

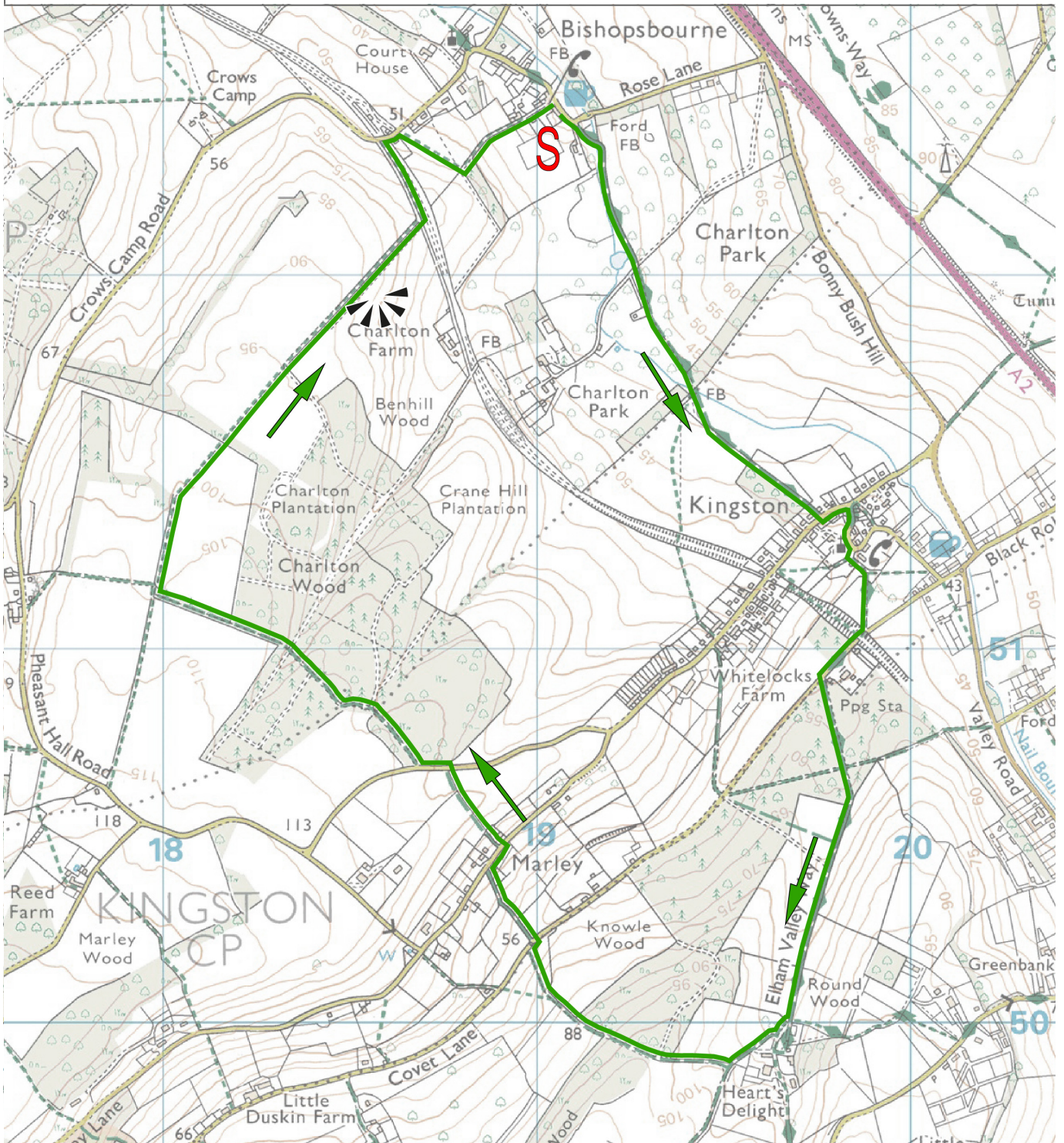
WALK ELHAM VALLEY NORTH

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PARKLAND LOOP

4.6m 2.5 hrs easy

Start point: Bishopsbourne



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DIRECTIONS (ROUTE RUNS CLOCKWISE)

FP - Footpath TR - Turn right
KG - Kissing gate TL - Turn left

Walk along the road (The Street) opposite the church, signposted to Charlton Park, passing the Mermaid Inn on your right. At the Bishopsbourne sign take the No Through Road on the right (Elham Valley Way Bridleway). At the righthand bend in the road follow the Bridleway through a gate on your left through the park (Charlton House in the distance on your right). Follow this Bridleway over a footbridge, through two gates, until you reach the road at Kingston.

TL then first right into Church Lane, following the Elham Valley Way signs past Kingston Church. TL in front of the house Little Court and walk down the narrow FP to a gate. Bear right (Elham Valley Way) and through the next gate. Follow the directional arrow across the field to KG. TR onto road and under bridge. After Kingston waterworks TL on to Elham Valley Way Bridleway. Keep right in front of houses and follow Bridleway signs (leaving the Elham Valley Way) uphill. Where the bridleway splits bear right and through large metal gate. Walk on passing through three gates. TR at road then first left to continue uphill on the bridleway.

At road TR then TL by house The Hermitage. Continue with fence on right, through three metal gates, at road TL then TR keeping on bridleway into Charlton Wood. Come out of the wood into a field and walk along the open track with the wood on your right. Where the bridleway crosses the FP turn sharp right on the FP and follow it all the way through fields and down through an

ancient enclosed green lane, to a gravel track. TL and at road TR over a disused railway bridge (Look left over the bridge to see the preserved Bishopsbourne Station).

TR through KG onto FP across field to another KG, TL and walk downhill. At the Mermaid Inn TL and return to your start point.

Worgans Farm Shop and the Tadpole Café are close by on the right-hand side of the road signposted to Bridge.

We hope you have enjoyed your walk. We endeavour to maintain our rights of way – if you have encountered any problems or errors in the route we would be pleased to hear from you.