

# Bromley Pub Walk No. 51

## Pratts Bottom to Halstead

A walk just over the border into Kent to the village of Halstead, with its two pubs

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

Approx. Distance: 1.4 miles

Approx. Time: 30 minutes



### Gradients:

- The walk includes a path with steps (approx. 50 steps) in Pratts Bottom

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

- Paths through pastures, woodland and farmland, plus gravel paths and tarmac

### Stiles / Gates:

- This route includes stiles and kissing gates

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

- Stonehouse Lane, approx. 15 yards

### Livestock or crops:

- This route passes through fields which may contain crops or livestock, including horses

### OS Grid References:

- Pratts Bottom TQ 472623
- Halstead: TQ 488612

### Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147

### Connection to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Pratts Bottom:
  - 10 to Farnborough
  - 12 to Downe
  - 19 to Cudham
  - 20 to Green St Green
  - 24 to Chelsfield Village
  - 25 to Knockholt Stn
  - 33 to Berry's Green
  - 53 to Knockholt Pound



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- From Halstead:
  - 57 to Shoreham
- This route follows the same paths as parts of:
  - 25, Pratts Bottom to Knockholt Stn.
  - 32, Knockholt Stn. To Cudham
  - 50, Halstead to Knockholt Stn.
  - 52, Knockholt Stn. to Knockholt Pound

## Pubs:

- Pratts Bottom:
  - [Bull's Head](#), Rushmore Hill, Pratts Bottom. BR6 7NQ
- Halstead:
  - [Rose & Crown](#), Otford Lane, Halstead. TN14 7EA
  - [Cock Inn](#), Shoreham Lane, Halstead. TN14 7DD (*Pub closed as at Aug 2023*)

## Public Transport:

- Pratts Bottom and Halstead:
  - R5 Orpington circular: Orpington > Green St Green > Pratts Bottom > Halstead > Knockholt > Cudham > Green St Green > Orpington
  - R10 Orpington circular (as above, but in the opposite direction)

## Notes:

- After ascending the steps in Pratts Bottom the path follows a mostly level route through horse pasture, woodland, farmland and a former golf course. The final half mile into Halstead is on the tarmac footway alongside the road.
- *NB. This route passes through part of the former Broke Hill Golf Course. At the time of writing (Aug 2022) the golf course is closed and developers are seeking approval to build housing on the site*

## The Route:

### Starting at Pratts Bottom

- The route starts on the path adjacent to the **Bulls Head** pub car park. Almost immediately this path starts to climb up (approx. 50) steps
- At the top of the steps go half right over a stile. (*Routes 24 to Chelsfield Village and 25 to Knockholt Station go left at this point*). Then go over the 2nd stile into the horse pasture, the path then goes diagonally across the pasture towards the woods
- Once in the woodland (Pratt's Grove) the path heads downhill then does a half-left to join another path, which follows a winding undulating route. Don't take any of the many paths which lead further into the woods
- *The border between Greater London and Kent is in this wood*
- The path then climbs slightly to enter a large field. Go straight across the field towards Stonehouse Lane.

### Stonehouse Lane

- Turn right and walk along the road for approx. 15 yards, and then take the path on the left through a kissing gate. Do NOT use the kissing gate directly opposite



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- After the kissing gate follow the fenced path alongside the hedge, with the former golf course on your left
- After a short while, this fenced path is joined by another fenced path from the left. (*Routes 25, 32 & 50 to Knockholt Station go left at this point*). Turn right, to take the path through the boundary hedge via a kissing gate
- Pass through the kissing gate and continue along the path, which follows the field boundary. At the end of the field follow the path into the adjacent field and continue to follow the field boundary (this time on the right) until joining Church Road

## Church Road

- Cross the road and turn left along the footway and walk towards the village
- (*Routes 32, 52 and 53 leave via a path on the right as the road bends slightly to the left*)
- Continue along the road until reaching the crossroads in **Halstead village**
- At the cross roads, either turn left for the [Cock Inn](#), or go straight ahead for the [Rose & Crown](#). Both pubs are about 100yds from the crossroads
- NB. The bus stop for the R5 / R10 is between the crossroads and the Cock Inn, both routes use the same stop

## Starting at Halstead

- Leave the village via the crossroads and take **Church Rd**. Walk approx. 650 yds. until a signed footpath leaves on the right hand side (shortly before the Rectory and the car park for 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, as listed above.

There are several possible options to combine Route 51 with other *Bromley Pub Walk* routes. All routes can be walked in either direction, (possibly, depending on where you want to have your final pint...).

One possible option is:

### **1. Knockholt Stn. / Pratts Bottom / Halstead / Knockholt Stn.**

- 'Out & back', although could be mostly circular if you use the 'alternative' paths for Route 25
- Routes 25 / 51 / 50
- Approx. 4.5 miles
- 2 pubs

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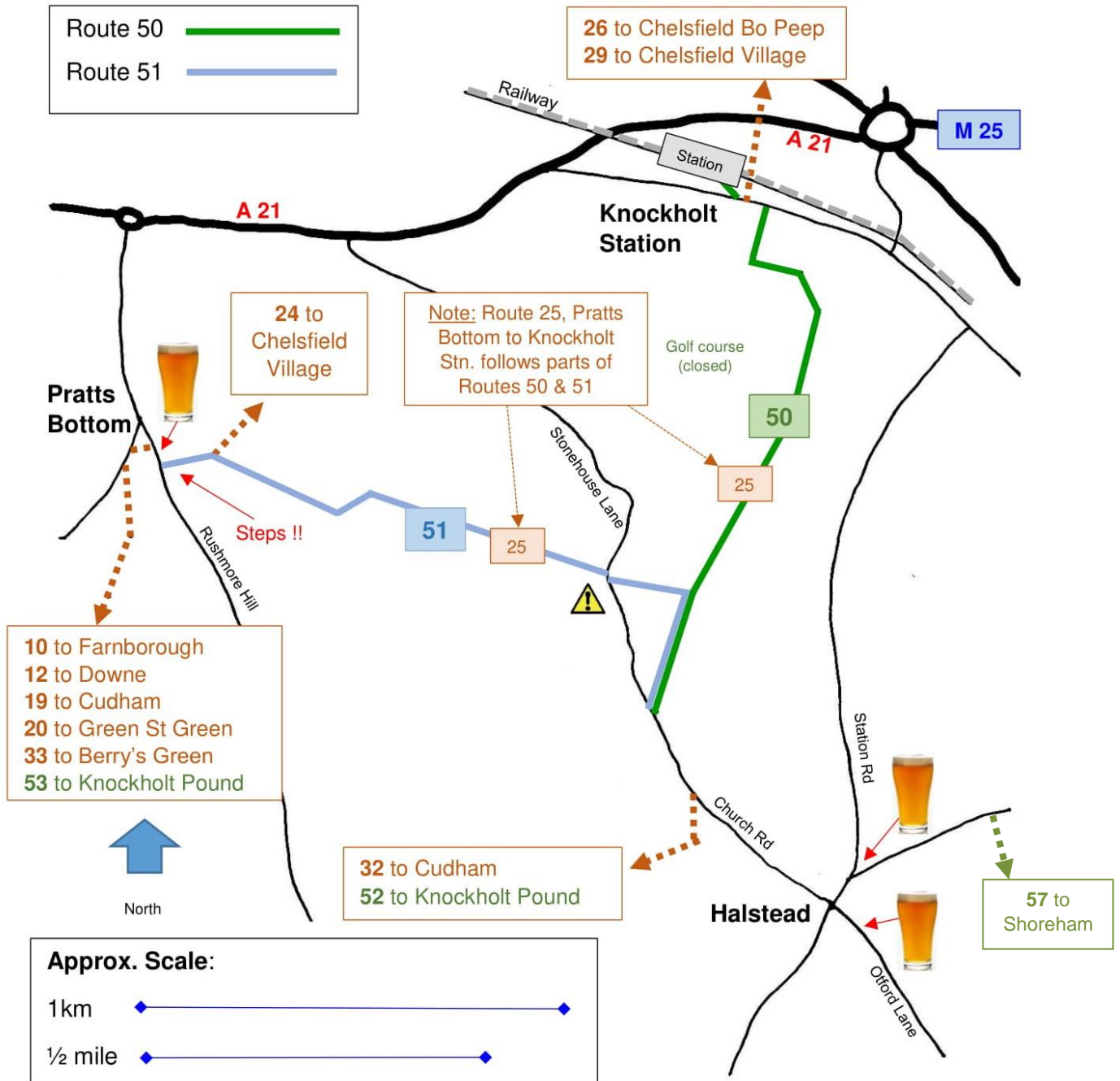
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## Sketch Map of Routes 50 & 51



### Temporary Map.

It is hoped to improve the maps for all the Bromley Pub Walk routes

