Walk

Storrington & Kithurst

Distance 2.4 miles Fairly flat Stiles

This is a fairly flat walk taking you past many interesting old buildings in Storrington town centre and out in to the countryside. Park in the Storrington library car park

1. Leave the car park via the footbridge, over the river Stor. With your back to the library it is diagonally to your left in the far left-hand corner near the large willow tree. Turn right into Old Mill Drive. At the junction cross the High Street and take the first left turn between the shops into Whitehorse Court (the sign is only visible once you are in the courtyard). Pass between the houses and follow the footpath through the courtyard to the top left-hand corner. When you emerge from the houses turn sharp right to walk along the twitten (Sussex word for alley).

2. The path ends at a junction with a road. Turn right here. Walk along the road alongside the high stone wall on your left to the junction of Church Street. You will notice some intricately carved wooden doors at the end, which are reproductions dating from early 1900s.

3. Turn left up Church Street passing the church on your right and St Joseph's Convent on your left. Continue southwards up Greyfriars Lane for about half a mile. You quickly leave the houses behind as you walk gradually uphill. About halfway along you will pass Gerston Farm and Business Park on your right.

4. At the fork in the road at Benet House take the right-hand track which continues



gradually uphill. At Greyfriars Farm there is another fork in the path with a three-way footpath sign. Take the one to the right and follow the bridleway, passing the duck pond on the right.

5. At the next junction turn right onto the footpath. Pass Coldharbour Cottage with the old cider press by the door and take the opportunity to enjoy the views over the Downs. Cross over the stile and immediately turn left in front of the trees. Walk along the right-hand edge of the field for about 30 metres then cross over another stile at the beginning of a fence on your right. Walk along the left-hand edge of the field, keeping the hedge to your left. This will take you gradually downhill. As the hedge turns to the left you will come across a two-way footpath sign. Take the left-hand footpath along the hedge. Follow this footpath along the top of the field until you reach the entrance to Kithurst Farm.

6. At the entrance to Kithurst Farm follow the footpath sign and turn right down the slope. Head for the footbridge in the left-

hand corner of the field. Cross over a second footbridge and continue along the footpath straight ahead. After the second footbridge ignore the footpath leading off to the right. At the end of the footpath join the lane by Kithurst Barn and continue straight ahead.

7. Continue down this lane some way. On the left you will pass the shrine to Our Lady. At the mini roundabout in front of the convent take the right-hand fork into School Lane. Continue down School Lane, passing the church on your left and the Old School, which is now a Community Centre on your right.

8. At the end of School Lane turn left into Church Street, where you will see some of the oldest houses in Storrington. About halfway down the street you will see the restaurant in the15th Century Old Forge on your left.

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9. At the end of the street turn left into the High Street. Cross the road at the pedestrian crossing in front of the Post Office, turn right and follow the signs back to the library.

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