

## Route Map

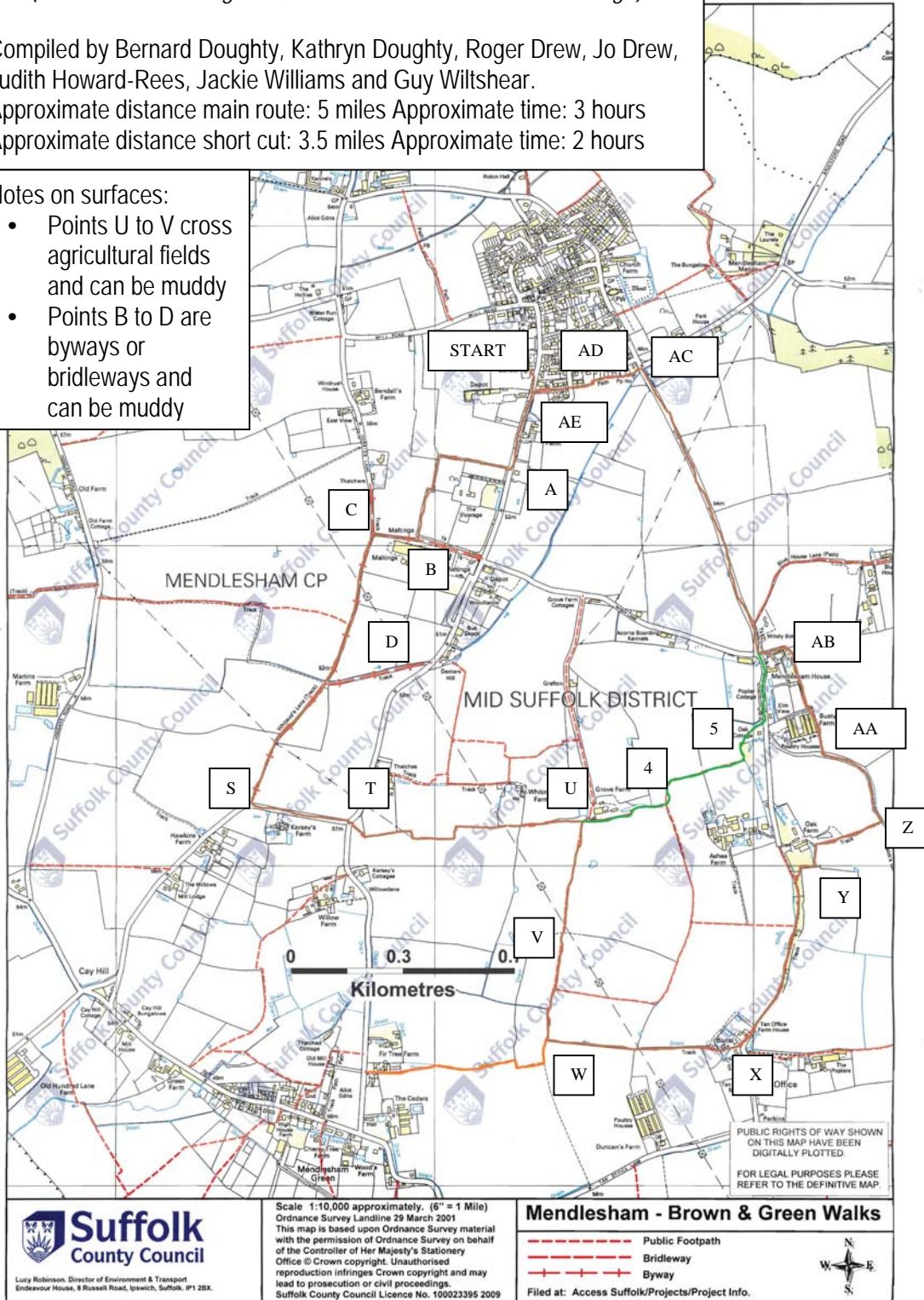
### Notes on Proposed 'Brown Walk': updated 14.06.10 (shortcut marked in green; cut to Mendlesham Green in orange)

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Approximate distance main route: 5 miles Approximate time: 3 hours  
Approximate distance short cut: 3.5 miles Approximate time: 2 hours

#### Notes on surfaces:

- Points U to V cross agricultural fields and can be muddy
- Points B to D are byways or bridleways and can be muddy



## Route Description

Start at Mendlesham Community Centre car park (START). Turn right out of the car park along the road away from the village, passing St Joseph's centre on your left. The vicarage plantation is on your right (A) just before the Stackyard Nursery on your left. Turn right into the plantation. Turn right just before the entrance into the plantation and follow the 'woodland' walk around the edge of the plantation crossing two wooden footbridges and taking a sharp lefthand corner. There is an alternative 'meadow' walk which can be accessed at various points on the 'woodland walk'. There are picnic benches in the plantation. A leaflet about the plantation, complete with map, is available from Mendlesham's Post Office and the Stackyard Nursery.

Exit the plantation (B) through the parallel fencing and across a ditch opposite the grain store. Turn right. At the end of the track (C) turn left onto Whiteup's Lane. There is a wooden footpath sign at this point. Continue along this track until you meet the road (S). Turn left and walk along the road. At the corner where the road turns to Mendlesham and there is a junction to Mendlesham Green (T), there is a footpath sign on the other side of the road. Take this path towards the white house (Kersey's Cottage), then follow the field edge on your left. Proceed under telephone and electricity wires. Just after the electricity wires, cross into the next field over a wooden bridge. Continue along the field edge to a way marker (U). There is a grey barn and a farmhouse (Grove Farm) just beyond this.

### FOR MAIN ROUTE FROM POINT U TO POINT AB FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Turn right and head directly across the field, under the electricity cables, Aim just to the left of a prominent tree. At the hedge line, there is a bridge (V) leading to the next field. Cross the bridge and continue straight across field aiming for the sign at the hedge corner. At the sign, proceed along the field edge with the hedge on the left. Follow the field edge round, turning 90 degrees to your right in the corner until you reach the next sign. Turn sharp left. Continue along the field edge to the way marker in the gap in the hedge (W). Turn left through the gap in the hedge. Proceed along the field edge with a ditch to your right. Proceed along the footpath, passing adjacent to a garden and through a wooded area before emerging in Tan Office (X).

On emerging at Tan Office, turn left along the road before passing through a gate to join the bridleway. Proceed along the bridleway until you see a track to the right. Take this. There is a footpath sign on your left (Y). Follow this path until you emerge on Babb's Lane (Z). It starts in a wooded area, then turns left along a track which passes a farm on your left. Follow the track away from the farm with Mendlesham masts visible in the distance. Turn left and follow Babb's Lane until you reach the private part of Babb's Lane (AA). The continuation of the footpath is to your right. Follow the footpath. This involves passing through a kissing gate onto an open field with farm buildings on your left. Follow the field edge until you come to a made-up driveway. Follow this. This involves crossing a farm road. Then take a sharp left turn (AB) and pass through a gate to emerge at the junction of Wash Lane and Oak Farm Lane. Turn right.

#### FOR SHORT CUT FROM POINT U TO POINT AB FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

To take the shortcut, proceed straight on at point U. On reaching the field edge (4) cross into the next field by means of a wooden bridge. Turn left and follow two of the field edges on your left to the opposite corner. On reaching the corner of the field, cross into the next field. Follow two field edges on your right. At the end of the hedge turn right and exit the field onto the road (Oak Farm Lane) (5). Turn left into Oak Farm Lane. Follow this road to where it joins Wash Lane (AB).

#### FOR BOTH MAIN ROUTE AND SHORT CUT

Proceed along Oak Farm Lane until this road enters Mendlesham village (AC). Turn left at the footpath sign. Go along the side of the houses. Cross Glebe Way (AD) and then follow tarmac path to reach the main road at the St Joseph's Centre (AE). Turn right and return to the school.