

## Circular walks from The Keystone

### Walk C: Pewley Down to Newlands Corner, across to St. Martha's, returning along the North Downs Way via Chantries Wood, Shalford Park & The River Wey

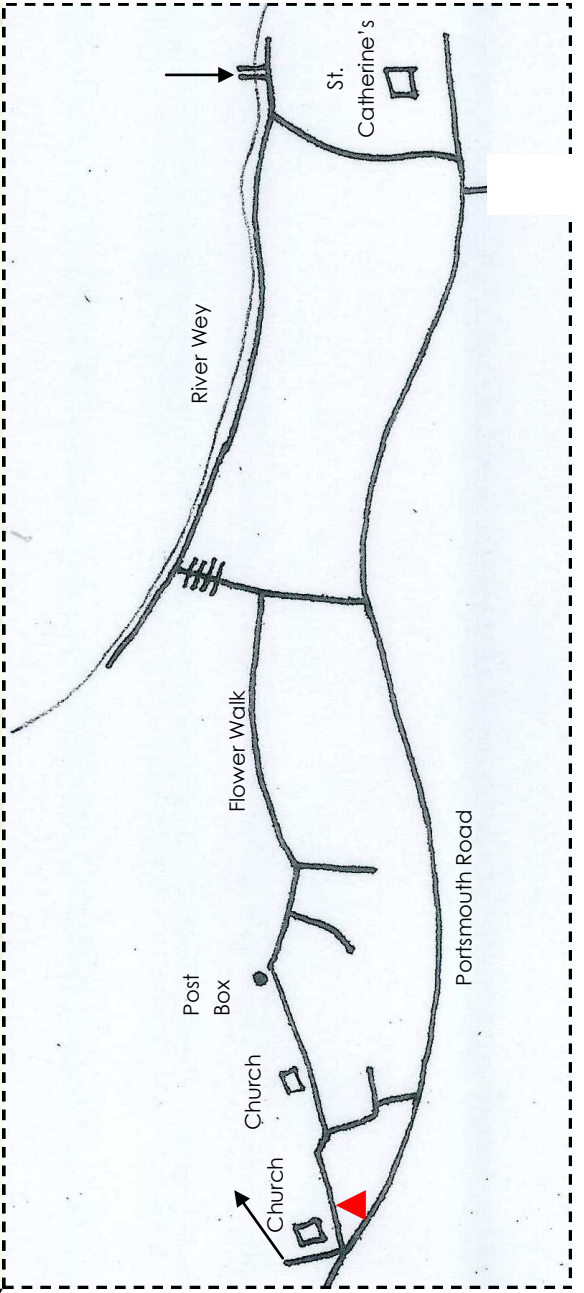
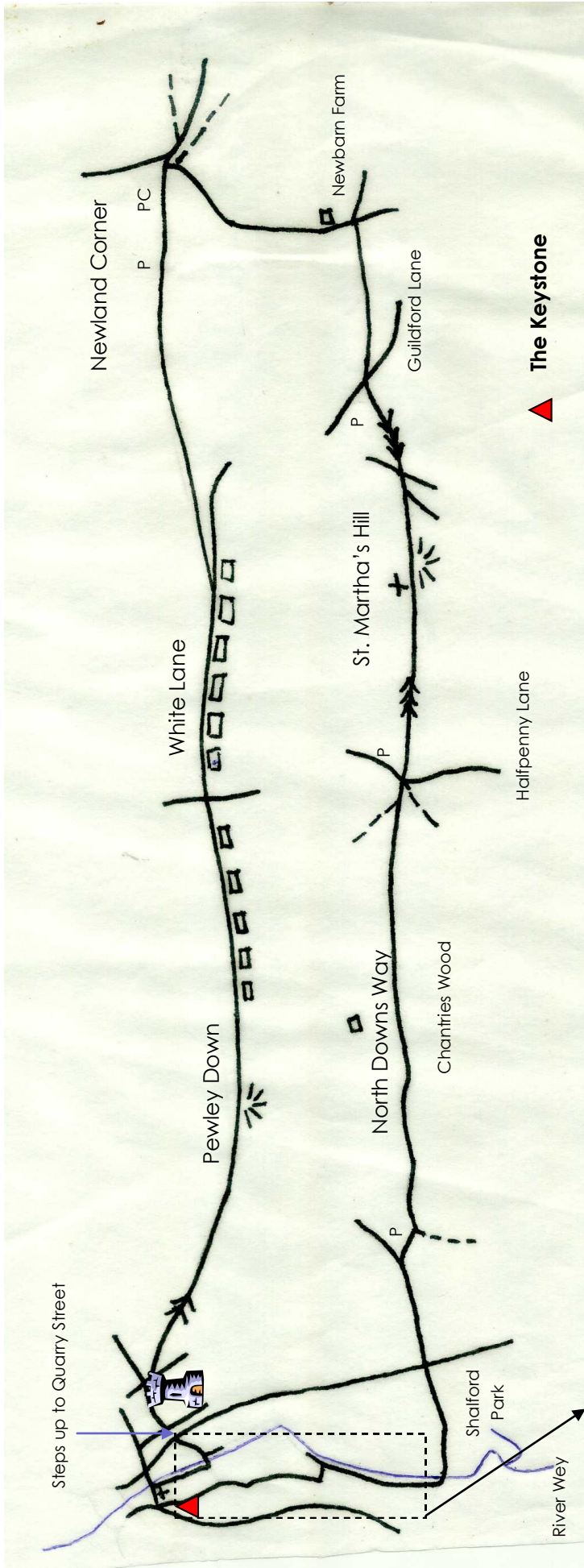
The walk follows two parallel ridges - the views from both are fantastic. Terrain is mainly sandy tracks and woodland paths with one section of country lane. There are a couple of steeper sections, the road up to Pewley Down and the track up to St. Martha's.

c. 7½ miles but could be extended to c. 11 miles, from St. Martha's down through Chilworth, Blackheath and Shalford taking in a longer section of the River Wey on the final section home.

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Easy parking at Artington Park & Ride or at one of the five car parks along the route. Guildford main station is 2 minutes walk from The Keystone.

- Starting from The Keystone, leave via the Bury Street exit, going left and around St. Nicholas Church onto Millmead, this side of the river. At the dead end take a left over the pedestrian bridge and the lock, down the side of the Yvonne Arnauld Theatre. Cross the main road and take the narrow steps straight up to Quarry Street. Carry straight on up Castle Street, past The Kings Head and the Castle on your right.
- At Cambio's Restaurant bear right up Pewley Hill. Do not take the right hand road, South Hill.
- Follow Pewley Hill to the end of the road and onto the footpath along the top of the down. After World War I the local Friary Brewery bought the Down and presented it to the town as a war memorial.
- The footpath will take you behind a row of houses to cross-roads. Go straight ahead along White Lane.
- Towards the end of the large houses take the bridleway that forks left away from the lane into woodland. Follow this straight on through the woods, reaching the car park at Newlands Corner after about 1.5km.
- After refreshments & a toilet stop, with your back to the visitor centre, head straight down the middle of the cut meadow towards the valley. Do not take the gravel path nearer the main road.
- Go through a kissing gate in the hedge and across the field straight down to Newbarn Farm.
- Fork right at the cross-road of paths, following the tree line to Guildford Lane. Go straight across the lane, staying on the same path. Find the information board at the end of the small car park and go left over the small planked bridge, then turn right following the 'self-guided trail' signs. Stay on this sandy track all the way up to St. Martha's Hill. (Ignore the Down's Link sign to the left and at a 2<sup>nd</sup> fork stay on the right-hand path.)



- Find a seat, catch your breath & take in the views across Tillingbourne Valley.
- At the opposite corner of the church, near the graveyard gate, take the broad path downhill through woodland, over a private house's drive, to Halfpenny Lane.
- Turn left along the road briefly and then right through a gateway onto the North Downs Way. Ignore both the immediate left towards the campsite and the next right-hand fork, instead staying straight ahead. This path will take you through the woods, down a short hill, to a T-junction of paths at the edge of a field. Go straight ahead on a sandy path between two fields which often have horses grazing in them.
- The North Downs Way will bring you through the edge of Chantries Wood, eventually arriving at a car park next to a couple of houses and some allotments. The road ahead is Pilgrims Way. Turn left down it to reach Shalford Road.
- Cross Shalford Road & head straight across the park to the River Wey.
- Go across the bridge and take the footpath right along the river.
- Follow the footpath c. 0.5km along the river until you get to a short but steep set of steps. Go up the steps and take the first right, Flower Walk. Carry straight on along Bury Fields, past a post box & a Methodist Church, out onto Bury Street, where you will return The Keystone at the end of the road, opposite St. Nicholas Church.



## Views from Pewley Down

