## Chelsfield Station to Chelsfield Village

A short walk out of suburbia into the green belt, along the route of what might have been London's 'Ringway 3' motorway

Please read the Bromley Pub Walks <u>introductory notes</u> for explanation about information provided in these walking guides

Approx. Distance: 1 mile
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Approx. Time: 20 to 25 minutes



Lathyrus Latifolius next to Platform 2 at Chelsfield Station

#### **Gradients:**

 The walk has no steep gradients, although there is a gradual ascent from the station towards the village

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

Gravel paths, grass, some tarmac

#### Stiles / Gates:

This route has no kissing gates or stiles

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

 This route includes a section of road without footway (Warren Rd in Chelsfield Village, approx. 300 yds.)

### Livestock or crops:

No livestock or crops

### **OS Grid References:**

- Chelsfield Station:
  - TQ 469641
- Chelsfield Village:
  - TQ 482642

#### Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147
- Part of the route is within the area covered in Bromley Council's 'Chelsfield' walk leaflet (includes a map)

The **Bromley Pub Walk** guides have been prepared and published by Bromley CAMRA to encourage members and others to enjoy walking in the rural areas of Bromley and to visit the many pubs and clubs on the routes.

If you have any comments about the Bromley Pub Walk guides please send an email to: <a href="mailto:walking@bromley.camra.org.uk">walking@bromley.camra.org.uk</a>



#### **Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks:**

- From Chelsfield Station:
  - None
- From Chelsfield Village:
  - 24 to Pratts Bottom
  - 27 to Chelsfield (Bo Peep)
  - 29 to Knockholt Station
  - 56 to Crockenhill and Swanley (new route, not yet published)

#### **Pubs:**

- Chelsfield Station:
  - The Chelsfield, 1 Windsor Drive, Chelsfield. BR6 6EY
- Chelsfield Village:
  - Five Bells, Church Road, Chelsfield. BR6 7RE

#### **Public Transport:**

- Chelsfield Station:
  - Rail (Zone 6): Southeastern, Charing Cross/London Bridge to Sevenoaks via Grove Park and Orpington
  - Bus: R1, St Pauls Cray to Green St Green via Orpington
- Chelsfield Village:
  - R7, Chislehurst via Orpington

#### Notes:

- Please note that most of this route follows a very wide 'permissive path' running adjacent to Warren Rd from near the station up to the outskirts of the village, however this is NOT shown as a right of way on OS maps. It is believed that his land was originally acquired as part of the proposed route for the long abandoned 'Ringway 3' motorway. For more information see: <a href="https://www.roads.org.uk/ringways/ringway3/southern-section">https://www.roads.org.uk/ringways/ringway3/southern-section</a>
- If you are walking from the station towards the village along this route, it is recommended that you occasionally stop and turn around to look at the view; on a clear day, there are excellent views over towards central London. About halfway along the path there is an interpretation panel.



Towards the top of the path (on the left walking towards the village) is a WW2 memorial to the 21 year old pilot of a Hurricane which crashed nearby on 1st September 1940. More information about this can be viewed via this this link.



#### The Route:

#### (Starting at Chelsfield Station)

- Leave the station via the ramp from platform 2 (not the ticket office side)
- For the Chelsfield pub, you will need to leave the station via the ticket office
- At the top of the ramp, cross Warren Rd and turn right and then left into The Highway. Cross the road into the car park
- Walk through the car park and take the path straight ahead into the wide strip of land which runs adjacent to Warren Rd all the way up to the A224, on the edge of Chelsfield village
- For most of the way, there are 2 or 3 parallel paths through this land, all of which end up at the same point. However, towards the top, if you take the leftmost path you will pass the memorial and also a viewpoint, which identifies various landmarks
- The paths merge and then narrow to a single track shortly before reaching the A224
- Cross the busy A224 with care at the traffic island, then turn right (or turn right and cross the road at the recently-constructed roundabout)
- At the roundabout turn left into Warren Rd
- Follow Warren Rd (no footway for approx. 300 yds.) into the village and you will arrive at the Five Bells on your right hand side

#### (Starting at Chelsfield Village)

 Turn left from the public bar of the Five Bells and then left into Warren Rd (the lounge bar door opens directly onto Warren Rd)

#### Survey/Updates:

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