

## Teddy's Trails updates

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Changes which have occurred or amendments notified since publication date (March 2020)

Feedback from trail users is always welcome – please e-mail [john.cartledge@cantab.net](mailto:john.cartledge@cantab.net) or phone him on 0208 953 8008.

## Fly Tipping

Fly tipping is a persistent problem in the countryside around Borehamwood and Elstree. If you observe anything that has been dumped on a road or footpath, it should be reported to the appropriate local authority.

In Hertfordshire, if the dumped material is obstructing the road or path, please notify the county council at

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-highway-fault/obstructions/obstructions.aspx>.

Otherwise, please notify the relevant district council. In Hertsmere (Aldenham, Bushey, Elstree and Boreham Wood, Ridge, Shenley, South Mimms) this is

[https://www5.hertsmere.gov.uk/ufs321/ufsmain?ebz=1\\_1586382355171&ebf=1&ebp=10](https://www5.hertsmere.gov.uk/ufs321/ufsmain?ebz=1_1586382355171&ebf=1&ebp=10).

In St Albans (St Stephen) this is <https://stalbans.force.com/mysadc/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fmysadc%2Fs%2Freport-it%3FservShortRef%3Dflytipping>.

In Watford this is [https://watfordbc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/report\\_a\\_street\\_cleansing\\_or\\_parks\\_issue?reporttype=100](https://watfordbc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/report_a_street_cleansing_or_parks_issue?reporttype=100).

In the London Borough of Barnet, please notify the borough council on

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/road-maintenance/street-care-and-cleaning/report-fly-tipping>.

In the London Borough of Harrow, please notify the borough council on

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/flytipping>.



# The Countryside Code

Page 9, paragraph 3 : The wording of the code has been revised and extended. It now reads :

## Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

## Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- take care with BBQs and do not light fires
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

## Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

# Arkley Trail

Page 14, paragraph 1 : It is believed that the Newton Hill Stud at Longwood Farm is no longer active.

Page 14, paragraph 6 : The fallen tree marking the boundary between Greater London and Hertfordshire is becoming overgrown.

Page 16, paragraph 2 : Sadly, the multi-wheeled gypsy caravan has disappeared, following the destruction by fire of the property in whose garden it was located.



Page 16, paragraph 4 : Much of the vegetation shown at the junction of Arkley Lane and the Barnet By-pass has now been cleared.

Page 19, paragraph 7 and photograph (c), and page 20, paragraph 4 : All of the pedestrian safety barriers across this path have been removed.

Page 21, paragraph 1 : Gates have now been erected at the entrance to Meadow Park, and the low fence along the left of the path has been removed.





Page 21, paragraph 3 : In July 2021 the amenities of Meadow Park were augmented by the construction of a multi-functional events arena (aka bandstand), funded by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council.

## Berrygrove Trail

Page 24, Access to start : The starting point at Widgeon Way is now additionally reachable on Mondays to Fridays by a 25-minute journey on Uno bus service 635 from Stop J in Market Street, Watford town centre.



Page 26, paragraph 5 : Immediately before you turn right onto path A15, a pair of black metal gates marked “Private Road” have been erected across the lane. This restriction applies only to vehicular traffic, and does not affect pedestrians. Walk round the right-hand end of the gates and turn right along the path.

Page 27, paragraph 4 : The paddocks on the left of the driveway leading to the Winfield Park residential home site have been fenced off and are currently (April 2020) being used to store commercial vehicles, this compound being imaginatively named “The Paddocks”. And for “fifth” bungalow, read “sixth”.



Page 28, paragraphs 1 and 2 : The residential conversion of the Lims barn has been completed, and Patchetts Green farmhouse has been renovated. These properties are now officially numbered 5



and 1-3 Palomino Place.

Page 31, paragraph 2 : White Lodge is now White Cottage.

Page 31, paragraph 5 : The Old Post Office is one of a number of locations within the village which formerly served this purpose. The plaque on the wall stating “On this site Sept 5 1782” nothing happened” strikes a note of whimsy.



Page 36, paragraph 2 : The approach to the kissing gate shown in the second picture has been modified, and is now across a recently-constructed plank bridge.

Page 36, paragraph 4 : A green wire mesh fence on the right, with saplings planted in front of it, now separates the path from the field containing young trees.



Page 34, paragraph 4 : The Three Horseshoes has a new pub sign.

Page 37, paragraph 1 : There is now a “wall” of tyres to the right of the path.



Page 37, paragraph 2 : The tall dead tree in the photograph has now fallen, and only a broken stump remains.



Page 38, paragraph 4 : The route across the third field (which is a football playing field) is now defined by a fence alongside it on the left.



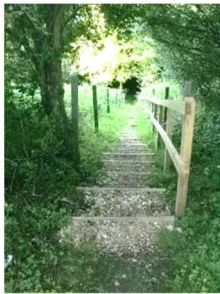
Page 40, paragraph 4 : The gate shown closed and locked across the path has been removed.

## Bushey Trail

Page 43, paragraph 2 : The bus stop flag at Finch Lane has been replaced by a new one in Hertfordshire's revised format.



Page 44, paragraph 3 : A plaque has recently been erected at this spot to commemorate the five RAF crewmen who lost their lives when their bomber crashed nearby on a training flight in 1943. It is thought that the pilot lost control as a result of being dazzled by searchlights.



Page 45, paragraph 45. The steps have been rebuilt, with handrails, and although there are still 33 going down, there are now only 13 going up.

Page 46, paragraph 1 : The wooden fence between the path and the paddock has been demolished. Some large concrete blocks have been placed on the path immediately before reaching the bridge over the motorway.




Page 46, paragraphs 3/4 : Patchetts Green farmhouse has been renovated and is now numbered 1 to 3 Palomino Place. The view of the Lims barn (now converted for residential use) from the farmyard has been obscured by the construction of an intervening fence.

Page 49, paragraph 2 : A new gate has been erected at the entrance from Hilfield Lane to public footpath 22, between the Bhaktivedanta driveway and the electricity transforming station.



The field adjacent to the electricity transforming station is being developed by National Grid, in conjunction with the Conservation Volunteers, into a wildflower meadow.

Page 49, paragraph 4 : In the 1930s Piggotts Manor was the home of Claude Grahame White, a pioneer aviator of the Edwardian era and founder of the former Hendon Aerodrome, now the site of the Grahame Park estate which is named after him.

Page 50, paragraph 2 : The “Slow “ sign illustrated  has been removed from this location.

Page 51, paragraph 5 : Kampen Kot is now called Flintwall Cottage. It was recently used as a location for filming The White House Farm, a TV mini-series about the murder of members of the Bamber family at an Essex farmhouse in 1985. “Otley” Cottage should be “Offley”.

Page 51, paragraph 6 : Bernadine and Ranworth are encountered in the opposite sequence to that stated.

Page 52 paragraph 3 : The Three Horseshoes has a new pub sign



Page 53, paragraph 3 : Recent works have modified the appearance of the entrance to Ward’s Lane – see new photograph replacing that in book



Page 54, paragraph 2 : The first marker post mentioned, described as white-topped, has been replaced by a new one which is unpainted.

Page 55, paragraph 4 : The six-barred metal gate has been replaced by a rather flimsy wooden one, and the swing gate and marker post have collapsed and are lying in the hedge. There are no longer alpacas in the next field.



Page 56, paragraph 4 : In July 2020 Hertsmere council granted planning consent for the demolition of Organ Hall Farm and the remnants of the adjacent prefabs, and the redevelopment of the site for housing and offices. The prefabs have now gone, and a housing estate has taken their place.

Page 57, paragraph 4 : The town twinning agreement dates from 1982.

## Caldecote Trail



Page 59, photograph 1 : The bus stop flag at Rosary Priory has been replaced by a new one in Hertfordshire’s revised format.

Page 60, photograph 1 : A wooden gate has been installed to the right of the seven-barred metal gate shown in the photograph.



Page 61, paragraph 2 : Elstree Aerodrome has been rebranded as *London* Elstree Aerodrome, although (unlike London Biggin Hill, London City and London Heathrow airports) it is not located within Greater London. However, as it is only 13 miles from Trafalgar Square, it has a stronger geographical



claim to this description than London Gatwick (24 miles), London Luton (27 miles), London Southend (36 miles) or Lydd London Ashford (60 miles) airports.

Page 61, paragraph 5 : The area behind Ham Farm Cottage is the approximate site of a former hamlet called Aldenham Wood, first recorded in 1382 and still in existence in 1851 when its population was 81. It was largely destroyed towards the end of the 19th century when Henry Hucks Gibbs diverted the line of Aldenham Road, demolished most of the houses, and incorporated much of the site into the grounds of Aldenham House (see following paragraph).

Page 62, paragraph 1 : Grub's Lane (properly spelled Grubb's) was so named after a family of local landowners in the 17th century.

Page 62, paragraph 2 : Strictly speaking, the school was founded by Aske's executors under the terms of his will. In September 2021 it was announced that his name is to be dropped from that of the school, because part of his wealth was derived from investment in the Royal Africa Company, which held a monopoly on the trans-Atlantic slave trade. At the same time, use of the motto "Serve and obey" is to be discontinued in favour of the strapline "Together, boundless."

Page 64, paragraph 3 : The Radlett Park golf club has been renamed The Hertsmere. The gate shown closed and locked across the path has been removed.

## Dyrham Park Trail

Page 69, paragraph 2 : The metal footbridge has now been rebuilt in wood.



Page 70, paragraph 4 : Sadly, the multi-wheeled gypsy caravan has disappeared, following the destruction by fire of the property in whose garden it was located.

Page 74, paragraph 3 : Cowley Hill Livery Stables have closed, and – in the face of much local opposition – the site has been redeveloped as housing.

## Edgware Trail



Page 78, paragraph 2 : The field on the right has now become a new cemetery maintained by the Federation. Established in 1887, this body "was created to serve the needs of immigrant Orthodox Jews in the East End who wanted to adhere to Halocho and retain the spirit of the Eastern European shuls and yeshivos that they had once called home."

Page 78, paragraph 4 : Some of the signs in the array have changed.

Page 79, paragraph 3 : The "Public footpath to Barnet Lane" sign is now heavily obscured by foliage.



Page 81, paragraph 1 : Sunrise Senior Living has been rebranded as Signature at Elstree.

Page 81, paragraphs 2-3 : During the Second World War, officers of the Coldstream Guards were billeted here in the run-up to D-Day. In the grounds of the hotel there was once a converted luxury Norwegian barn (later destroyed by fire) in which Sophia Loren was staying in 1960 while making a film of Shaw's *The Millionairess*. Jewellery worth £185,000 was stolen from the property while she was absent meeting her husband at Heathrow airport, and never recovered. The Manor (formerly Edgwarebury) Hotel is now known simply as The Manor. It is no longer connected with Laura Ashley plc.



Page 83, paragraph 5 : The wooden gate shown in the photograph has been replaced by a metal one.

## Harperbury Trail

Page 87, paragraph 1 : The waymark mentioned in this paragraph has disappeared.



Page 88, paragraph 5 : The footbridge has been rebuilt and widened. The close-boarded fence has gone, so the path now emerges onto The Warren at a gap to the right of a seven-barred metal gate, at which point you turn left along the road as described in paragraph 7.

Page 89, paragraph 4 : The rear garden of the gatehouse is noticeably lower than its surroundings. This is because it occupies the site of one of several shallow pits dug in the vicinity to extract gravel in the mid-19th century. These were connected to the railway station in the valley below by a siding whose gradient was such that it could not be worked by locomotives. Empty trucks would have been pushed up the hill manually, or hauled by ponies, and allowed to descend under gravity when full. An archway leading under The Avenue from this garden apparently marks the former route of this track, which had disappeared by 1896.

Page 89, paragraph 5 : George Blake died in Moscow in December 2020, aged 98, and was buried with military honours.



Page 91, paragraph 2 : The concrete footbridge with metal rails has been replaced with a new wooden bridge.

Page 91, paragraph 2 : The footpath leading from the Rose Field has been realigned and resurfaced. It now starts about 120

yards after you entered the field, from a point close to the stream on your right.



Page 92, paragraph 3 : In December 2023 the Cat and Fiddle was closed, and awaiting redevelopment.

Page 93, paragraph 1 : The fence in front of the former Cobden Hill farmhouse (visible in the picture at the foot of the previous page) is now obscured by the growth of laurel in front of it.



Page 94, paragraph 1 : The mountain bike trails in Wellhouse Dell are now officially sanctioned.

Page 95, paragraph 4 : The second bridge has been demolished and is awaiting replacement. The left hand post in the left hand photograph has collapsed. The entrance in the second paragraph has been remodelled with an “obstructor” designed to deter access by motor cycles.

Page 95, paragraph 5 / page 96, paragraph 1 : In July 2020 Hertsmeire council granted planning consent for the demolition of Organ Hall Farm and the remnants of the adjacent prefabs, and the redevelopment of the site for housing and offices. The prefabs have now gone, and the new structures have replaced them. The houses, branded “The Grainyard” were advertised by the developer as “beautifully crafted homes seamlessly connected to their surroundings” and as “a new expression of lifestyle-led living for those seeking exclusivity and originality.” Suggestions as to what these words are supposed to mean will be gratefully received.

Page 96 : The town twinning agreement dates from 1982.

## Highwood Trail

Page 100, photograph 3 : Even more of the lettering on the footpath sign next to the stile has disappeared.

Page 100, paragraph 5 : Unfortunately the seat dedicated to or by National Car Parks has disappeared.

Page 103, paragraph 6 : The Holiday Inn Elstree is now the DoubleTree Hilton.

Page 104, paragraph 2 : The near-meaningless “County of opportunity” slogan is now attached to the base of a roundabout traffic direction sign.



Page 106, paragraph 4 : Some rather attractive film-themed barriers have been installed at the T-junction of paths.

Page 106, paragraph 4 : The former Big Brother house has been demolished and the site has been redeveloped to create additional studio stages.



## Little Bushey Trail

Page 111, paragraph 3 : The shutters on the street façade of Oundle are wooden, not UPVIC, and are contemporary with rest of the 20th century extension.





Page 113, paragraph 3 : There is now a post-and-wire fence on your right, enclosing the hayfield. But the wooden kissing gate has been replaced by a gap between two wooden posts, and the pasture is now a public recreation area.

Page 114, paragraph 1 : The exit onto the by-pass is now through a wooden kissing gate. The unusual width of the bridge stems from the fact that when it was built sufficient space was left to include extra lanes if at some future point the by-pass becomes a dual carriageway.



Page 115, paragraph 1 : The yellow sign warning of the legal dangers of trespassing on the aerodrome has now been qualified by the addition of the further words stating (correctly) "except for public rights of way".

Page 116, paragraph 1 : The metal kissing gate mentioned in this paragraph has been demolished.

Page 116, paragraph 5 : Recent works have modified the appearance of Wards Lane, so the image adjacent to this paragraph should be replaced with this one.



Page 117, paragraph 4 : The post marking the plank bridge over the ditch shown in the picture has been replaced. The new post is to the right of the path. The skeletal remains of a fallen tree a short distance to your right are quite dramatic.

Page 119, paragraph 4 : The Radlett Park goldclub has been renamed The Hertsmere. The gate shown closed and locked across the path has been removed.

Page 120, paragraph 2 : The county council has now filled the rabbit holes, as a safety measure.

Page 120, paragraph 5 : The small wooden shelter has been removed.

Page 120, paragraph 6 : The five-barred wooden gate at the exit onto Allum Lane has been removed.



## Munden Trail

Page 122, Access to start : The starting point at Widgeon Way is now additionally reachable on Mondays to Fridays by a 25-minute journey on Uno bus service 635 from Stop J in Market Street, Watford town centre.



Page 124, photograph 6 : A new sign has been erected at this fork in the road, directing walkers to take the left-hand route.

Page 128, paragraph 3 : New Road was constructed to replace a number of earlier routes which were stopped up when the “Great Common Field” previously located between Round Bush, Letchmore Heath and Batlers

Green was enclosed and subdivided in 1803.

Page 128 : About half way along New Road, a clump of trees on the far side of the field to the right of the road marks the site of a fortified medieval homestead called Edmonds, of which the first documentary record dates from 1328. Excavations in the 1960s revealed the remains of a main building with thick flint walls supporting a timber-framed structure with wattle (i.e. willow) panels and clay daub walls, surrounded by a moat and ramparts. Only the latter are now evident above ground.

Page 129, paragraph 3 : The section of Batlers Green House facing Common Lane, now called Greenlands, takes its name from a recent former occupier.

Page 133, paragraph 5 : The town twinning agreement dates from 1982.

## Oakridge Trail

Page 135, paragraph 6. A fallen tree trunk a little way downstream is causing the water to pond back and be deeper than usual at the point at which the route enters Tykeswater. Also, another tree has fallen across the stream a couple of hundred yards upstream. For the time being use of the alternative route shown [in parentheses] in paragraphs 2 to 4 on page 136 is recommended.

Page 136, paragraph 7 : Immediately after you have turned left from the lane onto the bridleway (which is A5), ignore a signpost bearing the same number pointing into the field on your left and go straight ahead alongside the hedge.



Page 139, paragraph 5 : The bungalow on the site of the Roman pottery is now called Elangeni.

Page 142, paragraph 6 : A small plaque and a rear licence plate on a tree on the opposite side of the road, shortly before reaching North Medburn Farm, record the sad death in a road accident at this spot in 2014 of a 27 year old motorcyclist, Joe Paul.

Page 143, paragraph 6 : The Radlett Park golf club has been renamed The Hertsmere. The gate shown closed and locked across the path has been removed.

Page 144, paragraph 3 : The county council has now filled the most of the rabbit holes, as a safety measure.

Page 144, paragraph 5 : The small wooden shelter has been removed.

Page 145, paragraph 1 : The five-barred wooden gate at the exit onto Allum Lane has been removed.



## Otterspool Trail

Page 146, Access to start : The starting point at Widgeon Way is now additionally reachable on Mondays to Fridays by a 25-minute journey on Uno bus service 635 from Stop J in Market Street, Watford town centre.



Page 147, paragraph 4 : Immediately before a path leads off to the right, a pair of black metal gates marked “Private road” have been erected across the lane. This restriction applies only to vehicular traffic, and does not affect pedestrians. Walk round the right-hand end of the gates and continue straight ahead.

Page 148, paragraph 1 : The miniature sentry boxes outside the cottages attached to Otterspool House are actually bin stores.



Page 148, paragraph 4 : Repton’s first name should be spelled Humphry.



Page 152, paragraph 3 : More recently, the churchyard was used as a location for filming scenes in The White House Farm, a TV mini-series about the murder of members of the Bamber family at an Essex farmhouse in 1985.

Page 153, paragraph 7 : The Old Post Office is one of a number of locations within the village which formerly served this purpose. The plaque on the wall stating “On this site Sept 5 1782” nothing happened” strikes a note of whimsy.

Page 154, paragraph 6 : Common Lane takes its name from the Great Common Field which formerly occupied the area behind the hedge on your left.

Page 154, paragraph 6 : Do not go through the five-barred gate, as the path has been diverted for about 100 yards and now runs to the right of the duck pond in front of the “very modern house”.

Page 155, paragraph 2 : The Fruit Farm buildings are now occupied by Marathon Motors Ltd, a firm offering garage services and vehicle repairs.



Page 155, paragraph 3 : The wooden kissing gate has been replaced by a metal one.

Page 155, paragraph 5 : The second marker post, on the far side of the field, is currently (April 2021) missing, but the three oak trees (one of which is deceased) remain.



Page 155, paragraph 6 : The gate from the slab path into a private garden (which you do not enter) no longer bears a 'no entry' sign.



Page 157, paragraph 3 : The six-barred metal gate has been replaced by a rather flimsy wooden one, and the swing gate and marker post have collapsed and are lying in the hedge. There are no longer alpacas in the next field.

Page 158, paragraph 1 : In July 2020 Hertsmere council granted planning consent for the demolition of Organ Hall Farm and the remnants of the adjacent prefabs, and the redevelopment of the site for housing and offices. The prefabs have now gone, and a small housing estate has taken their place.

Page 158, paragraph 6 : The town twinning agreement dates from 1982.

## Scratchwood Trail

Page 162, paragraph 4 : The café at Scratchwood open space became the Sophe Lounge, a Persian restaurant, but this has since closed.

Page 163, paragraph 2 : The number of litter bins has grown.

Page 165, paragraph 2 : Concealed in the woodland thicket alongside Barnet Lane, on your right, are a number of artificial ponds, known as dew ponds, filled by seasonal rainfall and used for watering livestock in the pre-railway era when animals were driven on the hoof to the London markets.

Page 165, paragraph 4 : Mysteriously, the marker post shown in the picture as being on the left of the path has moved to its right hand side.

## Shenley Park Trail

Page 172, paragraph 3 : The posts with a confusing array of waymarks have been replaced by a new post with a simpler set of arrows.

Page 174, paragraph 2 : Shenley Cricket Centre now forms part of the London Shenley Club, which describes itself as providing



“a unique and attractive all year round location for weddings, private events and corporate cricket matches.”

Page 178, paragraph 2 : A seven-barred metal gate, bearing a sign saying “Notice – Private property – Keep out” now bars the track at the point at which you turn left along restricted byway 45.



Page 178, paragraph 4 : The (now vanished) property named High Gardens was on the site of an ancient homestead known as Haydons, which is mentioned as a boundary spot in a charter attributed to King Offa of Mercia and dated 785, purportedly granting land to the Abbey of Westminster – though scholastic research has subsequently suggested that this may be a 10th-century forgery. Its name was probably derived from the Saxon word *heidene*.

Page 178, paragraph 6 : The five-barred gate has been detached from its hinges and is permanently open.

Page 179, paragraphs 3 and 4 : In July 2020 Hertsmere council granted planning consent for the demolition of Organ Hall Farm and the remnants of the adjacent prefabs, and the redevelopment of the site for housing and offices. The prefabs have now gone, and the new structures have replaced them. The houses, branded “The Grainyard” were advertised by the developer as “beautifully crafted homes seamlessly connected to their surroundings” and as “a new expression of lifestyle-led living for those seeking exclusivity and originality.” Suggestions as to what these words are supposed to mean will be gratefully received.

Page 180, paragraph 1 : The town twinning agreement dates from 1982.

## Shenleybury Trail



Page 185, paragraph 3 : The stile mentioned in this paragraph has been removed, leaving a wide gap in the hedge.

Page 185, paragraph 5 : Do not head up the hill ahead of you beyond the derelict stable, but bear half-right

following the marker posts for footpath no 30.

Unfortunately the drinking trough mentioned in the text and just visible in the picture in the book has been

removed, but the position of the stile can be found by reference to the white arrow shown and the clump of trees beyond.



Page 185, paragraph 7 : Both of the stiles mentioned in this paragraph have been replaced by wooden kissing gates.

Page 186, paragraph 1 : Rectory Farm is now the home of Shenley Equestrian Ltd.



Page 187, paragraph 8 : Warwick Cottage no 2 has a 3-over-6 sash widow on the ground floor.

Page 188, paragraph 1 : The Novita restaurant has been renamed l’Italiana.

Page 188, paragraph 2 : The housing development is called Black Lion Cottages, a reference to the former pub on the site of whose stables it stands.

Page 188, paragraph 3 : The lattice leaded-effect lights in the ground floor windows have been replaced by modern casements.

Page 189, paragraph 1 : Similar ball finials can be seen on the posts of the pedestrian gate at the right of the main gate to Pound House. The name of the house alludes to the pound mentioned in paragraph 7 on page 187.

Page 191, paragraph 4 : In March 2020 the clock on no 108 London Road was once again inoperative, though not this time as a result of air raids.

Page 191, paragraph 5 : Just to the right of the “private road” turning a former telephone kiosk now houses Little Shenley Library, sponsored by the building firm Griggs in association with the parish council. It operates on a “please help yourself and leave a book in its place” basis.



Page 192, paragraph 5 : The former King William IV pub has been converted into flats. The façade of the building has been retained, but the pub sign shown in the accompanying photograph in the book has been removed.

Page 193, paragraph 4 : Unfortunately the bells are no longer visible from below, boards having been installed below the grid.

Page 197, paragraph 6 : The path leading from the gate across Kitwell Farm’s drive is S7, signposted to Woodhall Farm.



Page 198, paragraph 2 : Just after the wooden swing gate at the start of path S8, a metal gap narrower has been installed to discourage illegal use of the path by cyclists and motor cyclists.

Page 199, paragraph 3 : The wooden swing gate has been replaced by a metal gate,

beyond which vegetation (bramble) clearance has recently been carried out by Herts county council. The path is now surfaced and runs straight ahead paralleling the metal palings of the field to your right and passing the small copse on your left.





Page 199, paragraph 7 and page 200, paragraph 1 : The metal kissing gate shown in the photograph has been replaced by an inhibitor designed to allow free passage to pedestrians while excluding cycles and motorcycles.

## South Mimms Trail

Page 202/203 : Bus 84 no longer runs between Barnet and Potters Bar. This means that the best alternative route to the start of this walk at weekends, on bank holidays, etc, is now to take a train from Elstree and Borehamwood station to St Albans, and then take bus 84 towards Potters Bar from stop B outside the station, alighting opposite the White Hart in South Mimms.

Page 203, paragraphs 4 and 6 : Sadly, the White Hart pub/restaurant is now permanently closed.

Page 205, paragraph 3 : The name sign on South Mymms Village Hall is spelled, unusually for this village, with a “y”.



Page 210, paragraph 7 : The “pavement” mentioned is signposted as a Highway Verge Bridle Path.

Page 211, paragraph 1 : The replacement for the cottage destroyed by fire is called Darrach Cottage.

Page 211, paragraph 3 : The first of the two marker posts mentioned (and shown in the fourth photograph) has disappeared.

Page 212, paragraph 3 : The town twinning agreement dates from 1982.

Page 213, paragraphs 3 and 4 : The metal kissing gate shown in the photograph has been replaced by an inhibitor designed to allow free passage to pedestrians while excluding cycles and motorcycles.



## Southridge Trail

Page 214 : Bus 84 no longer runs between Barnet and Potters Bar. This means that the best alternative route to the start of this walk at weekends, on bank holidays, etc, is now to take a train from Elstree and Borehamwood station to St Albans, and then take bus 84 towards Potters Bar from stop B outside the station, alighting at Blackhorse Lane and crossing the road.

Page 215, paragraph 6 : A wooden swing gate has now been erected across the gap at the point at which you leave the road (i.e. in the foreground of the second picture on the page).



Page 216, paragraph 1 : The first two wooden gates mentioned, between the paddocks, have been replaced with metal ones.



Page 216, paragraph 2 : The field has periodically been cropped, with no gap having been left for walkers, but your right of way is unaffected.

Page 217, paragraph 5 : Sadly, the decorative wall plate at the entrance to Rabley Park has been removed.

Page 217, paragraph 1 : The three-rail wooden fence is, in fact, a four-rail fence.

Page 218, paragraph 2 : The “←Ridge 21” sign shown has disappeared, and the field has periodically been cropped with no gap having been left for walkers, but your right of way is unaffected.

Page 220, paragraph 3 : As staff changes occur at Herts CC from time to time, Dawn Grocock has asked that footpath issues are reported via the official website <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-highway-fault/public-rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way.aspx> .

Page 223, paragraph 6 : Cowley Hill Livery Stables have closed, and – in the face of much local opposition – the site has been redeveloped as housing.

## Stanmore Trail

Page 228, paragraph 7 : Wood Farm Country park is now officially the Wood Farm and Stanmore Country Park.

Page 232, paragraph 2 : Delete “This is point B”.



Page 232, paragraph 4 : At the top of the slope there are now a pair of wire mesh gates, but these can be by-passed by a kissing gate alongside them.



Page 232, paragraph 6 : Insert at end “This is point B”.

Page 232, paragraphs 6 and 7. The metal kissing gate has been removed, and the overgrown area formerly containing giant hogweed has been cleared.

Page 234, paragraph 4 : The second gate (shown in picture) has been removed.



Page 235, paragraph 3 : The herd of English Longhorn cattle has left the country park, and its place has been taken by a herd of Red Polls. These originated as a cross between two breeds which are now extinct, the Norfolk red and Suffolk Dun, and are normally raised for



beef. They are deep red in colour, with white only on their tail switches and udders. "Poll" signifies that they are naturally without horns.

Page 236, paragraph 2 : The water level in the reservoir has recently been lowered to reduce pressure on the dam. Very regrettably, this has forced the closure (after eight decades) of the Aldenham sailing club.

Page 238, paragraph 5 : The image of the worshipping devotee on the sign on the totem (former pub sign) outside the Elstree shtiebel has been revised. The Elstree village poorhouse stood on a site adjoining the former Artichoke pub until it was closed, and its residents transferred to the workhouse in Barnet (on the site of the present Barnet General Hospital) in 1837.



Page 240, paragraph 3 : The former Elstree Congregational Church is now painted cream.

Page 241, paragraph 2 : Nos 15-17 High Street are now painted grey.

Page 242, paragraph 1 : The former Holly Bush is now home to the Little Raccoons day nursery.

## Final Leg 1

Page 244, paragraph 2 : The knee rails and tree in the foreground of the second picture have been removed.



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