

The Manor Walk



Robertsbridge community walk 17

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This walk along quiet country lanes and paths takes in **Socknersh Manor**, which dates from the early 1500s, and was once owned by the musicians Sir Tom Jones and Englebert Humperdinck. It also passes several fine historic farmhouses and oast houses.



Walk Guide

Distance: 10km/
6miles

Grade: Moderate

Stiles: 5

Livestock: Cows &
Sheep

Link to [Ordnance Survey Map](#)

Start coordinates

Grid reference

TQ 735 238

What Three Words
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1 Take the path through the **Gray-Nicolls** cricket bat factory, keeping to the boundary on the right. Go through the following field, head under the **Rother Valley Railway line** and walk through the next field for 300m to the mainline railway line.

2 Go under the line, turn right and then after a few metres take the path on the left that runs perpendicular to the railway. After 200m take the path on the right next to the field boundary and follow it uphill. Continue straight ahead into the next field then go through the gate on the right and bear left. Follow the path over the grassy field, cross a bridge at the foot of a slope and walk to the far-left corner of the following crop field. Cross the bridge and walk uphill over two more crop fields to Hackwoods Farm.

3 Now turn right and then immediately left and follow the path downhill to Ludpits Lane, crossing a bridge on the way. Cross the lane at Willards Hill and follow the path as it heads along the crest of the hill before going downhill and over a bridge and then uphill to Fontridge Lane. Bear left along the lane and after 1.5km turn left along the drive to Socknersh Manor. Just after the manor, head left to the eastern edge of the estate along a path bounded by metal railings.

4 Continue straight ahead as far as Furnace Cottage then follow the path up hill to the corner of Burgh Wood. Cross the stile and walk along the right boundary of the field, before crossing a further bridge. Walk over the next field, cross the stile, and head uphill to Ludpit Lane, passing through Column wood, a grassy field and a further stretch of woodland on the way. Finally, turn right and walk back to Robertsbridge via Brightling Road.

