

THE VANGUARD WAY

(NORTH TO SOUTH)

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Limpsfield Chart to Edenbridge

(6th edition 2019)

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ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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In memory of Graham Butler 1949-2018

This 6th edition of the north-south route description was first published in 2019 and replaces previous printed editions published in 1980, 1986 and 1997, also the online 4th and 5th editions published in 2009 and 2014. It is now only available as an online resource.

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SECTION 3: LIMPSFIELD CHART TO EDENBRIDGE

6.3 km (4.0 miles) to Crouch House Green. Add 1.5 km (0.9 miles) to Edenbridge Town Station.

Route overview

This version of the north-south Route Description is based on a completely new survey undertaken by club members in 2018.

After a gentle descent from the Greensand Ridge, Section 3 consists of easy, mostly level walking across farmland, on footpaths or bridleways, though they may be uneven. There's a short stretch across a golf course, following a route that differs from the public footpath (as explained later), which you cross at your own risk, and where you need to watch out for flying golf balls and allow golfers to finish their stroke before continuing – give them a cheery wave when you meet! The area is quite low-lying and it may get very muddy or even under water around Kent Brook and the River Eden after heavy rain.

You will encounter a Roman road and a sacred maze. For just 6.5 km, the VGW makes its only visit to the County of Kent. Historic Haxted Mill is 1 km off route and we describe a link if you wish to visit it.

Lowest and highest points: River Eden near Haxted Mill (43m); Limpsfield Chart (175m).

Note: Some editions of Ordnance Survey maps will show the original route along roads via Haxted Mill; also an older version of 'Landranger' 1:50,000 sheet 187 shows the VGW running erroneously along a yellow road west of Crockham Hill. Please note that the correct line is as shown on the maps provided with our online route description.

New route

This section partially follows a completely new route between Troy Town (in this section) and Cernes Farm (in Section 4), with a new break point between Sections 3 and 4 at Crouch House Green, on the western outskirts of Edenbridge, instead of Haxted Mill. The reason for this is the exponential increase in traffic since the VGW was launched in 1981, which has made the original route unviable where it followed nearly 4 km of what were then minor lanes. Instead, this slightly longer route is almost entirely in open country, following public footpaths across a golf course and fields. Also, the restaurant and tea-room at Haxted Mill has closed, as has the mill museum, though it is hoped that this will re-open in due course. The interesting old watermill still makes a fine photo-opportunity, and the route description for Section 4 includes a link for anyone wishing to see it.

Another advantage is that, whilst there was no public transport at Haxted Mill, this new route takes you to the outskirts of Edenbridge, with a shorter link to its two stations. Consequently, the original two links (one for each station) are no longer necessary and have been abandoned. We hope you will find this route more attractive and convenient, and your comments will be welcomed.

You may find that signage along the new stretch is not yet complete, but we hope to fill the gaps soon.

How to use this route description

Paragraphs are numbered for ease of reference. The route is marked on Ordnance Survey Explorer and Landranger maps, though you should note that in some places it is incorrectly marked on some older maps - we draw your attention to specific instances where relevant. Grid references are given at each numbered point to help identify the route. The country is divided into 100 km squares identified by a two letter code, and following standard OS practice we include these letters in our grid references. In this section they are in square TQ.

The actual route description is shown in black Roman (upright) text.

Links with stations and other key places off route are shown in boxes with a green background.

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Italic text is used for items that are not part of the main route description, including:

- Key information about facilities (see Vanguard Way Companion for more details)
- Road and street names *
- Advice and asides.

* The mention of a road or street name does not necessarily mean that you will see this name on the spot, but it may be helpful if you need to be picked up or set down, or to find your position on a street map.

Underlined bold italic text indicates that more details can be found in the Commentary, which follows the route description.

Busy roads

You often need to cross busy roads. Rather than tediously advising you to take care, which is common sense, we remind you with the symbol  – it means ‘Cross with care!’

Roads with no pavement

‘**NP**’ in the route description indicates a road with no pavement, and there are several of them in this section. Although they are usually quiet, you should take great care when walking along them, as traffic may approach at speed. Generally, you should walk in single file along the right-hand side, but this may be dangerous at a right-hand bend, where you cannot see approaching traffic, and the driver, not seeing you, may keep too close to the bend. You should therefore follow the advice given in the Highway Code for such situations, which is: ‘It may be safer to cross the road well before a right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.’ If walking in poor light conditions or in the dark, always wear something bright, luminous or reflective on top.

Public transport

On route: Buses at Limpsfield Chart and Crockham Hill. Link with Westerham bus stops and Edenbridge (Kent) and Edenbridge Town stations. Brief indications (subject to change) are shown at the relevant locations in the route description - for more information please see the Vanguard Way Companion on our website (click Directions & Maps).


Abbreviations

Bw	=	bridleway	KA	=	keep ahead	N	=	north
CB	=	compass bearing	TL	=	turn left	S	=	south
FB	=	footbridge	TR	=	turn right	E	=	east
Fp	=	footpath	L	=	left	W	=	west
KG	=	kissing gate	R	=	right			
NP	=	no pavement (see above)						
Rd	=	road	m	=	metres			
Tk	=	track	km	=	kilometres			
VGW	=	Vanguard Way	>	=	off route			

Key to symbols

 = Bus	 = *Cafés etc	 = Toilets	 = Tram
 = Train	 = *Pubs	 = Phone box	
 = Taxi	 = *Accommodation	 = *Equipment shop	

* For the contact details of these facilities, please refer to the VGW Companion.

 Please note that, with improvements in mobile connectivity, phone boxes (or the equipment inside) are being removed.

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Distances

Westerham to:

>Crockham Hill (via Northern Link)	6.2 km (3.9 miles)
>Crockham Hill (via Southern Link)	6.8 km (4.2 miles)
>Crouch House Green	10.1 km (6.3 miles)
>Edenbridge Town Station	11.6 km (7.2 miles)
>Edenbridge (Kent) Station	12.0 km (7.5 miles)

Limpsfield Chart to:

>Crockham Hill (via Northern Link)	2.5 km (1.6 miles)
>Crockham Hill (via Southern Link)	3.1 km (1.9 miles)
>Crouch House Green	6.3 km (4.0 miles)
>Edenbridge Town Station	7.8 km (4.9 miles)
>Edenbridge (Kent) Station	8.1 km (5.0 miles)

Crockham Hill (via Northern Link) to:

>Crouch House Green	6.3 km (4.0 miles)
>Edenbridge Town Station	7.8 km (4.9 miles)
>Edenbridge (Kent) Station	8.2 km (5.1 miles)

Crockham Hill (via Southern Link) to:

>Crouch House Green	5.3 km (3.3 miles)
>Edenbridge Town Station	6.8 km (4.3 miles)
>Edenbridge (Kent) Station	7.2 km (4.5 miles)

In the route description, distances are only shown in metres (m) or kilometres (km); but if you are more familiar with yards and miles, remember that 100m is about the same as 110 yards, and that 1 km is about five eighths of a mile.

Altitudes are shown in metres – for an approximate conversion into feet multiply by 3 and add 10 per cent.

ALL INFORMATION SHOWN IS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE

Inevitably changes to the route and facilities will occur, and we try to keep abreast of them. It is our intention to bring out an updated version of the Route Descriptions and Companion as necessary, but you can refer to the Latest News page on our website www.vanguardway.org.uk for any changes that may have taken place meanwhile.

If your trip relies on the provision of public transport, catering etc, you are strongly advised to check in advance that they will be available on the day of your visit. Further information about these facilities is provided in the Vanguard Way Companion available at www.vanguardway.org.uk (click the 'Directions and Maps' button). If you carry a smartphone, there are apps that give up-to-date information on public transport. Search engines will provide information on refreshments, taxis and other services nearby. This can also be done on Google or Bing maps by typing e.g. 'Pubs Forest Row' in the search box, then the map will highlight locations together with website links if available.

We will always be pleased to hear about any changes you may find, in which case please email colin@vanguardway.org.uk.

BEFORE SETTING OUT ALONG THE VANGUARD WAY

Please read the [Introduction to the route](#), available from the 'Directions and maps' pages of our website www.vanguardway.org.uk. It contains important information that will be helpful when reading this route description. **And don't forget to look at the [Latest News](#) page on our website for any developments affecting this and any other part of the route.**

PROBLEMS WHILE WALKING THE ROUTE

If you encounter an obstruction, closure or diversion on a public right of way, please tell us about it by emailing colin@vanguardway.org.uk.

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Vanguard Way Route Description: Section 3

Section 3 of the Vanguard Way starts at Tally Road, Limpsfield Chart [TQ 426 519]
in Tandridge District in Surrey.

🚌 A bus service operates to the Carpenters Arms from Oxted. More frequent services at Westerham (see link below).

🍺 Carpenters Arms pub.

Link from Westerham [3.8 km / 2.4 miles, TQ 446 540]

🚌 Buses from Bromley and Tonbridge; also (Mon - Sat) Edenbridge.

🍺☕ Many pubs, café and tea-rooms in Westerham.

This link is shared with that of the Greensand Way (GW) for the first 2.3 km, then follows the GW itself for 1.5 km to join the VGW at Limpsfield Chart. The route is mostly well signed by GW discs and fingerposts.

- a) As if leaving Kings Arms Hotel, TR towards Westerham Green.
- b) In 100m TR up steps and along narrow alley (Water Lane) between Owl House and The Pheasantry.
- c) Cross FB over infant River Darenth and stone stile then at end go through KG then TR along foot of field, which can get very muddy.
- d) At end of field go through KG, cross FB and up steps to Mill Lane.
- e) TL to Park Lodge, where TL then immediately TR beside hedge to climb very steep fenced Fp between fields.
- f) Go through or past 2 KGs to enter sparse copse, then through 3rd KG. Note white dovecote of Squerryes Court away to your right.
- g) Cross Tk and KA into wood then follow broad, gently ascending Fp for 900m in same general direction (CB 210°).
- h) Eventually pass waymark post at junction to reach in 50m further a major T-junction, where you join the GW main route. (GW waymark post here missing at time of writing.)
- j) TR along the GW main route (broad gravel Tk, a permissive Fp/Bw) then in 80m pass field-gate and cross Rd (Goodley Stock Road) with care.
- k) At entrance to private Rd immediately bear R on fenced Bw.
- l) At five-ways junction with GW halfway plinth, go half L on major Tk (CB 240°), still following GW.
- m) In 120m (at second five-ways junction) bear R (CB 260°) on lesser Tk (still GW).
- n) Continue in this general direction for 900m, ignoring all crossing Tks.
- p) Eventually at fork, Tk swings L then R and you join a major Tk (note that GW signs are missing in this area), which follow for 250m to Rd (Moorhouse Road) at Limpsfield Chart, where TL to rejoin VGW.

3.1 [TQ 426 519]


- a) KA past St. Andrew's Church.
- b) Cross Rd (B269 Kent Hatch Road) and KA along lane **NP** (Trevereux Hill).
- c) In 200m KA downhill, ignoring drive forking R into residential estate.
- d) In a further 700m at foot of hill, pass gate and fork R past **Trevereux Manor**. (Ignore side turnings on the way down referring to Trevereux.)
- e) In 50m cross stile on L in hedgerow opposite Trevereux Cottages.
- f) KA beside fence, passing on your L ornamental lake with model temple on island (may not be visible when trees are in leaf). *The Northern Link to Crockham Hill starts here.*


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Northern Link to Crockham Hill (1.2 km / 0.8 miles, TQ 442 506]

- a) TL on faint grass Fp between ornamental lake and clump of trees with pond (usually dry), then stay beside fence to end of field.
- b) Cross stile and continue in same direction across next field.
- c) Cross 2nd stile and wooden bridge into wood.
- d) Cross 3rd stile into next field and climb its L hand side to another stile.
- e) KA along residential Rd (Oakdale Lane). At its end TR along Smiths Lane to B2026 Main Road in **Crockham Hill**.
- f) At major Rd TR for village centre, bus stop and Royal Oak pub.

 Infrequent buses Monday-Friday only to Westerham and Edenbridge.

 Royal Oak pub, Crockham Hill.

 Opposite Royal Oak.

If starting from Crockham Hill:

- a) From B2026 Main Road, as if leaving Royal Oak pub, TL and shortly take left fork (Smiths Lane).
- b) Pass Deanery Road then TL along Oakdale Lane.
- c) In 200m bear L over stile and down Fp through wood (stile at each end) to emerge in field. Note slippery stepping stone at exit from wood.
- d) KA along R side of two fields for 600m, crossing a stile.
- e) Pass ornamental lake on your R, then TL after pond to join VGW.

Alternatively you can return to the VGW by following the Southern Link (see later) but you would then miss 750m of the route.

3.2 [TQ 431 507]

- a) KA past (usually dry) pond. Our second encounter with the **Tandridge Border Path** which joins the VGW for 400m here - see Section 1.
- b) Continue across large field (heading slightly left of oast house) to double stile with FB over **Kent Brook**. If you look carefully to your left in this field you may be able to discern the line of the Roman road that you will shortly be walking on - it gradually comes closer to converge with the VGW.
- c) KA with fence to your R for 100m, then as fence bears L continue beside it for another 80m to end of field.
- d) TR through gate (joining line of a **Roman road**) and follow LH side of paddock to another gate and Rd (Dairy Lane).
- e) KA on Rd **NP** passing Hurst Farm, and still on the Roman line until it bears L.
- f) Shortly reach drive of Dairy Green, where TR, just before **Old Dairy Farm**. The Southern Link to Crockham Hill starts here.

Southern Link to Crockham Hill [1.0 km / 0.6 miles, TQ 442 506]

- a) Bear L on Rd past Old Dairy Farm then at next bend take Fp on L by metal gate.
- b) Follow fenced Tk uphill then KA into field, keeping to left-hand side.
- c) KA along enclosed Fp then residential Rd (Deanery Road) to village centre.
- d) TR along B2026 Main Road to bus stop by Royal Oak pub.

See Northern Link above for facilities in Crockham Hill.

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If starting from Crockham Hill:

- a) From B2026 Main Road, as if leaving Royal Oak pub, TL and shortly take left fork (Smiths Lane).
- b) Immediately TL along Deanery Road.
- c) At its end bear R on tarmac Fp beside bungalows then KA on Tk.
- d) At field keep to righthand side then follow fenced Tk down to Rd (Dairy Lane).
- e) TR along Rd **NP** for 200m, passing Old Dairy Farm.
- f) Ignore first Fp on L, then at bend TL into Dairy Green to join VGW.

3.3 [TQ 435 501]

- a) Immediately after passing through entrance to Dairy Green, go through gate on L.
- b) Follow left-hand side of narrow strip of grassy scrubland to far L corner. *Here you cross the line of the Roman road.*
- c) In 200m, where trees start, bear R to go through KG in fence. *Do not KA as this is not a right of way.*
- d) KA beside fence for 40m then cross stile on L into copse (Haftcroft Wood).

3.4 [TQ 433 499]

- a) KA on Fp through copse, cross stile into field then KA along righthand edge.
- b) In 100m cross stile and TR to follow righthand side of next field.
- c) In 150m pass old stile then KA into small wooded enclosure with pond (may be dry).


3.5 [TQ 433 496]


- a) Leave wooded enclosure beside another old stile and TL along uneven, rutted Tk 30m.
- b) TR following field edge beside Guildables Wood to stile in field corner.
- c) Cross dilapidated stile with great care and KA along field edge with wood still on your R.
- d) As wood ends and field begins to rise, KA (205°) aiming for a point 40m to L of house roof, to locate stile on L of metal farm gate and cross to Rd (*Hole Lane*) at Gaywood.

3.6 [TQ 432 488]

- a) TL on Rd for 30m to gate on R (metal fingerpost).
- b) Cross stile then continue between hedge and fence to KG.
- c) Follow L edge of two fields via another stile. *About 30m past the KG look carefully into the scrub on your L and you may be able to spot an abandoned concrete trig point inside the hedge (for explanation see Section 4 Commentary at paragraph 4.9, where another trig point is clearly visible).*
- d) At far corner of second field, at junction with Bw, TR to follow fence for 30m.
- e) TL through gate on to enclosed Tk.
- f) TR along enclosed Tk for 400m to Rd (*Troy Lane*) at **Troy Town** then TL.

3.7 [TQ 427 481]

- a) KA along Troy Lane  [NP] past cottages for 340m to Rd junction with Rd (*Hilders Lane*). *Just 200m to you L here is **Holcot Residential Centre**.*

 *Buses operate along this road (Mon-Sat) to/from Edenbridge and Tunbridge Wells..*

- b) TR and keep R along Hilders Lane [NP], which swings L across railway bridge (Redhill-Tonbridge line) to Rd junction by grass area with seat (*Little Browns Lane to L, Honeypot Lane to R*).

This is the point where the new route of the VGW starts – see introduction to this section. Haxted Mill Museum is not currently open to visitors, but if you wish to see it, we provide a short link in Section 4.

3.8 [TQ 426 476]

- a) TL along Little Browns Lane for 125m, keeping R [NP] to entrance of Gardiner Business Park. *There is a verge but this runs out halfway.*

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3.9 [TQ 426 475]

- a) TR along drive for 40m, TR at junction then immediately before small private car park TL over stile to follow Fp in trees, with fence of business park on L. *Note that this footpath has been slightly diverted from the line shown on OS maps as following the access road through the business park.*
- b) In 100m at end of fence cross or pass another stile then jink L and R through more trees and across scrubby grass to enter the course of the **Kent & Surrey Golf & Country Club**.

Please note that the route across the golf course differs substantially from the direct line of the public footpath shown on the OS map, roughly following CB 150°. This was apparently agreed informally at some time in the past with Kent County Council. It follows a route that as far as possible keeps walkers and golfers apart, though it still has to cross some fairways and pass tees and greens. At the time of writing, there were still some gaps in signage, but we hope these gaps will be filled and the route formalised soon.

It's important to keep on good terms with the golfers. Here, the symbol ☒ means watch out for flying golf balls, check both ways before crossing a fairway, or passing a tee or green, and always allow golfers to finish their stroke before continuing. Give them a cheery wave – when not playing a stroke of course!

And walkers are welcome to visit the club house for refreshments or lunch, but please remove or cover muddy footwear before entering.

- c) Cross 1st fairway ☒ to reach post, then KA on grassy Tk between trees.
- d) At open area, cross mown grass golfers' track to go left of raised green (with flag) and bunker ☒ to reach waymarked fence post. If golfers are putting, please wait till they've finished.
- e) KA on another grassy Tk between trees to reach 2nd fairway ☒, then KA to cross plank bridge (ignore another more obvious similar bridge to your left).
- f) KA to trees then TL in long grass to reach gap on your R in 40m and go through it.
- g) Ignoring pond to your L, cross 3rd fairway ☒, heading for tee and golfers' notice board beyond trees. At the first trees, before reaching the tee, TL to keep L of another pond. Naturally, if golfers are teeing off you must wait until they've finished ☒.
- h) On reaching long line of trees continue inside them in same direction. *The club house lies ahead, but please don't make a beeline for it at this point – see below.*
- h) In 150m reach waymark post, where TR and cross 4th fairway ☒ to reach edge of golf course, a little to R of a large, green groundsman's hut.

*VGW walkers are welcome to visit the clubhouse over to your left for refreshments or lunch. **Please do not take a short cut across the first tee.** Instead, follow the cinder track, which starts to the right of the groundsman's hut, around to reach the main entrance, and please remember to cover or remove muddy footwear before entering.*


- j) Go through gap in shrubbery then TL along Fp to pass between concrete blocks and fork right beside barbed wire fence for 130m to reach drive of Crouch House Farm.
- k) TL for 15m to junction with another Fp, where Section 3 of the VGW ends at:

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Link to Edenbridge Stations (Edenbridge Town, 1.3 km, Edenbridge (Kent) 1.9 km).

- a) At farm drive TL to Rd (Crouch House Road) and cross it ☒.
- b) Ignore footpath sign ahead, instead TR to follow pavement beside cottages on Crouch House Road for 450m, passing Orchard Drive, Stanbridge Road and a grassy area.
- c) At Pine Grove TL to the end then bear R on path leading into Stangrove Park.
- d) Follow narrow tarmac Fp to pass playground then KA across grass to park exit and B2026 Station Road. (For Leisure Centre with café and toilets, at playground bear L on Fp to L of pond.)
- e) For Edenbridge (Kent) Station TL on B2026 for 1 km, past 1st railway bridge, mini-roundabout and Esso fuel station (with Costa) to reach station at 2nd railway bridge.
For Edenbridge Town Station, cross Station Road at lights ☒, then cross side road (Minstrels Close) ☒, TR then shortly TL along Station Approach, where Edenbridge Town Station lies 230m ahead.
For Edenbridge High Street KA at Station Approach.

 Several at far end of High Street.

 The Leisure Centre has a café and toilets. More in High Street.

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COMMENTARY

on places shown in bold italics and underlined in the route description

3.1

St. Andrew's Church was built in 1895 in the Victorian Gothic style and is constructed largely of sandstone. It was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield who, says Pevsner, was 'evidently not at home in Gothic'.

The unusual name **Trevereux** was first recorded in 1542 as Trivyrocks after a local squire, Thomas Trivyrock. During the Second World War, the skies above this area were the scene for many a dogfight of the Battle of Britain, with fighters from Biggin Hill and other nearby airfields arriving to take on the incoming bombers.

Crockham Hill (1 km E on link) is a sleepy village on a south-facing promontory of the Greensand Ridge in Kent. This location provides outstanding views, and many large houses were built here by wealthy London businessmen. The last building on the right as you leave the village southwards on the B2026 was a youth hostel until 1991, much used by Vanguard Wayfarers. Just south of the former youth hostel is a plain iron milepost ('London 24 miles') of the Westerham & Edenbridge Turnpike Trust, dated 1767.

Holy Trinity Church was built in 1842 of local stone in Victorian Gothic style, and stands on a spur with good views over The Weald. Inside is a marble effigy of Octavia Hill (1838-1912), a housing reformer and co-founder in 1895 of the National Trust, who is buried in the churchyard and mentioned on a post on the village garden, opposite the Royal Oak pub. Also in the village garden is a memorial to the seven staff and 22 children of the London County Council residential school in nearby Weald House, who were killed by enemy action on 30 June 1944.

1.5 km to the northeast of Crockham Hill is **Chartwell**, the home of Sir Winston Churchill from 1922 to 1965, now owned by the National Trust and open to the public as a memorial and museum.

3.2

The line of a **Roman road** may be discerned if you look carefully to your left in this field. It gradually comes closer and joins the Vanguard Way as you cross the stile. Then you follow its line for the next 100m along the road, leaving the line as the road bears left, and crossing it again in the next field. Sitting on top of a 3m high agger (embankment), the road would have been about 6m wide with a ditch either side.

The road branched off Watling Street (Dover to London and Wroxeter) at Deptford, then ran in a south-easterly direction through Edenbridge and the Ashdown Forest (where it encounters the Vanguard Way again) to a presumed fort in the neighbourhood of Lewes, where merchandise could have been transferred to ships navigating the River Ouse to the sea. Frustratingly, no evidence has yet been discovered for such a fort, though it has been suggested that it may have been called Mutuantonis or Mantuantonis. The road's main purpose was probably to serve the iron workings and farms of the Weald.

Britain was criss-crossed by well engineered roads built by the Romans during the 1st to 4th centuries, but many of them became totally eroded and lost to human knowledge. In the 20th century aerial photography revealed straight lines in, for example, crop marks and hedges, which often turned out to be the lines of Roman roads. This road was such a case, discovered by Ivan Margary (1896-1976), author of *Roman Roads in Britain*, from an aerial photo he took in 1929. He gave each Roman road a number, and this is his number 14. Some Roman roads, such as Watling Street, have distinctive names, but this one is known to historians, somewhat blandly, as the London to Lewes Way, as they don't know what the Romans called it. Nevertheless, as it effectively connected London with Newhaven, we could claim that the Vanguard Way is its modern equivalent!

Kent Brook is a tributary of the River Eden. Its name signifies the border between Kent and Surrey, and indeed you cross here from Surrey (Tandridge District) into Kent (Sevenoaks District).

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Old Dairy Farmhouse, just a few metres further along the road where you turn off, is now a private residence, but appropriately signed by two old milk churns by the road. First mentioned in the Court Roll of 1547, it is believed to date from the 15th century and is now Grade II listed. It has a gallery and large central hall, almost unchanged for four centuries.

3.6

It is suggested that the name of the tiny hamlet of **Troy Town** indicates the possible existence here in former times of a sacred maze, the association being with the complicated defensive walls of ancient Troy.

3.7

The timber-framed **Holcot Residential Centre** was previously the Miss Matilda Alice Hubbard Memorial Home for Girls. We have no information as to when it was built, but Miss Hubbard left it in her will in trust to the Girls' Brigade when she died in 1932. The following year, through the generosity of her mother, it was extended to provide accommodation for up to 25 in bedrooms and dormitories. Holcot is now run by the Friends of Holcot, part of the John Coldman Charitable Trust, and can be booked by small groups for short stays (see Vanguard Way Companion). The separate building in the garden is the King George V Jubilee Trust Hall.

3.9

The **Kent & Surrey Golf & Country Club** occupies 250 acres. Its course, designed by David Williams, opened in 1975, and the club has a 15-bay floodlit driving range.

4.1

Edenbridge is a small town (population around 4,000) on the River Medway and the old Roman road from London to Lewes. The earliest mention of the name was around 1100 as Eadelmesbregge, meaning Eadhelm's bridge. It developed as a major centre of the Wealden iron industry, of which many other signs can be found along the Vanguard Way. Many interesting buildings from this period remain, including the parish church, St. Peter & St. Paul, which dates from the 13th century. There are many cafés, tea-rooms and pubs, including the Crown Hotel, whose distinctive overhead sign dominates the southern part of the High Street. Edenbridge is twinned with Mont-Saint-Aignan in Normandy, and the town centre's dual carriageway by-pass is named after the French town.

