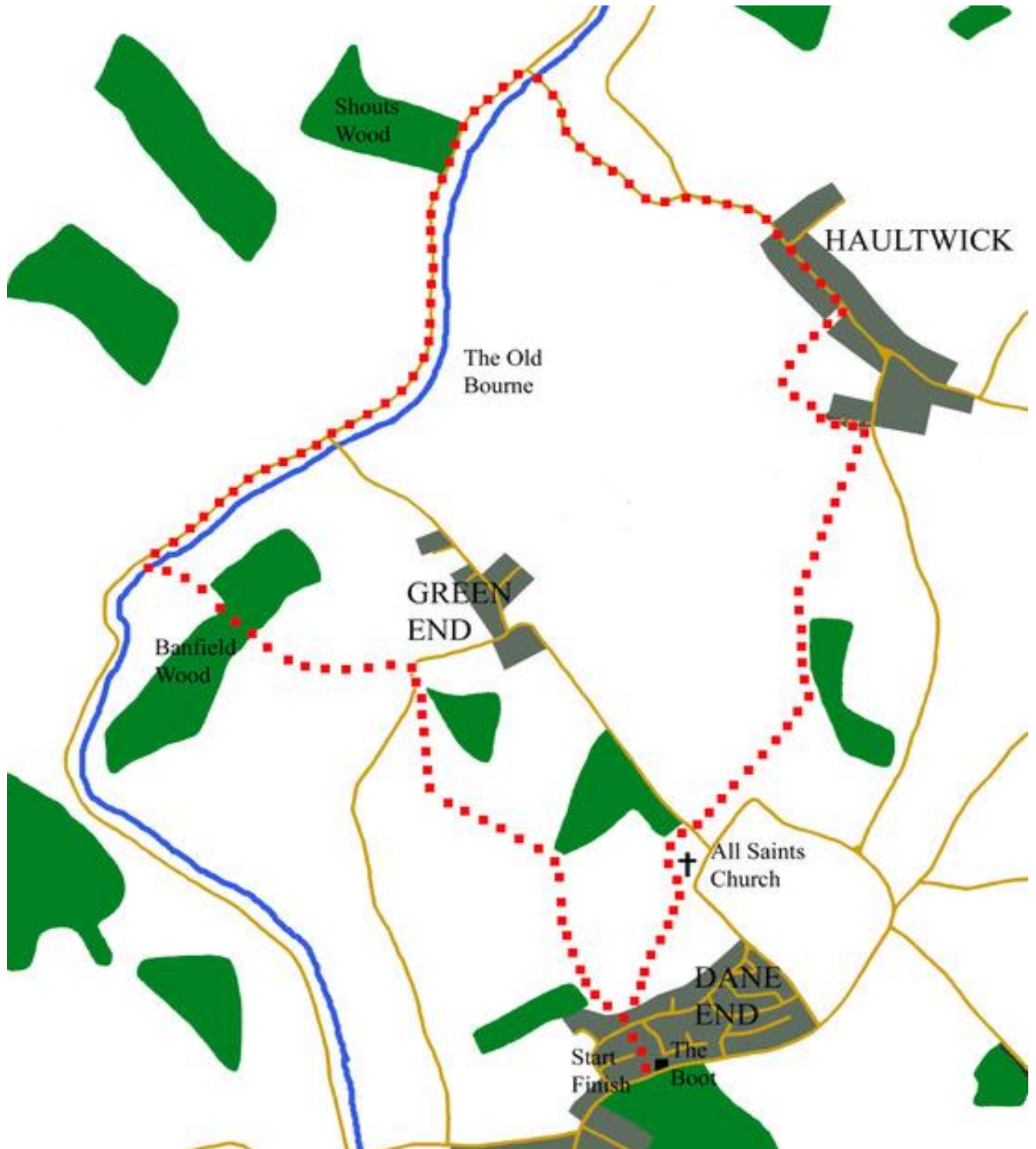


## 2017 WALK FOUR

### DANE END

This 4 mile circular walk starts and finishes at The Boot public house in the hamlet of Dane End, in the civil parish of Little Munden in East Hertfordshire.



Just to the west side of The Boot, next to a house with a thatched roof, is a footpath signposted for Green End and Haultwick. Walk up the path, across two residential streets and on through a metal kissing gate to reach a field.

At the field, turn left and follow the footpath as it curves along the field edge with trees on the left.



How to blight an otherwise lovely walk: someone left a bag of dog-poo hanging in the tree. CPRE's "stop the drop" campaign aims to prevent all littering, but this is a particularly disgusting practice.



Continue straight on across the field in a northerly direction to reach the western corner of a wood.



At the wood, continue slightly left (not sharp left) up the hill with the tall hedge on your right.



At the top of the hill note the sweeping views behind you to the south and the west. The path then bears right (north) still with the hedge on the right.

Continue down the hill with a pasture fence on your right, to the road at Green End, where there is a sign marked "Public Footpath 5, Dane End 3/4" pointing back the way you've come.



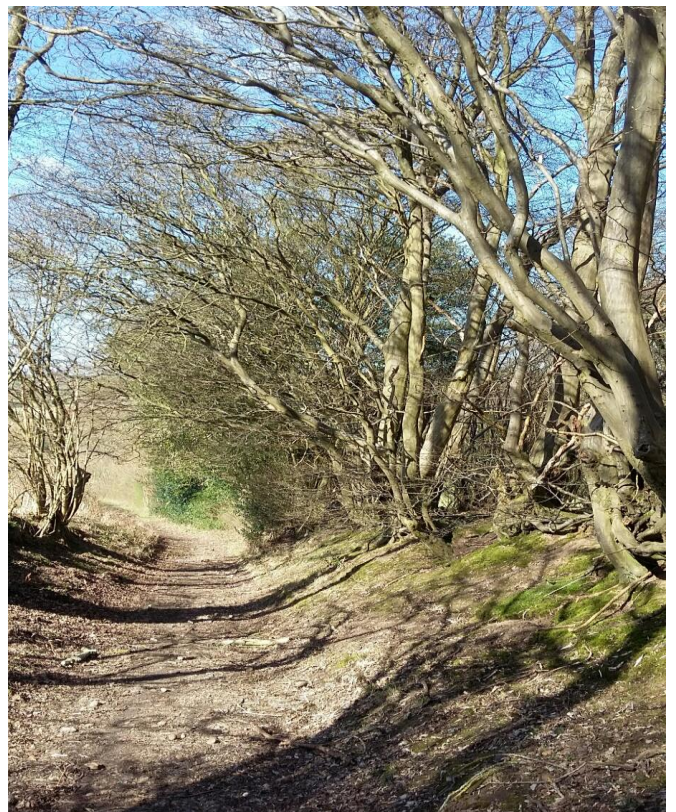
Turn right onto the road, and in 50 yards turn left (west) onto a gravel lane with a signpost marked "Little Munden, Public Footpath 007".

Proceed along this lane with Knight Cottage and Pear Tree Cottage immediately on the left ("Eggs For Sale") and pasture land on the right. You are now on the East Hertfordshire Chain Walk although it is not signposted as such.

Where the lane bears slightly left, you bear right across the grass and onto a public bridleway, marked on a wooden signpost.

Continue on the bridleway down the hill through Banfield Wood, taking care not to veer left onto the permissive footpath about halfway down the hill.

Instead stay right and carry on down the hill with an ancient earth bank on your right.



Keep on the bridleway until you come to a concrete bridge with an iron railing, near several metal farm gates.



Cross the Old Bourne by the bridge and immediately turn right (you are now no longer on the Chain Walk). Follow the path, a Public Restricted Byway, in a northeasterly direction for one mile, keeping the Old Bourne on your right and the arable fields on your left.



Pass Shouts Wood on your left and at the next path junction, turn right (southeast) to re-cross the Old Bourne on a bridge.

Go uphill on the Public Bridleway sheltered between hedges and trees.



At the top of the hill, continue on with the hedge on your right out to a road. A signpost marked "Little Munden, Public Bridleway 010" points back the way you've come. Turn right and walk along the road up the hill into the centre of Haultwick.

Across from a large brick house on the left (Yew Tree), turn right onto the footpath. The signpost is marked "Little Munden Public Footpath 003, Joins Footpath 002 to Green End."

Follow the path straight ahead through a wooden gate, a horse paddock, and a wooden kissing gate.

Immediately after the kissing gate turn left and continue along the field edge.



Keep on the path as it turns right (southwest) at the corner of the field. About 30 yards on there is a gap in the hedge on the left. Turn left (southeast) through this gap. There is no signpost.

Follow the path straight ahead. Pass a row of houses on the left and a wooden bench beside the path. At the end of this field is a metal farm gate and a road beyond it. Do not pass through this gate nor enter the road.

Instead turn sharp right onto "Little Munden Public Footpath 001" and proceed across the middle of the field in a south-southwesterly direction.



Shortly after coming to a fenced-in wood on the left, turn left through a wooden kissing gate. Walk on through the middle of this field, aiming for the gate on the far side, which is another wooden kissing gate.

Pass through this gate, and proceed through the middle of the next field along the line of the telegraph poles to a metal kissing gate in the far corner. After passing through this gate, proceed towards the church. This is All Saints Church, Little Munden.



Go through a wooden kissing gate, then cross the road and walk through the double wooden gates into the churchyard. Follow the path through the churchyard and around to the other side.



Descend a set of steps to the road and turn right. After walking past the primary school on the right, turn right into the field. Take the path sloping gently down across the field to a wall at the edge of Dane End.

Turn right at the wall, and then left through the metal kissing gate, retracing your steps from this point back to The Boot.

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This route last walked by CPRE in mid March 2017

Note: all walkers do so at their own risk. Suitable footwear and clothing are recommended. A compass may be helpful.

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