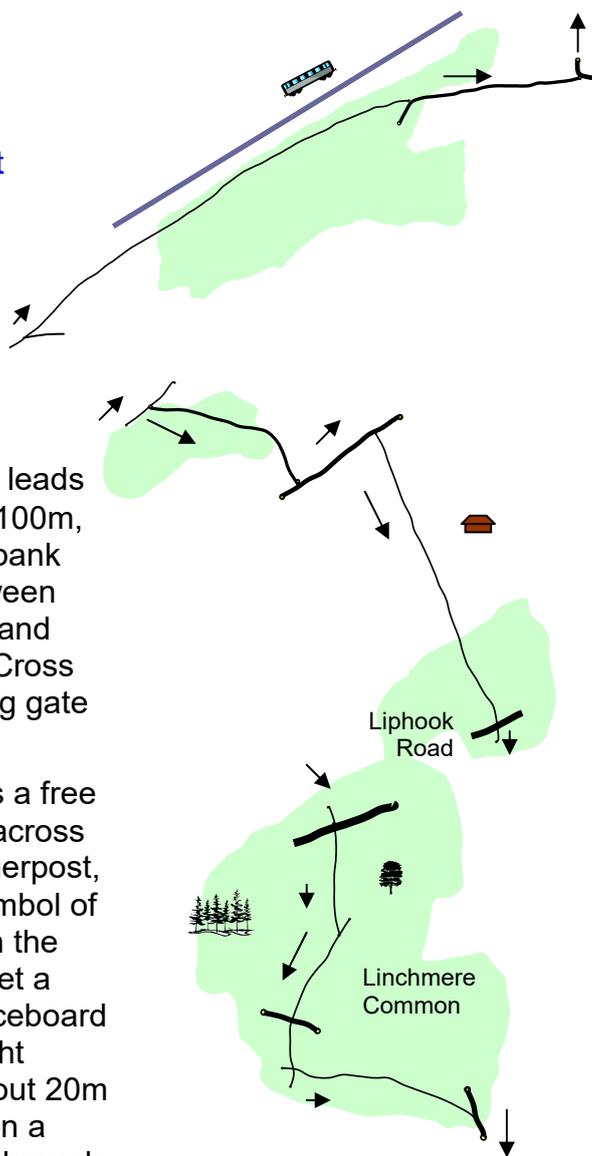


Decision point. The walk now takes you through beautiful Linchmere Common. If you prefer to go straight to Prince of Wales, take the short cut that follows here. Otherwise jump over the rest of this section to section [4](#).

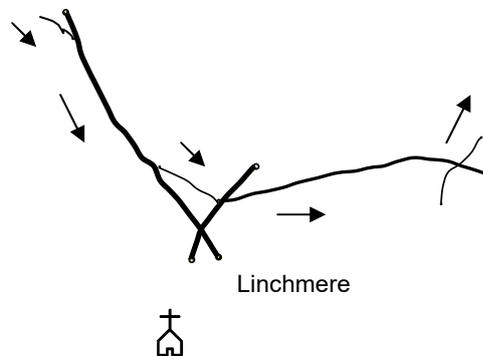
The Drinkers Escape. Fork **left** at the fingerpost on a path downhill, staying close to the railway. In about 400m, the path veers away from the railway into woodland. In around 250m, just after a wooden barrier, at a marker post, it meets a bridleway, next to some fine conifers, coming down from your right. Veer **left** on the bridleway under beeches and go through an old, open, rusty gate onto a grassy path with horse pastures on your right. At the end, go over a stile and turn **left** on a lane. Continue now from section [9](#).



[4](#) Fork **right** at the fingerpost on a bridleway that leads up to a tarmac lane. Turn **left** on the lane. In 100m, turn **right** up steps opposite a fingerpost up a bank on a footpath. The path runs by a house, between gardens and meadows, then up through woodland via a stile or metal gate to the Liphook Road. Cross the road and go ahead through a wooden swing gate into beautiful Linchmere Common.

[5](#) Linchmere Common also sometimes serves as a free grazing area for pedigree cattle. Keep ahead across the common. In 100m, at a junction with a fingerpost, veer **right**, following a yellow arrow and the symbol of the *Serpent Trail*. Continue, ignoring a path on the left, through another wooden swing gate to meet a lane in 30m. Cross the lane, going past a noticeboard and through a wooden gate. Keep dead straight ahead avoiding a wider path on your right. About 20m before a wooden gate visible ahead, turn **left** on a sandy horse path under wires. At the end, go through a wooden gate to the lane. Veer **right** on the lane.

[6](#) Follow the lane, at first using the wide grass verge towards the village of Linchmere (or Lynchmere). Soon you see a white signpost 30m ahead, opposite a bus shelter. **As a short diversion, if you continue straight on for 350m, you can visit Linchmere church: a search of the churchyard will reveal, among other things, the grave of broadcaster Richard Dimbleby; otherwise....** Before you reach the signpost, fork immediately **left** here across the grass to cut the corner. On reaching a lane, cross immediately over and take a rough track opposite which is part of the Sussex Border Path (SBP). At the end of the first meadow on the left, you reach a crosspaths by a fingerpost. Turn **left** here on a footpath, thus leaving the SBP.

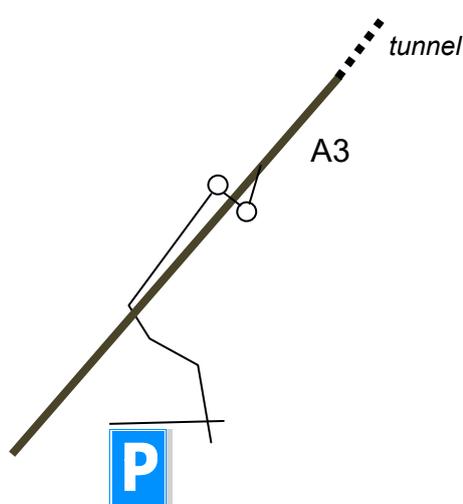


Getting there

By car: you can now (2013-4) reach the car park directly from the A3. If coming from London, take the **first** (NB!) turn-off **after** going through the **tunnel** and turn **right** over the A3. (If coming from the south west, this is the first turn-off *before* the tunnel.) Take a **left** at the next roundabout signed *Bramshott Chase*. The road runs parallel to the A3 for a short distance and then swings right and then left to go under the main road. 500 yds=450m further on is a major crossroads: turn **right** here towards *Liphook*. This is Knockhundred Lane. The car park is 400 yds=350m on the left.

To return after the walk, you can easily exit to the **A3 south** by turning left out of the car park; **or** you can turn *left* at the crossroads onto Hammer Lane, go *under* the A3 and join the **A3 north**.

An alternative starting point is Hammer Lane, postcode **GU27 3QD**. (Start in section [8](#).)



By bus/train: bus 59 from Haslemere Station to Hammer Vale (not Sunday?).
Check the timetables.

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