

Pembury

...and beyond



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Map of urban village and surrounding countryside footpaths.



1
Spring Grove Mill, Redwings Lane as painted by JMW Turner in 1795. This house still exists but is much altered.



3
The Parish Church, also known as 'the old church', dates from the mid-14th century but probably has Saxon origins.



2
Keys Mill (aka Herrings Mill) as painted by JMW Turner c1806. This mill was operational until the wheel race broke in the 1920s. Some evidence of brickwork still exists.

Great Bayhall House, built c1630 for Richard Amherst, as painted by Jan Siberechts, c.1680-90. After 1800 it became labourers' tenements and was finally demolished in the 1960s.



See map overleaf for the sites of these buildings or former buildings.

Pembury History

Pembury was first settled in about 800AD around the ridge, now Hastings Road and the High Street, leading from the forest of Anderida, now known as the High Weald, to the river at nearby Tonbridge.

For 1,000 years there was no nuclear village, just several discrete hamlets. By 1500 these were well established. Most of the 21 miles of public paths in the parish can be traced back to the tracks connecting these hamlets.

In medieval times the Culpepper family, who rebuilt the Parish church in the mid-14th century lived at Bayhall, an estate to the south of the village. An 18th century painting of Great Bayhall House by Jan Siberechts appears on the back cover of this map. It was not until 1847 that the new church of St Peter's was built near The Green on which you can see a monument to Margery Polley who came from Pembury and was burnt at the stake in 1555 for her protestant beliefs.

The 1890s saw significant boundary changes to accommodate the new town of Tunbridge Wells. Pembury lost Bayhall but gained the Workhouse, now the hospital.

In the 19th century the population grew steadily and with the increase in residential buildings the hamlets gradually coalesced into the modern village. This growth accelerated during the 20th century when large housing estates were added.

Thank you to the Pembury Footpath Volunteers past and present for keeping the footpaths clear.

Key

Thoroughfares, buses & boundaries

- Pedestrian cut-throughs
- T1 - T26** Twittens (paths between backs of houses) (S = includes steps but no ramp)
- 12, 20 & 22** Cut-throughs, but not public rights of way
- Other public footpath
- Bridleway
- Traffic-free cycle route
- On-road cycle route
- Promoted route
- 18** National Cycle Network Route
- Bus stop

Public Amenities

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| 1 Playground for children | 9 Village hall |
| 2 Climbing frames | 10 Primary school |
| 3 Skateboard track | 11 Library |
| 4 Recreation ground | 12 Allotments |
| 5 Outdoor exercise machines & table tennis | 13 Dog waste bins |
| 6 Tennis courts | 14 Cricket ground |
| 7 Bowls | 15 Woodside playing fields |
| 8 Parish offices | 16 War memorial |

Churches

- 17 The Upper Church of St. Peter – anglican
- 18 St. Anselm's – catholic church
- 19 Baptist church

Eating, Drinking & Accommodation

- 20 King William IV public house
- 21 The Camden Arms, public house, restaurant & inn
- 22 The Black Horse public house & restaurant
- 23 Happy Days Chinese takeaway
- 24 Chinese Cuisine takeaway
- 25 Mahdi Tandoori Indian restaurant & takeaway
- 26 Marino's fish & chips
- 27 Mangal Meza kebab takeaway
- 28 The Mercure hotel

Retail

- 29 Downingbury farm shop & café
- 30 Notcutts garden centre
- 31 Hospice in the Weald shop
- 32 Esso service station & Morrisons grocery store
- 33 Pembury Auto Centre
- 34 Tesco grocery store
- 35 Post office & village shop (Village News)
- 36 Pembury village store (Premier)
- 37 The Snake Shed

Health Services

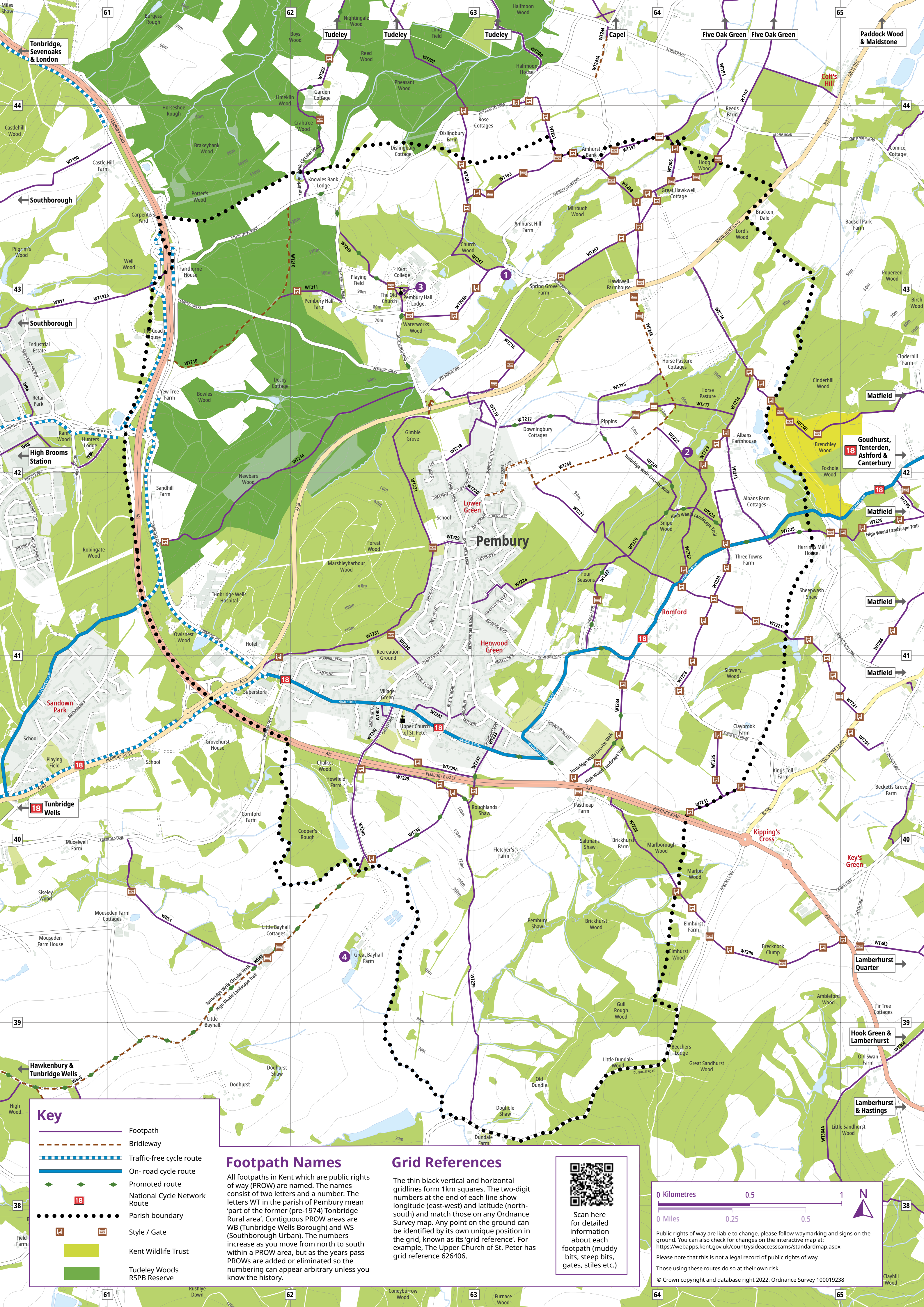
- 38 Defibrillators
- 39 Waterfield surgery
- 40 Chemist (Paydens)
- 41 Hospital Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury A&E
- 42 Chiropodist (Kevin Norman)
- 43 Dentist (Pembury Dental Surgery)
- 44 Dacre House veterinary clinic
- 45 Hospice in the Weald

Other Services

- 46 Funeral directors (Henry Paul)
- 47 Hairdressers (Pembury Beauty Salon)
- 48 Barbers (The Barber Lounge)
- 49 Estate agents (Barnes Kingsnorth)
- 50 Solicitors (Burtons)
- 51 Hairdressers (Blade Runners)

Pembury Urban Map





Key

- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Traffic-free cycle route
- On- road cycle route
- Promoted route
- National Cycle Network Route
- Parish boundary
- Style / Gate
- Kent Wildlife Trust
- Tudeley Woods RSPB Reserve

Footpath Names

All footpaths in Kent which are public rights of way (PROW) are named. The names consist of two letters and a number. The letters WT in the parish of Pembury mean 'part of the former (pre-1974) Tonbridge Rural area'. Contiguous PROW areas are WB (Tonbridge Wells Borough) and WS (Southborough Urban). The numbers increase as you move from north to south within a PROW area, but as the years pass PROWs are added or eliminated so the numbering can appear arbitrary unless you know the history.

Grid References

The thin black vertical and horizontal gridlines form 1km squares. The two-digit numbers at the end of each line show longitude (east-west) and latitude (north-south) and match those on any Ordnance Survey map. Any point on the ground can be identified by its own unique position in the grid, known as its 'grid reference'. For example, The Upper Church of St. Peter has grid reference 626406.

Scan here for detailed information about each footpath (muddy bits, steep bits, gates, stiles etc.)

0 Kilometres

0.5

1

0 Miles

0.25

0.5

Public rights of way are liable to change, please follow waymarking and signs on the ground. You can also check for changes on the interactive map at: <https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccesscams/standardmap.aspx>

Please note that this is not a legal record of public rights of way.

Those using these routes do so at their own risk.

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