

11. Continue along the edge of the Common until you reach the line of houses at the far end. Turn right in front of them using New Road; when it turns sharply left, leave it, continue on the path (towards A30) until you reach **Holmwood**. The first owner of this house in 1858 was a wealthy retired gentleman.



12. Walk past Holmwood Terrace and you come to a smaller version of Holmwood house, **Avon House**. It was probably built by William Martin whose yard was in Albion Yard. He may have also built Albion Terrace which dates to about 1860.



Continue around the corner past the old Travis Perkins site and Albion Terrace.

13. Beech Cottage was originally called Albion Villa. Built in 1850. An elderly lady and her sister and two servants lived here.



14. Next door is the **Royal Oak** (now called White Oaks), an example of workman's regency style. The first licensee was Mr George Spreadhorn who was also a brickmaker.



It's now time to turn around and head back to the village centre. As it is very noisy by the A30, it is better to use one of the paths that cuts across the Common between the oaks and cross the A30 by the mini-roundabout.

As you walk towards the village along the A30, the roundabout and Bracknell Lane are now behind and you are on the opposite side of the road to the Common.

15. The first large house on your left is **Hartley Green House**. This house may have been built by Thomas Houghton who lived next door and is thought to have been built in the early 19th Century.



Walking past the infill of flats, brings you to **Oakleigh House**.

16. Oakleigh House which was probably built about 1843 and was occupied by Thomas Houghton who was a builder.



As you continue, the left hand side becomes a mixture of rapid Victorian development but also much converted earlier buildings dated from 1829.

17. John Baker's grocery and drapery business was located somewhere beyond the carriage/wagon archway.



18. Opposite are Princes Cottages. These were built as workman's cottages about 1855. A pond was partly drained to make way for the buildings, which were built by Thomas Houghton for his workforce at the coal merchants and grocers on the opposite side of the road—originally John Bakers.



19. The Limes dates from the 18th Century. It was built by the White family about 1790. The house can be seen on the 1796 map. It was possibly a dower house of the Wellesleys who acquired the Estate of Stratfield Saye after the battle of Waterloo.



20. The Swan was demolished to make way for a small housing estate. The Swan was built in 1819 as an Inn. You can still see the sign for the coach park on the wall as you walk up to the car park. The main area of the coach park was used by Mr Lloyds school at Hartford House as the playground.



Look carefully at the left hand wall in the photo, you can see the sign for coach parking.



Walk along to where the shops start and use the pelican crossing to cross in front of the Wagon and Horses. Turn right and after a few yards turn left along the one-way road between the cottages on your left and the pond on your right.

It is now known as Hatton Pond but was called Dancers pond, records are unclear as there were many ponds on the common due to sand or clay extraction. In 1866 the Inspector of Nuisances for

Hartley Wintney district made an application to abate nuisances on the waste at Hartley Row. This resulted in many being filled in or cleaned up.



Hatton pond was one of those to be cleaned.

21. Freelands was built in the 1830's and was occupied by the village dressmaker Mrs Edwards,



whose husband owned the Old Forge next door.

22. Old Forge Cottage. The cottage first appears in the poor rate book of 1818. It became a blacksmiths forge in the 1914-18 war, his tools of trade are



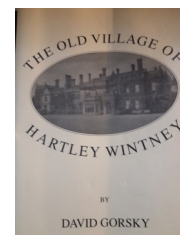
displayed above the front door.

To finish, return to **The Waggon and Horses** which was next to the pelican crossing.

23. At the back of **The Waggon and Horses** is another old building attached which was The Bull Inn. The pubs were owned by Courage at one time. Note the Courage name above the pub sign. The Waggon and Horses was a Victorian local on the main street, probably refitted in the 1930s and with limited changes since.



We hope you have enjoyed your stroll around Hartley Wintney Common. The route we have photographed is based on a much more detailed walk described in David Gorsky's 'The Old Village of Hartley Wintney' published by Hartley Wintney Preservation Society. It is Walk 3 and David Gorsky includes plenty of historic detail of the houses and their previous occupants.



For further information you may also like to visit Hartley Wintney's Parish Council site.

<https://www.hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk/village-history/>