

Notes on Walk 15th May 2021

The walk started from the Darent Car park just east of Westerham and followed a path through the graveyard of St Mary's Church and the village green with its statues of Churchill and General Wolfe, who were past residents. After crossing the High Street, we went through an open area with views of Westerham and the surrounding countryside. We passed the site of an Iron age fort before entering Crockhamhill Common Wood.

In the National Trust grounds, we had a good view from the path of Chartwell, Churchill's home before descending to the cafe for lunch. The return path took us past the private cemetery of George Berry (Wine merchants of St James), through the lovely hamlet of Frenchstreet and past Hosey Rigge House where Churchill had lived whilst work was being carried out at Chartwell.

The length of the walk was approximately 6½ miles and 13 walkers took part.

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