

## WESTERN AREA COMMITTEE – 1 December 2022

Project	Walking & Cycling Project
Lead Councillors	Cllr Sarah Stephen and Cllr Monique Bonney
Lead Officer	Adrian Oliver, Active Travel Co-ordinator
Objective	Use South-West Swale resources, the Villages, historical sites, food producers, ancient woodlands, nature reserves and war graves to name some, and create walking and cycling experiences similar to those created for Faversham
Budget	£13,000
Status	In Progress

Thank you to everyone who attended the Walking & Cycling Trails Review meeting, it was very helpful. The trails have been revised (see below) and the additional background and points of interest information added.

Over the next few weeks, we will be working with Tribal Voice Communications (TVC) to physically ground-truth each trail, checking the suitability, accessibility and attractiveness. The trails may then be tweaked accordingly to arrive at the final trails to be promoted. TVC will then create step by step copy for each trail, highlighting key features including points of interest and refreshment stops. Where appropriate, links will be made with North Downs AONB, regional and national trails. Once all this work is complete, TVC will be in a position to suggest a motivating theme for each trail.

As part of TVC's work, interested groups such as Newington History Group and Borden History Group and local businesses along the trails will be contacted.

Separately, I will work on the cycling trail and explore more cycling route opportunities.

Explore Kent will produce the final maps which will be used in leaflets designed inhouse, working with TVC. The trail leaflets will be printed inhouse too.

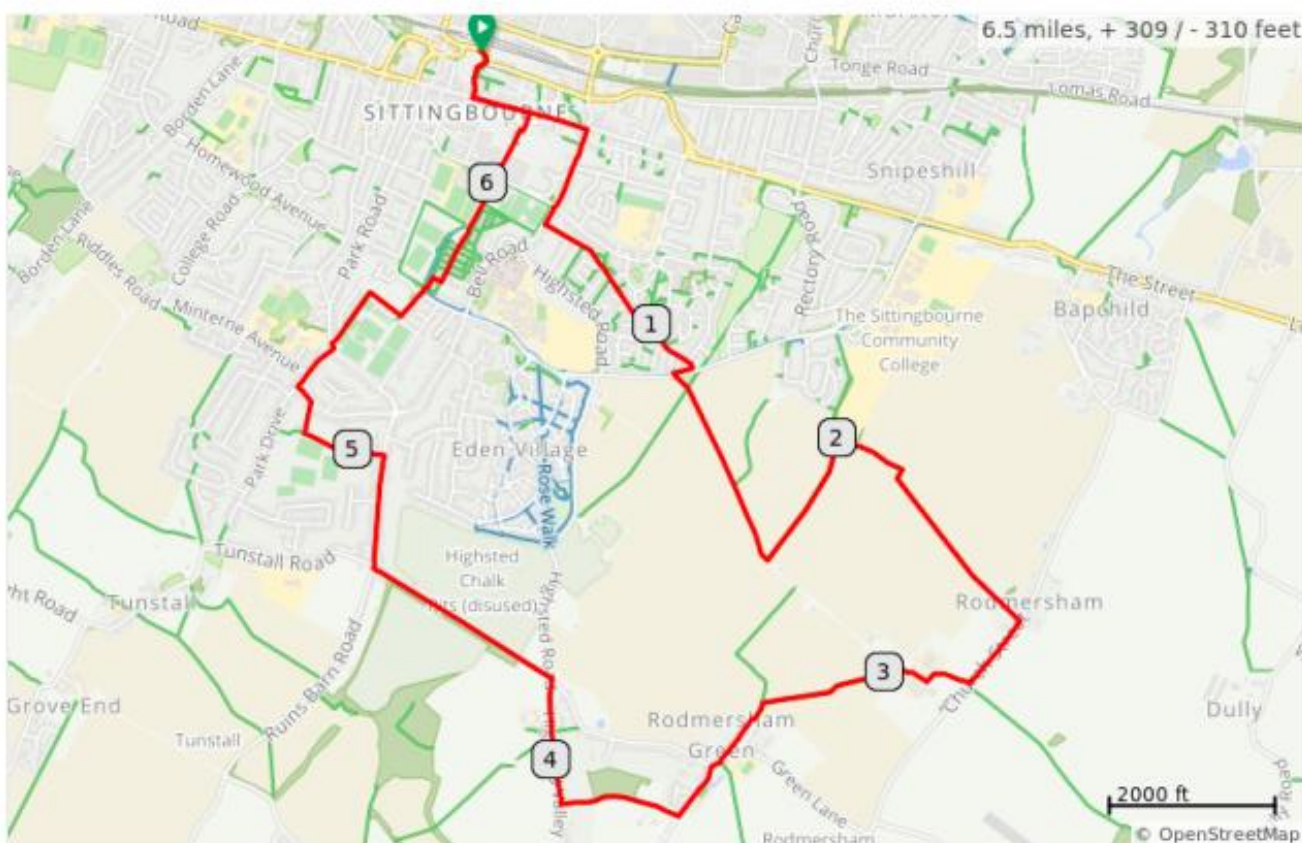
We will follow the Explore Kent process, so these walks can feature on their website, app and the Kent Connected app. Also being explored is the potential to make these trails available on the national gojauntly app.

If Members would like to join TVC on the ground truth walks, whether for all or part of a trail, please contact me and I will see whether this is possible.

# Rodmersham Green Walk v2 181122



Modern Mixed Walk: Town centre, urban green spaces, residential streets, agricultural landscape, rural settlements and cemetery.  
High Street : Toilets; shops; hospitality; alleyways; Heritage Hub (The Forum); Media Centre/VIC; St Michael's Church; (West Street Old Forge War Time House).  
Bell Road: River Bourne below; Air Raid Shelters by Trots Hall (now Trots Gardens); Was once the B2163 to East Farleigh.  
1.7m: Scratchards Hill with views across the estuary.  
Rodmersham Church: Significant graves including Deans family (brickmakers) and [www.edwardardizzone.org.uk](http://www.edwardardizzone.org.uk)  
Rodmersham Green: Duck Pond; Rodmersham Coffee Shop; Fruiterers Arms; The Club (bar).  
3.8m: Shoulder of Mutton Wood  
Cromer's Road: Highsted Chalk Pits - Pre-historic settlement, old railway line (dismantled), & tunnel to Sittingbourne (lost?); Cromer's Wood (KWT).  
King George's Playing Fields: Coffee shop and toilets  
Sittingbourne Cemetary  
Avenue of Remembrance  
Roman Square (history?)  
Reference: Woodstock - an archaeological Mystery - Lesley Feakes



# Tunstall Borden Walk v2 181122



High Street : Toilets; shops; hospitality; alleyways; Heritage Hub (The Forum); Media Centre/VIC; St Michael's Church; (West Street Old Forge War Time House).

Avenue of Remembrance

Albany Park

King George's Playing Fields: Coffee shop and toilets

Buried Treasure

Tunstall Church (no shops or pubs within the village boundaries; these have been prohibited since the Middle Ages)

Borden Church and Maypole Pub

Borden Rec, Cricket Pitch and Nature Reserve

Johnson Gardens

References:

Helen Allinson & Brian Turner - Tunstall

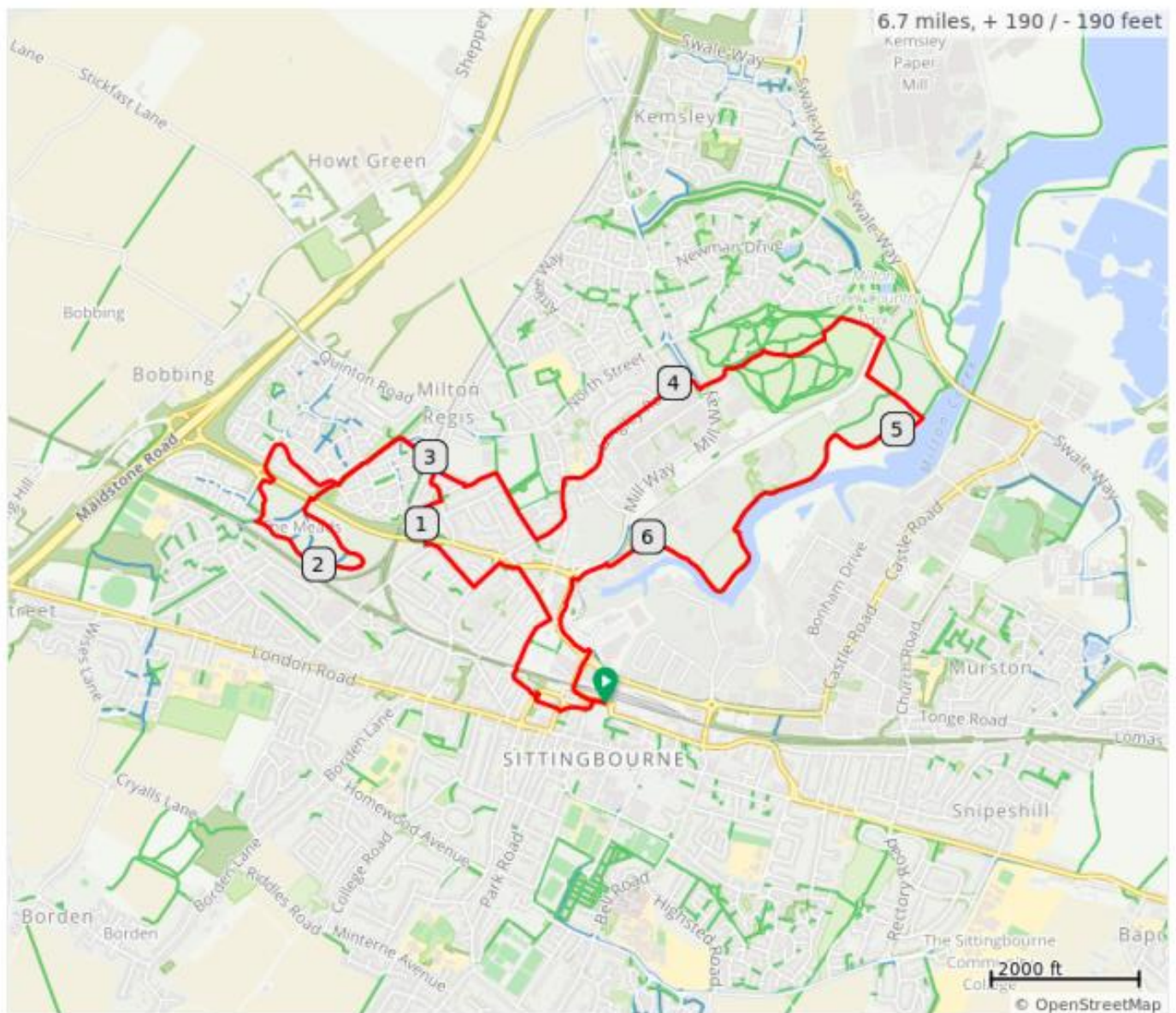
Helen Allinson - The Story of Gore Court House & Estate



# Meads & Milton Walk v2 181122



Former Paper Mill  
Periwinkle Mill  
The Meads - woodland and Henge (Explore Kent)  
Milton Regis High Street [www.hrgs.co.uk](http://www.hrgs.co.uk)  
Milton Court Hall [friendsof miltonregiscourthall.co.uk](http://friendsof miltonregiscourthall.co.uk)  
Milton Creek Country Park [miltoncreek.co.uk](http://miltoncreek.co.uk)  
Holy Trinity Church [miltoncreek.co.uk](http://miltoncreek.co.uk)  
Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway [sklr.net](http://sklr.net)  
Milton Creek  
Milton Railway Viaduct  
Milton Pipes



# newington hartlip walk 181122



Newington [newingtonhistory.uk](http://newingtonhistory.uk)

Roman Ruins

Devil's Footsteps

Rose & Crown <https://www.roseandcrownhartlip.com/>

Potters Wood

Queen Down Warren <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/queendown-warren>

