

ELHAM VALLEY WALKERS

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ELHAM VALLEY WALKERS are a group of volunteers sharing a love of the great outdoors and a strong commitment to our local community.

Our activities include guiding local walks, producing walk information and, as members of 'Walkers are Welcome', promoting the valley as an attractive destination for visitors.



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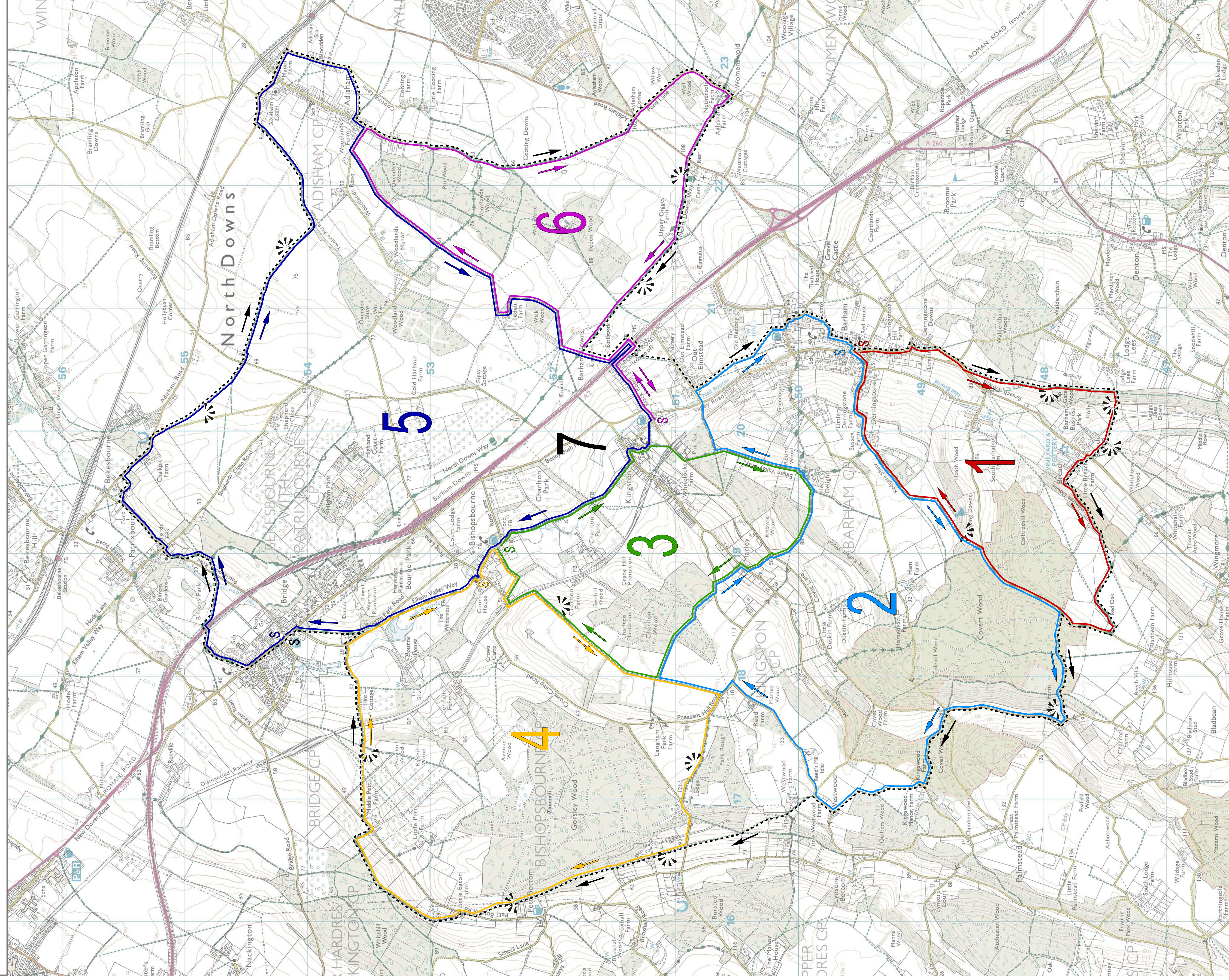
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THE WALKS

The seven walks in the north part of the Elham Valley cater for both the casual and the seasoned walker. Ranging from 4.6 miles (the Parkland Loop) to the challenging North Ring (20.5 miles), the routes pass through a wide variety of landscapes and points of interest.

WALK GRADES

easy Short, typically flat walks suitable for most including children.
moderate Longer walks with more ascents and descents.
demanding Require reasonable fitness as walks are longer, with steeper hills and some rough terrain.



1 VINEYARD VIEW
5.0m 2.5 hrs easy
 After heading south out of the village of Barham the first section of the walk affords great views across and along the Elham valley. The route passes through the picturesque Covert Wood and the nature reserve at Jumping Downs ending back at the village.

2 FOUR WOODS
8.7m 4.5 hrs moderate
 Beginning in Barham, the route explores a variety of woodland landscapes with sections of open Downland between. From swathes of bluebells in Spring to the rich colours of Autumn, each season brings to the walk different sights and experiences.

3 PARKLAND LOOP
4.6m 2.5 hrs easy
 This walk follows the Elham Valley Way to Kingston through the beautiful grounds of Charlton Park, then circles round through the countryside to the south of the villages encountering the embankment and cutting of the former Elham Valley railway.

4 PETT BOTTOM & BACK
6.4m 3.5 hrs moderate
 A longer walk covers high ground to the south of Bishopsbourne with great views to the west, circles via coppice woodland (with an optional pub stop), and meadows before a final leg through the grounds of Bourne House and along the course of the Nailbourne.

5 SIX CHURCHES
10.3m 5 hrs moderate
 Varied landscapes, six local churches and the picturesque village of Patricbourne feature along the route. The high downland on the north section provides great views toward the coast, while the last stretch follows the Elham Valley Way across the grounds of two country estates.

6 OVER THE DOWNS
5.7m 3 hrs easy
 Starting from Kingston, the walk crosses the A2 onto the downs. Circling around woodland, the route heads south and passes through the village of Womensdole before following the North Downs Way with views toward the head of the Elham Valley.

7 BARHAM - BRIDGE RING
20.4m 10 hrs demanding
 A great day's walk following the outer boundaries of the six other routes. Taking in a wide variety of landscapes from the head of the Elham Valley across to the North Downs, the route passes through picturesque villages with local landmarks, cafes and pubs along the way.

