

# A stroll around Ashtead's historic homes

Need some fresh air after lunch? Follow our 2-mile stroll and you will pass some of Ashtead's oldest homes.

The route includes roads and footpaths, although some sections of road are without pavement. It begins at the car park on Grove Road.



\* Update: Parsons Mead School is now a Bewley Homes housing estate, but look out for Elliston Way and Cunliffe Court. Jessie Elliston moved her school to Parsons Mead in 1904 and Stella Cunliffe was their most famous student.

Take the steps at the end of the car park and turn left then right into Park Walk (1). This pretty row of houses leads on to Rectory Lane, which contains a number of 16th century cottages. Straight ahead is Applebough Cottage (2). A little way to the right, at No. 12, is Fowler's Cottage (3). Retrace your steps and continue along the lane. At No. 26 is Wistaria Cottage (4). Go further along and into Rectory Close on the left for a glimpse of the Old Rectory (5). Cross over to Parker's Lane to find Howard Cottage (6). Take the right fork further along at Ashtead Lodge (7). Walk ahead to the main road, cross over and turn left and after a short distance turn right into Ottways Lane. Continue past Parsons Mead School\* and soon after you will pass Old Cottage (8). Follow the lane and take a right into Agates Lane. At this point you could take a short detour along Ottways Lane to West Farm House at 75 Harriotts Lane (9a) before returning to Agates Lane. This was the farmhouse of West Farm that was once owned by James Harriott. At 60 and 62 Agates Lane is Old Bay Cottage and Pepys Cottage (9). Continue some way along to reach Merry Hall (10) and Ilex House (11). Take the passage between the two houses and walk straight ahead, ignoring all side routes, until turning right into Greville Park Road and then immediately left into The Street. Cross over at the traffic lights and walk past the shops to reach Feilding House (12). Looking across the road, behind the Howard Memorial, you can see a side of Fountain Cottages (12a) and beyond this is Westfield (12b), a Span housing development. Turn right into Park Lane and on the left is Howard Cottage (13). Further along the lane, on the right-hand side, take the footpath adjacent to Park Cottage down to Purcell Close. A left turn leads to the homes of the Ashtead Potters, built in 1925 (14). Continue along the footpath, ignoring side routes, down to Grove Road. Turn right to return to the car park.



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