

The walk starts at the bottom of the Causeway **1** by the entrance to St Mary's Churchyard.

Take the right-hand path through the churchyard and carry on past the Remembrance Garden (on your right). Cross the bridge over the Arun, turn left and follow the riverside path. At the road turn right under the railway bridge, then after a few yards take another right turn into a narrow field entrance **2**. You'll soon see the slope of Denne Hill in front of you.

Follow the path up the hill. At the green metal seat you can look back to the Cricketfield and there are good views across the town. Carry on through a wide gap in the hedge, with woodland on your left. If you stop before the next oak tree on your right **3** and look across Worthing Road to the North Downs you may be able to see Leith Hill tower on the horizon (binoculars would help!).

Down a bit of a slope and then up again. As the ground rises, the path enters the woodland and emerges at the top, on the far side of the trees, but for better views stay in the field and keep to the edge of the wood. When you get near the top you can follow the tree-line round to the left and rejoin the path, but it's worth stopping first to take in the view across the town **4**.



The path heads south with a barbed wire fence on the left and soon reaches a signpost **5** by two cattle troughs. Go left here through the gap in the fence. There are two parallel paths – take the right hand one, which passes to the left of a group of three oak trees: two live and one dead. You should see Denne Park House **6** through the trees ahead on your right. Cross over the tarmac path and keep going. The grounds of the mansion have been developed with houses built individually in the 1950s and 1960s. Aim for the far corner of the development. If you're lucky the field gate will be open when you get there – otherwise climb the stile and follow the path ahead. The back gardens of some of the Denne Park houses will be on your right.

At the far side of the field there's a tall metal kissing-gate **7** leading into the woods. Go through it, and follow the path ahead of you until it merges with a wide track. This is Pedlars Way **8**, developed from an existing path by Horsham District Council as a cycle route between Horsham and Southwater.

Turn sharp left and follow Pedlars Way down the hill. As it emerges from the woods you'll cross the Arun again (look out for kingfishers). On the other side of the river our track curves to the left, but it's worth making a small diversion over a wooden footbridge on the right. Go through the wooden gate and take a look at the pond **9** which has recently been created by HDC wildlife wardens. It looks rather bare at the moment, but it will soon be colonised by aquatic plants and wildlife.



Retrace your steps and rejoin the track, which leads to the buildings at Chesworth Farm **10**. The old barn was recently restored for use as an arts workshop and you might catch a glimpse through a window of one of the occupants working. After the barn you'll see HDC's Parks Depot on the left, and a house on the right. Ahead of you there's a small pond and reed-bed. Reed warblers breed here every year, and on summer evenings you can hear them singing.

The track – now a farm road – bears left between the depot and the pond. All the fields on the right and left **11** are owned by Horsham District Council – a valuable open space and nature reserve, which stretches behind the Brighton Road as far as Kerves Lane. It's worth spending some time exploring and enjoying the area.

Stay on the farm road until it emerges into Chesworth Lane. Keep straight on to the end of Chesworth Lane, turn right into Denne Road, left into Normandy and back through the churchyard.