

# Cycle routes from Guildford



The following five pages give practical information about following the main cycle routes from Guildford. There are now several good traffic-free routes in the area, and Guildford is on the National Cycle Network's Route 22, which will eventually link Portsmouth with London.

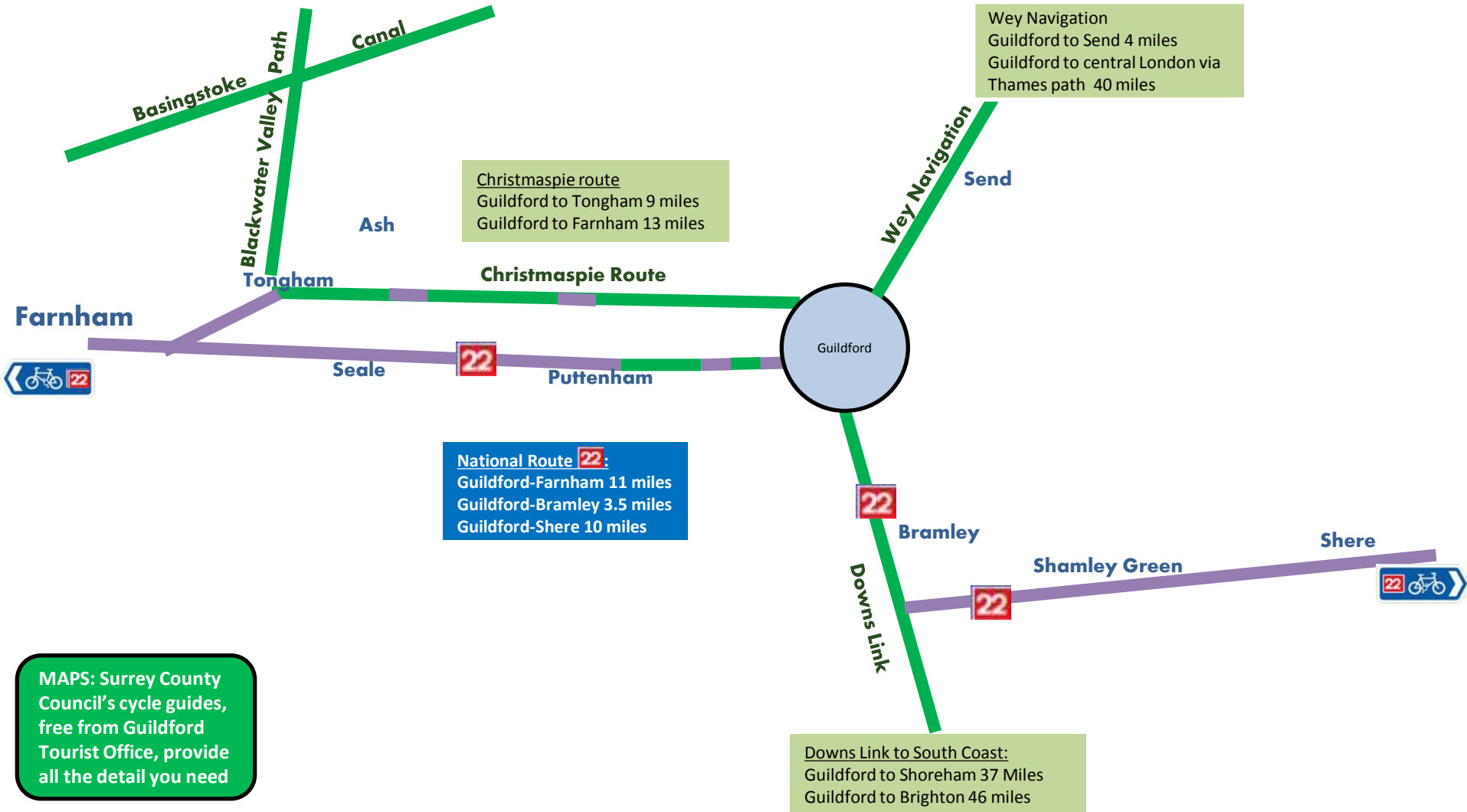
The next page gives an overview of the routes, followed by detailed instructions on each of them, along with short descriptions of what kind of cycling you can expect on each of them.

The guide has been prepared by volunteers for Sustrans, the National Cycle Network, in the local area. Questions/comments to [donald.hirsch@googlemail.com](mailto:donald.hirsch@googlemail.com)

Happy cycling!

# Main cycle routes from Guildford - at a glance

-  Traffic free cycleways/towpaths
-  On road routes





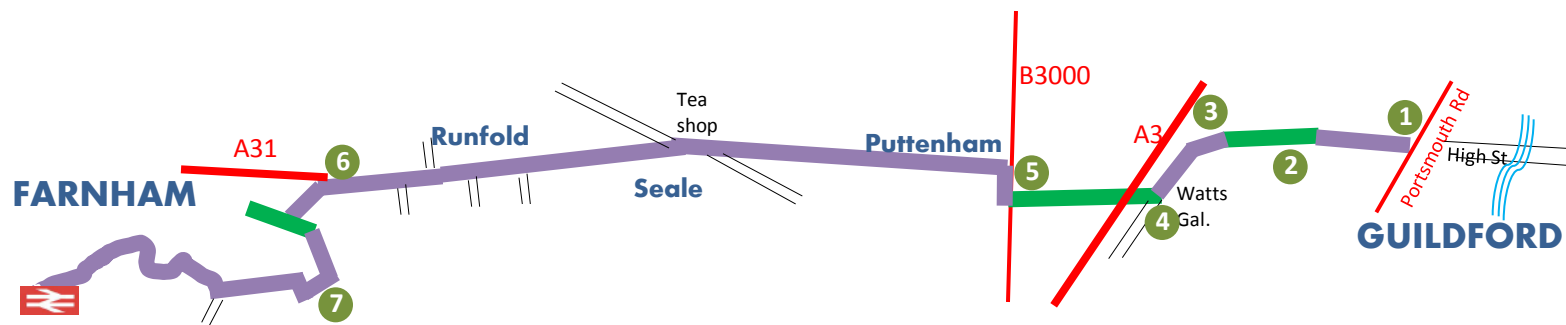
# Guildford to Farnham (11 miles): National Cycle Route 22

**THE ROUTE:** This Sustrans route is part of the National Cycle Network: Route 22 will eventually link Guildford with Portsmouth. It passes through the peaceful villages of Puttenham and Seale.

**THE RIDE:** Most is on quiet roads. It also includes the well-surfaced trackway on top of the Mount, and a stretch of the North Downs Way across Puttenham Golf Course. Most of the way is through pleasant, gently undulating countryside paralleling the Hogs Back. But the steep climbs up the Mount heading west and Down Lane heading east make it a challenging route (unless you start at Watts Gallery!) West of Seale, the road can get moderately busy.

**GETTING BACK:** If you do not want to retrace your steps, you can return via the Christaspie route, or by train from Farnham via Woking.

**REFRESHMENTS:** There are nice teashops at Seale and at Watts Gallery



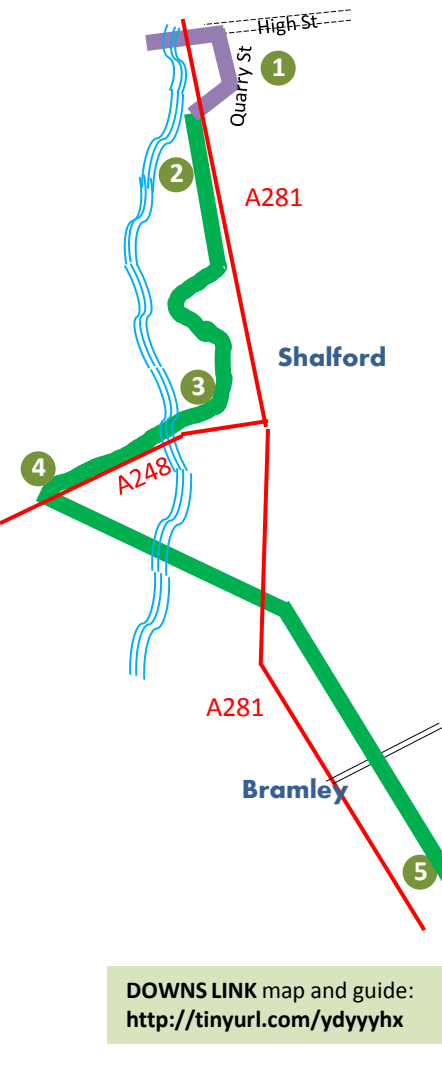
**DISTANCES IN MILES :** Farnham Stn...3...Runfold...2...Seale...2...Puttenham...4...Guildford High St

## DIRECTIONS FROM GUILDFORD (follow the Route 22 signs):

- 1** Opposite bottom of High St, take the Mount all the way to the top (warning: long 1:7 hill)
- 2** Carry on until the road swings right: go straight on along the trackway for one mile (this is an ancient long-distance route)
- 3** Turn left at the end. Caution: fast traffic going down slip rd towards A3. Turn left down Down Lane for half a mile
- 4** Just past Watts Gallery, turn right, following North Downs Way 1.5 miles across Puttenham Golf Course
- 5** Carefully cross B3000, turn right then left through Puttenham, straight on through Seale and Runfold
- 6** Keep straight until just before A31 slip road: turn left, then left on path at bottom (or right for Shepherd and Flock)
- 7** Turn right to cross river then right again. Later right on Lynch Road and right on Broomleaf Road and finally right on Waverley Lane to Farnham station

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# Guildford to Bramley and Shere (10 miles): National Cycle Route 22 via Downs Link



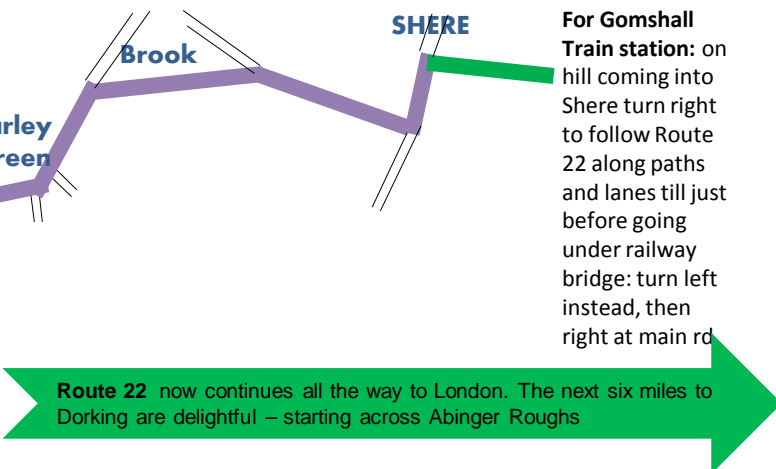
**THE ROUTE:** A traffic-free way out of Guildford to the disused railway through Bramley. From here, continue east on route 22 through pretty Surrey villages, or south to Cranleigh or the coast on the Downs Link path.

**THE RIDE:** Easy traffic-free riding, suitable for any bike, with only very minor hills from Guildford to Bramley, then flat Downs Link. Route 22 from Shamley Green follows quiet roads and is fairly hilly.

**GETTING BACK:** If you do not want to retrace your steps and are feeling energetic, you can return along the North Downs (see "other rides"). Alternatively, return on train from Gomshall a mile further on

**REFRESHMENTS:** Pubs and teashops in Bramley, and Shere, Cranleigh; pubs in Shamley Green, Farley Green.

**DISTANCES IN MILES :**  
 Guildford (Shalford Pk)...3½...Bramley...2...Shamley Green...2½...Farley Green...2...Shere



DOWN'S LINK map and guide:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ydyyyhx>

Route 22 now continues all the way to London. The next six miles to Dorking are delightful – starting across Abinger Roughts

## DIRECTIONS FROM GUILDFORD (follow the Route 22 signs):

- 1** From centre follow cycle route south along and Quarry St and cycle track on right of Millbrook (A281) to enter Shalford Park by rowing club.
- 2** Along left of field then right into woods past waterworks, up short steep hill, turn right to Shalford Green in half a mile
- 3** Straight on along right of green to road, walk along pavement over bridge. Cycle path by road for 400m then left under road on disused rw
- 4** Straight on, crossing Wey and then A281, to reach old Bramley Station. 1¼ miles later, turn off Downs Link for Route 22
- 5** Turn right off Downs Link then left under it, to road at Shamley Green. Right then left to village centre
- 6** From here follow Surrey Cycleway to Farley Green (long uphill), down through Brook, right, then later straight on at T jn, then left down hill into Shere.



# Christmaspie Route (10½ miles): Guildford-Tongham-Farnham

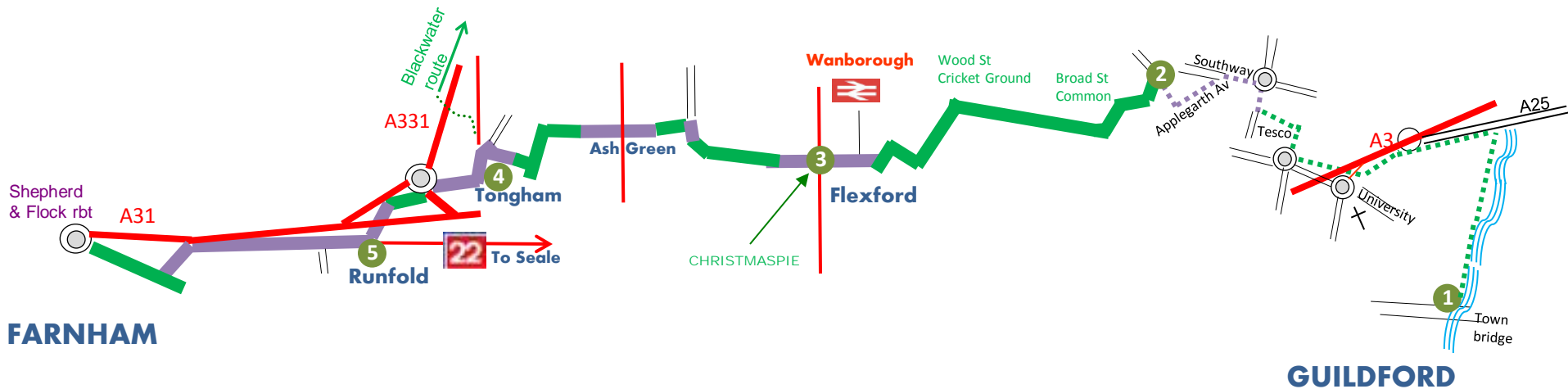
(or 13 from Guildford centre)

**THE ROUTE:** From the edge of Guildford in Park Barn, an off-road route to Tongham linking with the traffic-free Blackwater route or on-road to Farnham.

**THE RIDE:** A mainly flat, well-surfaced cycleway. Combined with the Blackwater Valley and Basingstoke Canal, this offers many miles of safe and easy cycling, very good for families. The on-road stretch from Tongham to Farnham involves a stretch of B-road after Runfold, but still no substantial hills.

**GETTING BACK:** If you do not want to retrace your steps, you can return via Seal and Puttenham on Route 22, or by train from Wanborough, Ash or Farnham.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Pubs and takeaways in Tongham, Farnham



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**DISTANCES IN MILES :** Guildford Ctr...2½ ...Broad St Cmn...3½ ...Flexford...3½ ....Tongham...1½...Runfold...2...Farnham

## DIRECTIONS FROM GUILDFORD (follow Christmaspie signs):

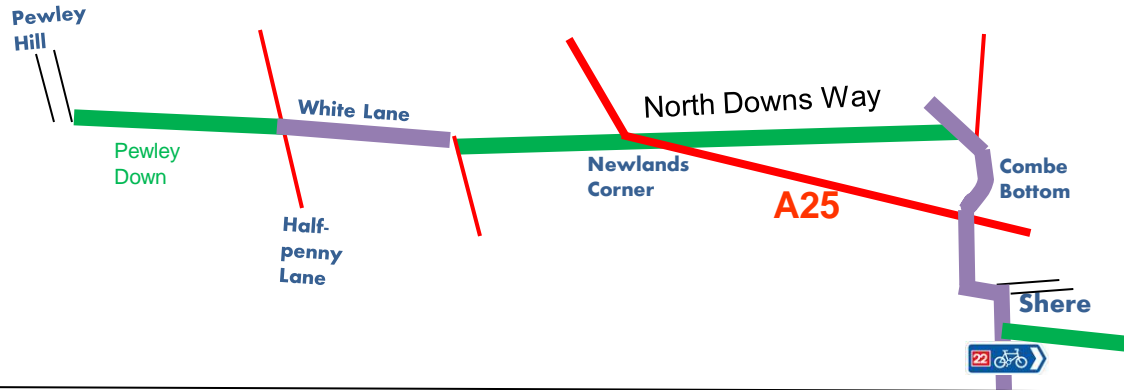
- 1** From town centre to top of university and Tesco – see “other routes”. Take path between Tesco and Ashenden estate, which swings left behind Tesco, then right on road and left at rbt onto Southway. Left at small church Applegarth Avenue, swing right, then sign shows cut-through on left to start of route on Broad St Common
- 2** Bear left, follow side of common, straight through trees, straight across clearing, downhill and straight on reaching cricket ground on right. At end, left, follow path till under bridge then right alongside railway. Left then right on road, into Flexford to cross main rd at Christmaspie
- 3** Straight on, road turns to track, then near top crosses other tracks. Later turns into road; left off this onto track to road at Ash Green. Keep across, joining path to end; left at disused rw; where it ends, right on path to Spoil Lane, then left and left again into Tongham (or right then left on The Moor to Blackwater route)
- 4** Right on Grange Rd, which peters out near big roundabout; cross WITH CARE; follow road to Runfold.
- 5** Right at T-junction in Runfold, then straight until just before A31 slip road: left, then at bottom turn right for Shepherd and Flock, or right to Farnham Station (see route 22 instructions)

# Other routes

## Return from Shere via North Downs (7 miles):

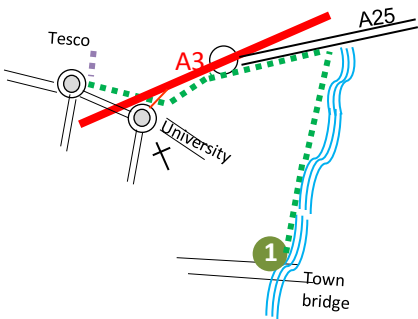
Straight on through Shere, follow Surrey Cycleway signs across A25 up long steep hill at Combe Bottom. Near top turn left North Downs Way to Newlands Corner, straight on along ridge via White Lane then path to Pewley Down. At far right corner, take Pewley Hill down to town.

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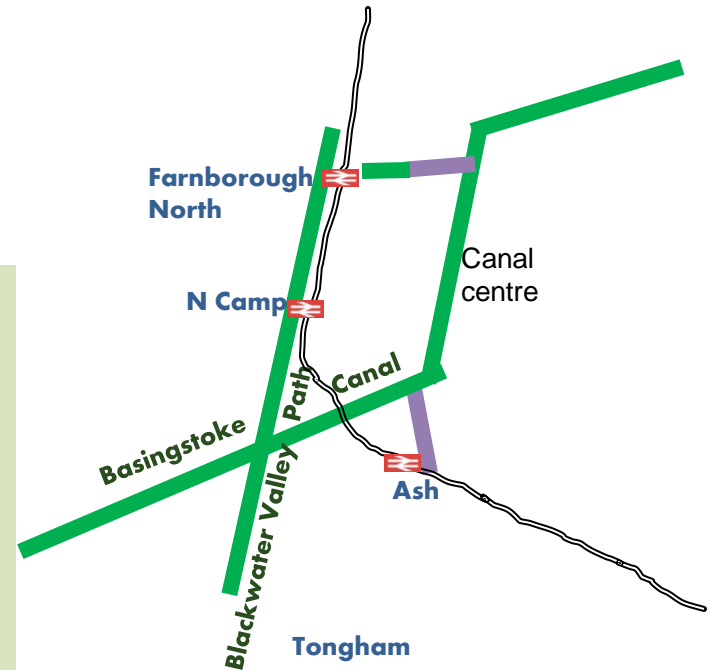
## Out of Guildford to Tesco (towards Christmaspie route).

From bottom of High St, across town bridge and turn right along river through George Abbot carpark. Follow river for a mile to main Woodbridge Road (A25). Turn left along this using pavement cycle paths past business park to join A3: cycle path soon leads you to the university roundabout. Right here on cycleway under sliproad, then under A3 coming up by Tesco's.



## Blackwater path and Basingstoke Canal

These very pleasant, flat, traffic-free family rides can be reached either from the Christmaspie route in Tongham or via the Guildford-Reading railway line. For a short ride, take the train to Farnborough North and cycle to North



Camp station (2 miles). For a longer, circular route (8 miles), continue further south to Basingstoke Canal, turn left along it, stopping at Canal Centre for cup of tea after 2 miles. Then 1 mile later get off at first bridge, going left on Guildford Rd, then later left on The Green, along the Hatches, right and then left onto footpath leading between lakes back to Farnborough North.