

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Approx. 1mile - Allow 1 hour

This is an introductory brief walk around the picturesque village of Otford. For more detail please refer to the booklet "A Look Around Otford." The village has many historic Listed Buildings of great interest.

1. From Car Park turn left into High Street and take crossing in front of "The Bull" Public House c16. Forge Restaurant opposite formerly three c17 cottages.

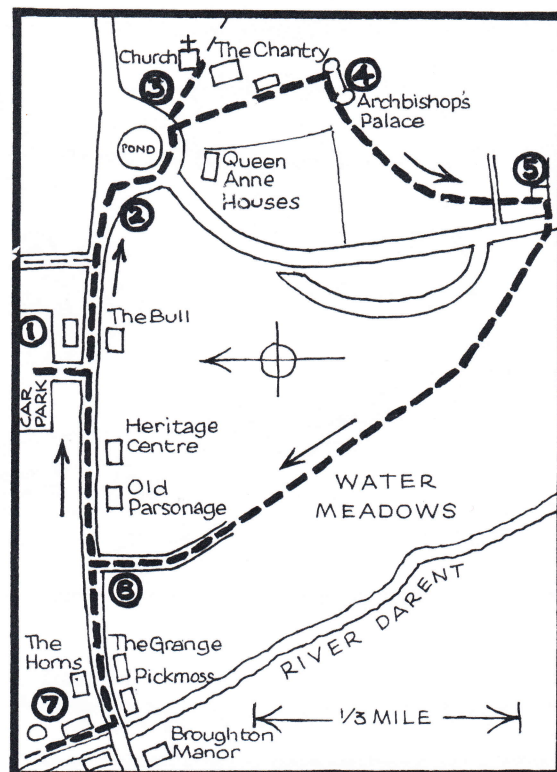
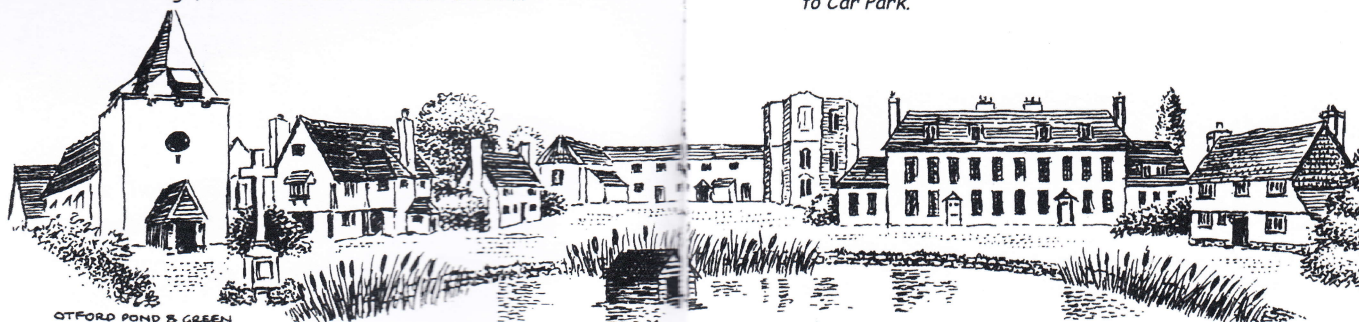
2. Continue to what is probably the only listed pond in England. Cross road in front of the Queen Anne Houses on the right and onto Palace Approach footpath.

3. At this spot a detour can be made to look at St Bartholomews Church c10 on left, return to footpath and on your left is The Chantry - Otford's Medieval Court Hall. Walk past Chantry Cottage c17 to the Archbishop's Palace.

4. The Archbishop's Palace rivalled Hampton Court for size with origins back to Anglo-Saxon times. All that remains are the Gatehouse, walls (now cottages) and Tower. Take footpath to the right of the Tower through Palace Field.

5. Pass shops and at Post Office cross road via traffic island and take footpath opposite. Former water meadows are on your left.

6. After about a third of a mile emerge onto the High Street with a further interesting detour suggested to the left past Pickmoss, a medieval open-hall house with some original timbering and the Horns Public House c16-c17. In front of The Grange, cross the road to the Mill Stream.



7. By the side of the Mill Stream is The Mill House. Its Georgian facade masking c17 dwellings and the typical Oast House. Note the unusual Kentish House bordering the stream and sluice gates controlling the water level. Return to High Street and to the right is the fine building of Broughton Manor and the unusual chimney of Bridge Cottage. Return passing the Old Parsonage a Jacobean House with fine c18 gates and the Heritage Centre. Return to Car Park.