

## Features of Interest

- ① Chequers was given to the nation by Lord Lee of Fareham in 1917 as a country house for the Prime Minister of the day. It is a 16<sup>th</sup> century brick mansion on the site of a much older building. There is no public access to the house and you are requested to keep to the path.



Photo: Wendover Parish Council

Coombe Hill is owned by the National Trust. The energetic can climb up the slope to reach The Monument, which is dedicated to the Buckinghamshire men who died in the Boer War. The view from the hilltop

extends as far as the Berkshire Downs and the Cotswolds on a clear day.

- ③ Ellesborough Church is a flint-faced building dating from the fifteenth century. It is situated on an imposing mound with good views of Aylesbury Vale below.



- ④ All along the Chilterns springs and streams are found below the steep slopes where water that has percolated through the chalk reaches the impervious clay found below. This stream was used by Ellesborough Corn Mill, which was shown on a 1788 map but was gutted by fire in 1933 and subsequently demolished. The millponds can still be seen and are attractive to a great variety of wildlife.



- ⑤ The Old Grange Farmhouse was built in the fifteenth century and was originally owned by Missenden Abbey. The moat once surrounded the buildings but only two sides still exist. The barn was built in 1793 and consists of a timber frame with weather board.
- ⑥ In the field before the main road the undulations show the remains of a medieval settlement when Great Kimble was larger.

## Footwear

Many of the paths can be muddy at any time of the year and so stout footwear is recommended.

## Public Transport

There is a railway station at Little Kimble and regular bus services from Aylesbury, Aylesbury, Princes Risborough and High Wycombe to Little Kimble, Great Kimble and Butler's Cross. For further information contact Traveline 0871 200 2233 [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

## Car Parking

Cars may be parked in the layby opposite Great Kimble church.

## Refreshments

There are public houses at both Great and Little Kimble.

This leaflet may be used in conjunction with OS Explorer sheet 181 or Landranger sheet 165.

This leaflet is available in large print or another language on request

Telephone: 0845 230 2882

## Other useful contacts:

Chilterns Conservation Board  
01844 355500 [www.chilternsaonb.org](http://www.chilternsaonb.org)

National Trails Office  
01865 810224 [www.nationaltrail.co.uk](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk)

The Chiltern Society  
01494 771250 [www.chilternsociety.org.uk](http://www.chilternsociety.org.uk)

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# Ellesborough and Kimble Circular Walk

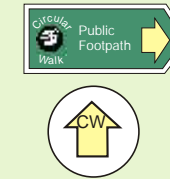
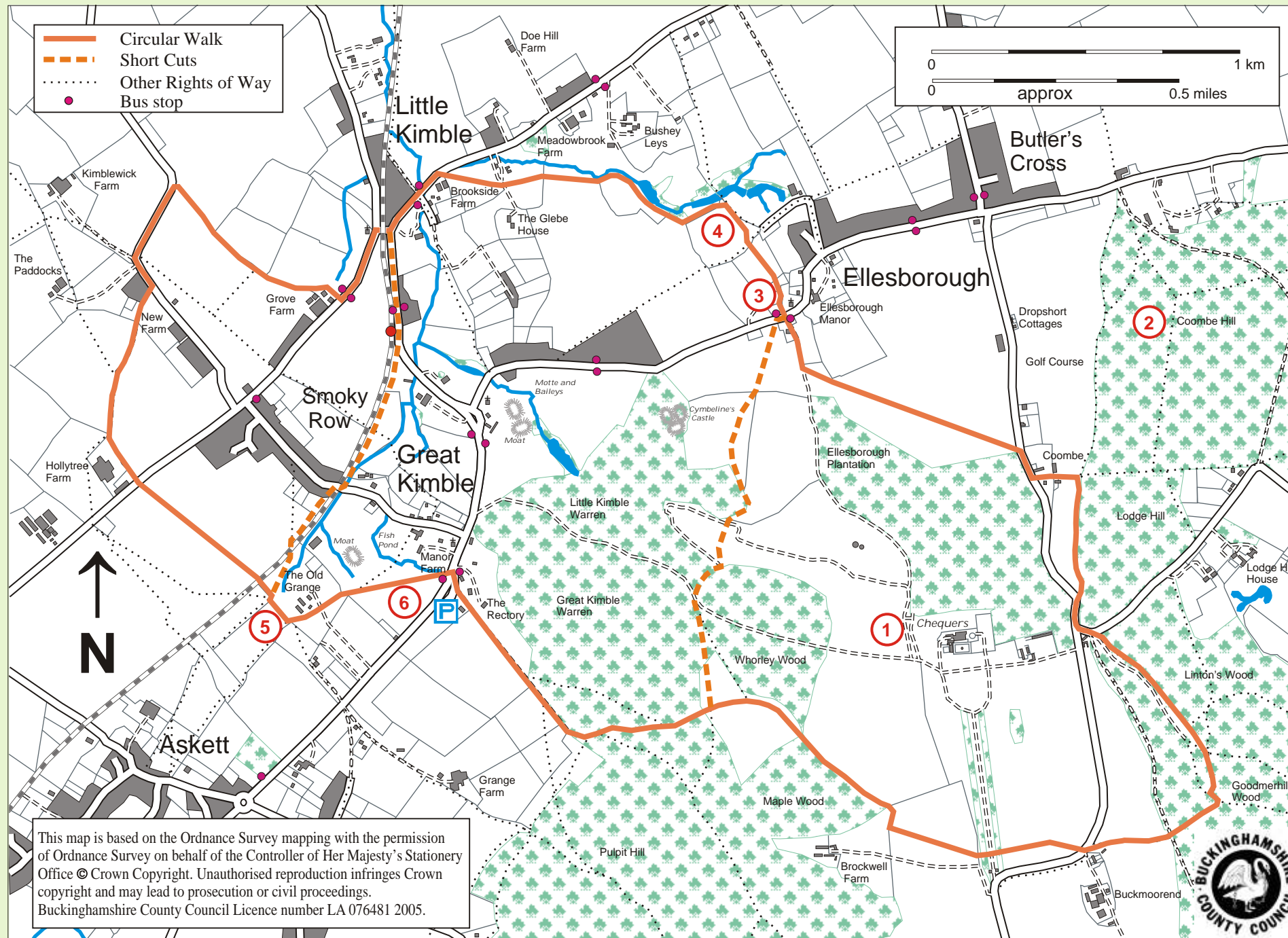
A walk of up to 6½ miles through two contrasting landscapes - the hilly wooded Chilterns and the flat open Vale of Aylesbury



22 stiles - 7 Gates - Several moderate slopes

Rights of Way Group





The route is waymarked at every gate and stile and major change in direction.

Take the bridleway opposite Great Kimble church up to the top of the hill. Join the Ridgeway and then turn left through the gate. Follow the path across a clearing and through the woods, emerging onto the fields close to Chequers. Cross the driveway and the road then take the bridleway up the hill. Follow the waymarked path through the woods and back down to the road. Take the bridleway on the right, then at the gate turn left to Coombe.

At the road, turn right, then left into a large field. Take the path across the field and at the bridleway turn right to Ellesborough Church. A short cut can be taken here past Cymbeline's castle and through the woods back to the Ridgeway.

Go through the churchyard and across the field. Turn left at the woodland and follow the path across fields and down to the road at Brookside Farm. A short cut follows the road and the railway line to the Old Grange. The main route goes under the railway bridge and left along Grove Lane. After one field take the footpath on the right by Grove Farm.

Cross the fields to the road, then turn left and take the bridleway on the right between Kynance and Maple House. Follow the route across fields, the road and the railway line and thence across the fields back to Great Kimble.