' walk leaflets (includes maps)

### Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Cudham:
  - 09 to Farnborough
  - 13 to Downe
  - 18 to Berry's Green
  - 32 to Knockholt Stn.*(continues...)*



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- From Pratts Bottom:
  - 10 to Farnborough
  - 12 to Downe
  - 20 to Green St Green
  - 24 to Chelsfield Village
  - 25 to Knockholt Stn.
  - 33 to Berry's Green
  - 51 to Halstead
  - 53 to Knockholt Pound
- This route follows parts of the same route as:
  - 09 Cudham to Farnborough
  - 12 Downe to Pratts Bottom
  - 10 Farnborough to Pratts Bottom
  - 20 Green St Green to Pratts Bottom
  - 33 Berry's Green to Pratts Bottom
  - 53 to Knockholt Pound
  - 54 to Knockholt Pound

## **Pubs:**

- Cudham:
  - [Blacksmith's Arms](#), Cudham Lane South, Cudham. TN14 7QB
- Pratts Bottom:
  - [Bull's Head](#), Rushmore Hill, Pratts Bottom. BR6 7NQ

## **Public Transport:**

- Cudham:
  - R5 / R10, Orpington circulars, via Knockholt, Halstead, Pratts Bottom, Green St Green
- Pratts Bottom:
  - R5 / R10, Orpington circulars, via Knockholt, Halstead, Green St Green, Cudham
  - Knockholt Station is approx. 1.2 miles from Pratts Bottom using Route 25

## **Notes:**

- There are good views across the valley from the front of the Blacksmith's Arms. The pub has a 'Blue Plaque' commemorating Harry Relph, 'Little Tich', the music hall performer (1867-1928), who was born at the pub.
- The churchyard at Cudham Church contains an enormous yew tree.

## **The Route:**

### Starting at Pratts Bottom

- Cross the green opposite the Bulls Head and take Norstead Lane, then go left into Lambardes Close, a bridleway (signposted to Knockholt). Note that vehicles use this access the properties along the lane
- This lane soon becomes a path heading gently uphill between hedges, but towards the top it opens out with fields either side
- Just before the path joins Port Hill, take a steel gate into the field on the right (no signs) and walk downhill, parallel to the hedge along Port Hill, to another gate out onto Port Hill, almost opposite the drive to Norsted Manor Farm

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## Port Hill

- Turn right, and then take the drive on the left towards and past Norsted Manor Farm. The drive serves a number of houses and businesses
- At the very far end of the drive, a track leaves on the right, and then very shortly a path goes left, downhill through woods
- Cross a stile into the open field and cross the dry valley. Note that both the descent and ascent are fairly steep
- At the far side of the valley go through a kissing gate into a wooded path, which climbs up to join another path at a T junction. Turn right
- *Turn left at the junction for a link to Route 32, Cudham / Knockholt Stn. The link includes a steep descent/ascent across a dry valley*
- Turn right to continue with Route 19 to Cudham
- After a short distance there is the option to take a shortcut through the field, although the shortcut involves some steps at the far end
- The main path continues ahead through woods, eventually bending to the left to another junction of paths
- *Turn right at the junction for Routes 09 & 10 to Farnborough and 20 to Green St Green*
- For Cudham, we go straight ahead at the junction. After a short distance the 'short-cut' re-joins the main route, via some steps within woods. *(Note, if walking from Cudham to Pratts Bottom, the start of the shortcut is not immediately obvious)*
- Continue along the bridleway until it joins a tarmac road at Mace Farm

## Mace Lane

- *Turn left here for Route 54 to Knockholt Pound via New Years Wood*
- Continue straight along Mace Lane (no footway) for about 300 yards, until reaching the path signposted to Cudham on the left
- *Continue along Mace Lane for Routes 12 and 54 to Downe*
- The path passes through fields and eventually ends up in the recreation ground at Cudham
- Turn right on the recreation ground and follow the perimeter of the ground towards the sports pavilion. The [Blacksmiths Arms](#) is just beyond the pavilion

## Starting at Cudham

- Leave the pub via the car park and into the recreation ground, turn left and head towards the church

## **Suggested routes to link with this route to make longer circular or one-way walks:**

- There are currently eight other *Bromley Pub Walk* routes to/from Pratts Bottom, plus another four from Cudham, all as listed on page 1.
- There are numerous options available to combine Route 19 with other *Bromley Pub Walk* routes, to make longer circular or one-way walks. A couple of the possible options include:

### **1. Knockholt Station/ Cudham / Pratts Bottom / Knockholt Station**

- Circular
- Routes 32, 19, 25
- Approx. 8.5 miles
- 2 pubs on route

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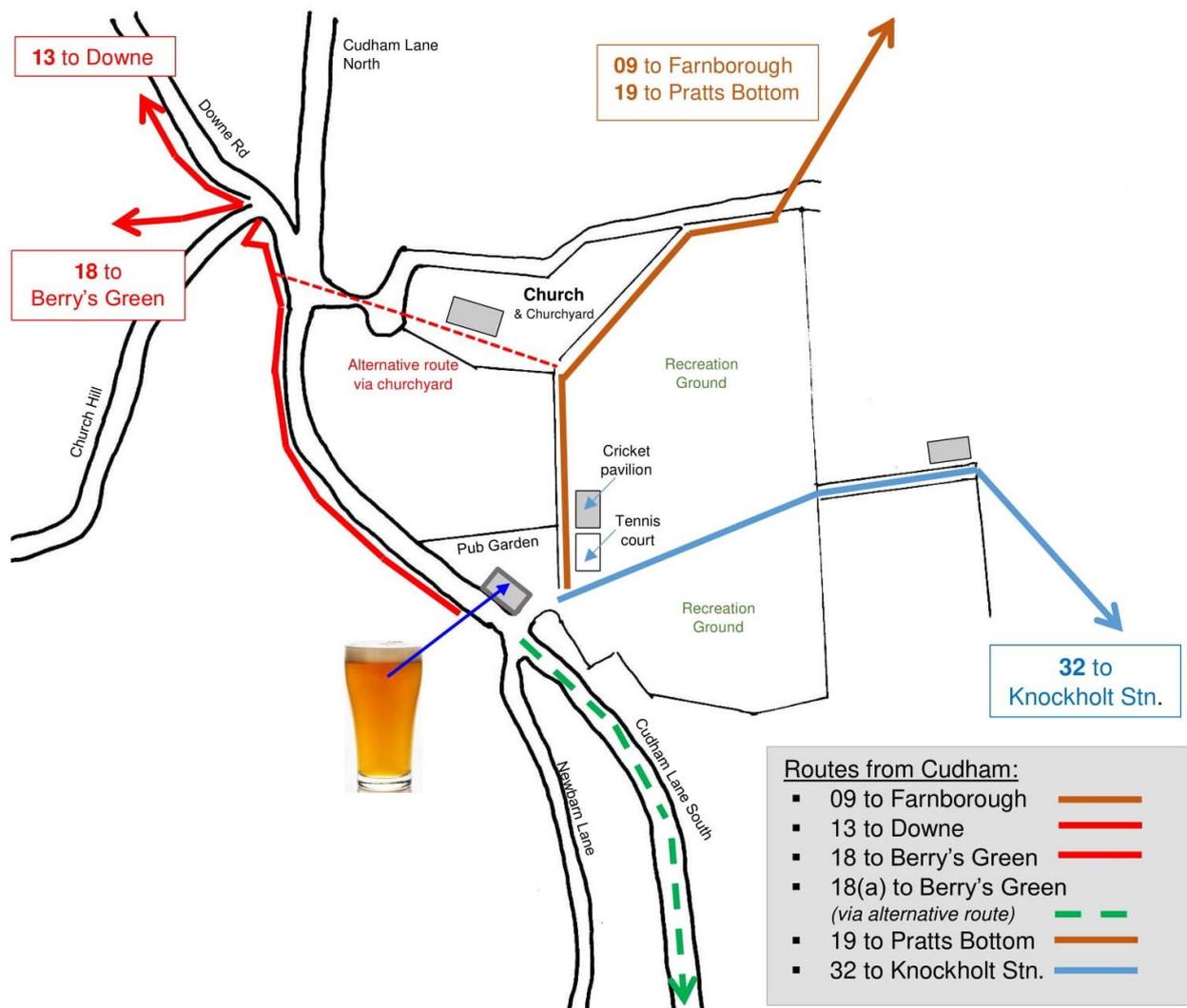
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## 2. Pratts Bottom / Cudham / Berry's Green / Biggin Hill

- One way
- Routes 19, 18, 16
- Approx. 6.5 miles
- 4 pubs on route

Many other route combinations are available

### Sketch map to show routes in Cudham Village



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## Sketch Map for Route 19

