

# Chiltern Way Updates

## Introduction

The Chiltern Society wants you to enjoy walking the Chiltern Way, so we regularly check the paths and waymarking on the route. However, from time to time the route needs to be temporarily or permanently diverted. This note describes where the Chiltern Way currently follows a different route to that described in the latest version of the guide to the route - **The Chiltern Way & Chiltern Way Extensions** - published in 2016 (You can buy the book from the [Chiltern Society](#) or from [Amazon](#)).

The sections and page numbers referred to below are from this book. The location information and description below assume you are walking the route clockwise. The grid reference gives the point where the description starts.

The maps below are from OpenStreet map:

- The route to use is shown by the blue overlay line.
- The previous or blocked route is shown by the red overlay line.

## Chalk Hill to Bidwell

### Changes to Chalk Hill/Bidwell section p178

#### Section H

*Location: Chalk Hill. Gridref: TL 0023 2371*

After Chalk Hill the footpath past the sewage works is temporarily closed (until 2 August 2021). A diversion has been waymarked – see map below.

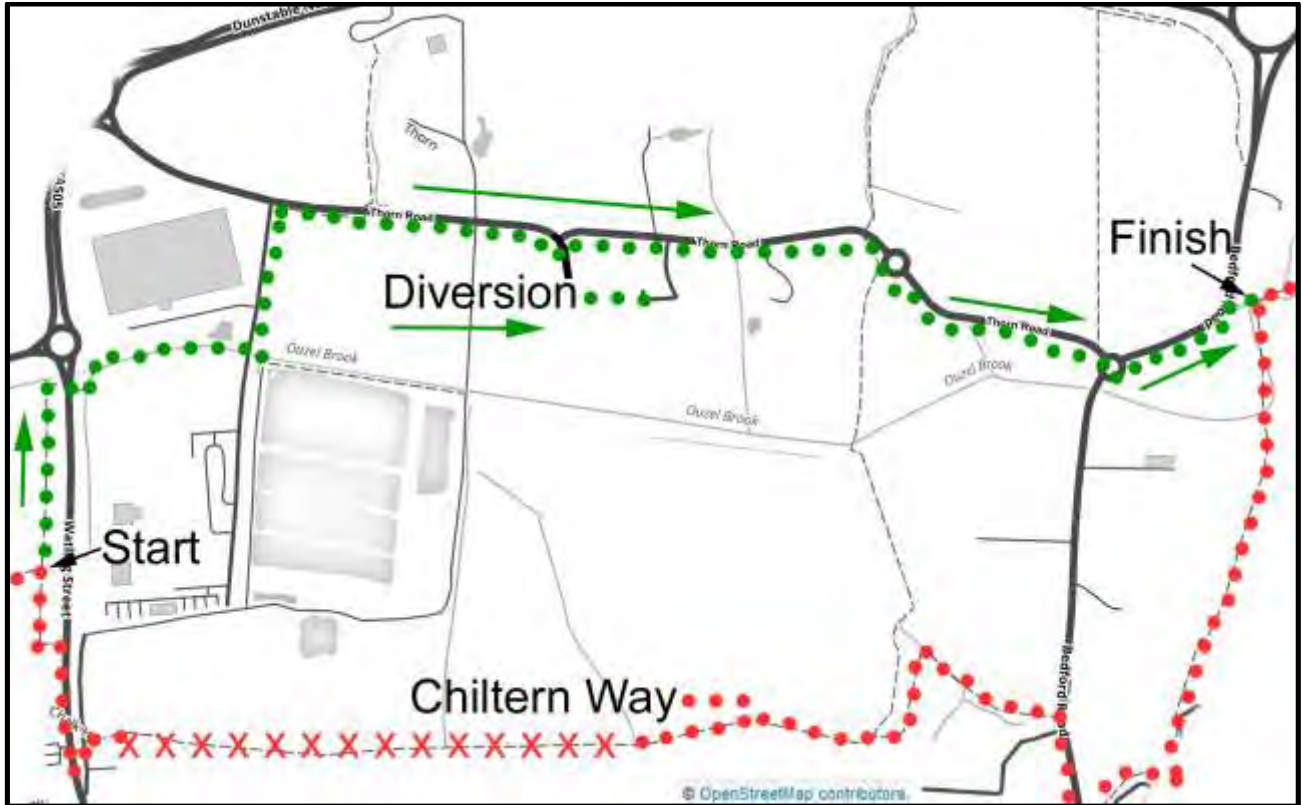
If you are coming from Sewell and continuing to Bidwell and beyond, when you get to the base of the A505 road embankment, turn left along the edge of the field. Take the steps, right, up to the A505, cross and descend the steps on the other side. Turn left on the bridleway at the bottom and cross a bridge. After turning right past a warehouse, you cross a road. Turn left to continue on the bridleway to Thorn Road. Turn right and follow the southern pavement as far as the Bedford Road. Cross and turn left along the verge and after the road bends left you will find a footpath to your right through the hedge. Take this to re-join the Chiltern Way.

If you are starting at Chalk Hill, go down the steps opposite the White Lion towards the old cottages of Chalk Hill. Turn left downhill. Do not take the signed path almost immediately right running alongside a black and white house (this is the closed path). Carry on down

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the road which soon becomes a bridleway. You join the route described above at the bridge.

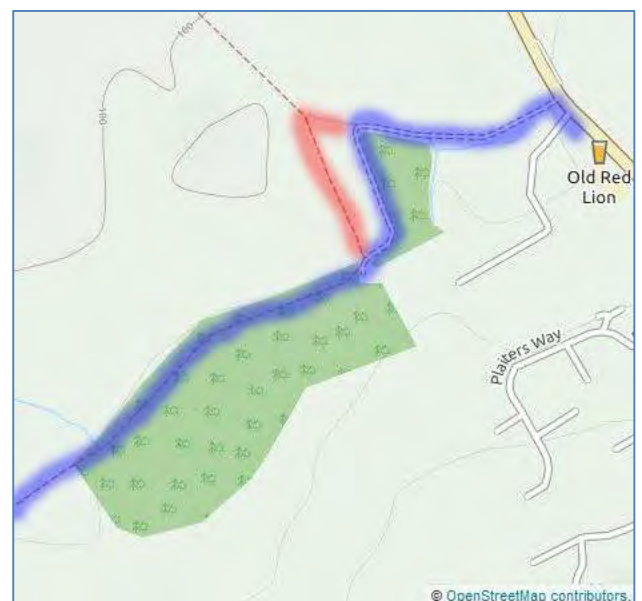
Note that the road network is developing rapidly and will not be shown accurately on OS maps. Try to stick to the Thorn Road – in places the “obvious” route heads into one of the developing housing estates – do not be diverted. Look out for Chiltern Way stickers and disks on lamp posts and other furniture!



## Section I

*Location: Bidwell. Gridref: TL 0114 2432*

At the east end of the Blue Water woods, the Chiltern Way is currently blocked. Instead of turning left onto a footpath, continue on the concrete track which soon turns left. Follow it round to the right and you are back on the Chiltern Way route.



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## Bidwell to Chalton

Changes to Bidwell/Chalton section pp179-180.

### Section A

*Location: Bidwell. Gridref: TL 0148 2436*

The housing development on HR45 has now been completed. The route alongside the housing development is clearly waymarked. Return to the existing description when bearing left 250m from the A5120.



### Section C

*Location: Bridleway bridge across A5. Gridref: TL 0181 2569*

The new A5 –M1 Link Road is completed. When approaching the intersection of FP HR14 and BW HR22 the path will rise onto an embankment. Turn left onto BW HR22 and go over the bridge on the new road. At the north end turn left, descend the embankment and then right to return to the original line of BW HR22. See map below.



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## Grove Farm – Diversion requested due to Covid19

*Location: North of Bridleway bridge across A5. Gridref: TL 0182 2582*

The owner of Grove Farm has asked that you use an alternative route to avoid the farm during the Covid19 outbreak.

You are still entitled to use the definitive route, shown in blue on the map. You are asked to use the route shown in red on the map. This starts north of the bridge just after the path turns left. Turn right and follow the path uphill, to the left of a hedge. This is a good, clear path with fine views and is a little shorter than the official route. At the top, you emerge through a

bridlegate onto a broad hedged track and turn right to continue on the Chiltern Way.