

Footpath No.32 – ‘Standford Path’: Headley Fields to Tulls Lane, Standford

Note: This path has gates and a barrier

About 100m along FP31 from Headley High Street, FP32 branches along a track to the right after *Mayfield House* (Pic 1). There is no signage.

Soon the track and path divide (Pic 2). There is a finger post here, but difficult to see.

Take either route to arrive at the gate to *Primrose Cottage* where the path takes its own course to the left of the large tree (Pic 3).

The path here is clear but narrow, with fencing to the backs of gardens (Pic 4), leading to an open field (see note *). At this point there once was a stile, now removed (Pic 5). There is a finger post pointing in both directions.

Follow the broad path along the left-hand side of the field to arrive at the first of four kissing gates (Pic 6). There are yellow footpath arrows here.

The path now passes through another field, but here it is narrowly constrained on both sides by a fence topped with barbed wire (Pic 7) and is a little congested with vegetation in places. On the other side of the field is another kissing gate (Pic 8). There is a finger post here pointing in both directions.

We now pass along the edge of a paddock field with an electrified wooden fence to the left and a hedge to the right, to arrive at a third kissing gate with finger post (Pic 9). This is followed by a second paddock field (Pic 10) and the fourth kissing gate (Pic 11).

The path now descends with overarching hedge on both sides and, passing a fugitive pampas plant (Pic 12) and the wall of a house, arrives through a crush barrier (Pic 13) at Tulls Lane (Pic 14, reverse direction). There is a finger post here.

Notes: The original booklet called it a ‘well defined and much used path’, and this is still the case.

Stiles were replaced by kissing gates on this path at the request of the Parish Council so that it could be more easily used by those with reduced mobility as part of the weekly ‘Walk for Health’ project.

* During a walk in November 2010 after the field had been recently ploughed, this flint arrowhead was found:



Pic 1: FP31 to the left; FP32 to the right.



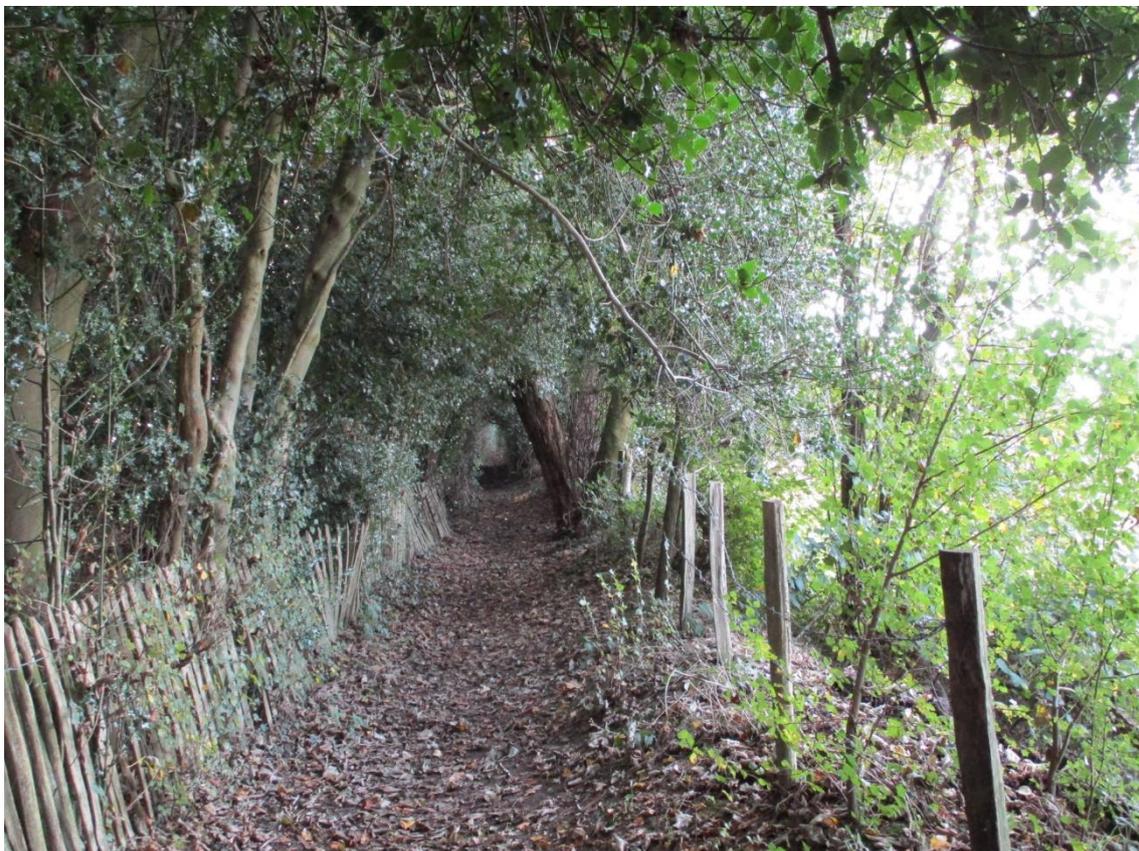
Pic 2: Take either track.



Pic 3: Path to the left of the tree.



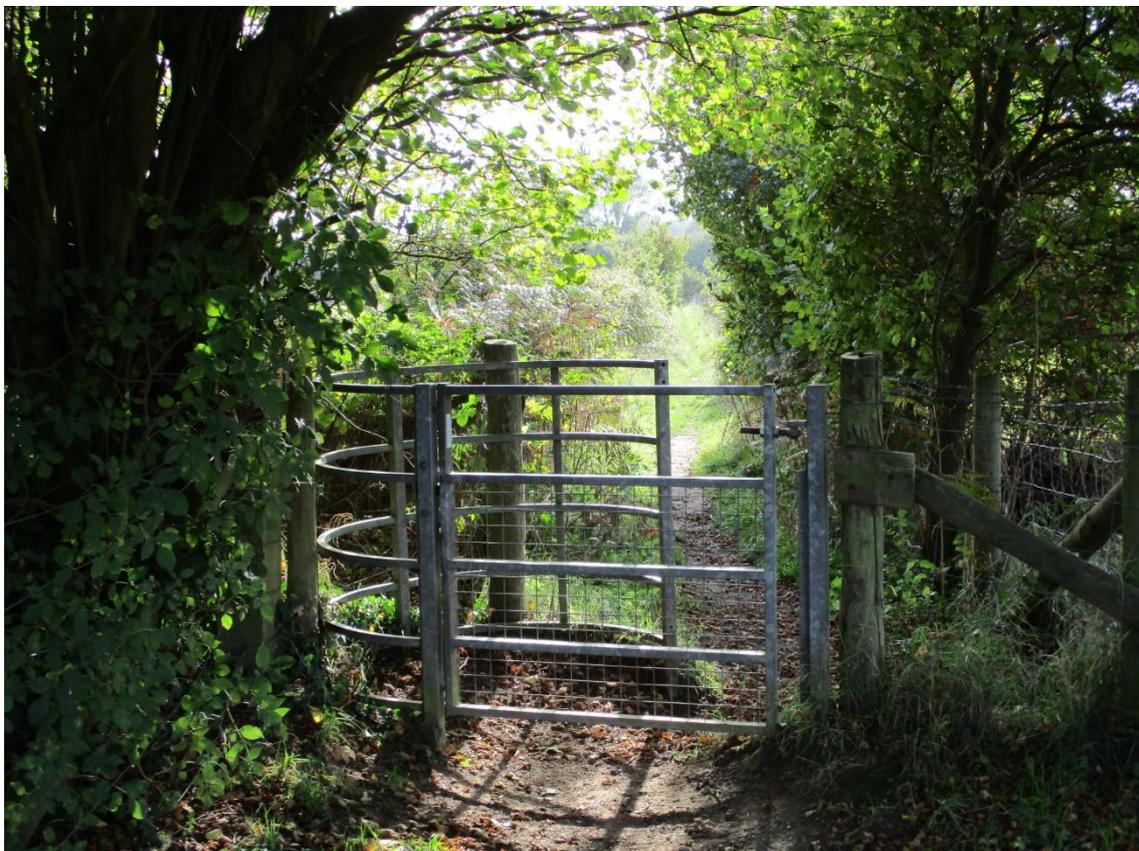
Pic 4:



Pic 5: Arriving at an open field.



Pic 6: First kissing gate.



Pic 7: Barbed wire on both sides.



Pic 8: Second kissing gate.



Pic 9: Third kissing gate.



Pic 10:



Pic 11: Fourth kissing gate.



Pic 12:



Pic 13:



Pic 14: Entry from Tulls Lane (reverse direction)

