

Big Wheel of Kent cycle ride: Maidstone to Canterbury


===== Key to route guide information

Sign text is in italics

Road/street names are underlined

Village names are in bold

 Take care. The more symbols, the more care needed.

 Cycle route, with route number

Directions: L: left R: right SO: straight on FWD: forward

Road layout: J: junction T: T-junction X: crossroads Y: fork
RBT: roundabout

Abbreviations: SP: signpost NSP: no signpost PH: Public house

Et en Français...

Texte de poteau indicateur est en italiques

Un nom de rue/route est souligné

Un nom de village est en caractères gras

 Attention! Plus symboles – plus d'attention ont eu besoin.

 piste cyclable, avec numero

Directions: L: gauche R: droite SO: tout droit

FWD: allez en avant

Agencement: J: jonction T: croisement X: carrefour Y: fourche





RBT: rond-point

Abbréviations: SP: Poteau indicateur (ou panneau)

NSP: Pas de Poteau indicateur

PH: Taverne (Pub)

RH: La main droite

31 miles approx.		Start 09:30
Miles	km	From Mote Park car park...
0.00	0.00	Follow access road from car park
0.17	0.28	R onto cycle route SP  <i>Downswood</i> . Ride carefully - this path is shared with pedestrians (and dogs).
0.84	1.35	Y L after crossing a stream
1.51	2.43	Leave Mote Park. SO <u>Willington Street</u> into <u>Derringwood Drive</u> . NOT cycle path to Downswood.  Get off and walk across this very busy road, using the central refuge
1.89	3.04	4th R into Church Road, just past the shops. SP <i>Otham</i> . (The first hill of the ride)
2.87	4.61	L into <u>Whitehorse Lane</u> . SP for <i>Otham</i> and <i>Langley</i>
3.14	5.06	Y R into Honey Lane at White Horse PH. SP <i>Langley</i> . Keep right.
3.62	5.82	R into <u>New Road</u> at junction with <u>Avery Lane</u> . SP <i>Langley</i> and <i>Sutton Valence</i> .
3.95	6.35	L at T with A274. SP <i>Sutton-Valence</i> and <i>Tenterden</i> .   Ride single file on this busy main road - it's only for 600 yards and there is a pavement if you want to walk.
4.29	6.91	L into <u>Horseshoes Lane</u> at Crown & Horseshoes PH. SP <i>Langley Heath</i> and <i>Leeds</i> .
4.58	7.37	FWD into <u>Heath Road</u> . SP <i>Ulcombe</i> .
4.89	7.86	Stop then SO at B2163 X into <u>Ulcombe Road</u> .
5.07	8.16	R into <u>Pitt Road</u> . SP <i>Chartway Street</i> .
6.10	9.81	L at angled T into Chartway Street. NSP.
7.04	11.32	SO at junction in Kingswood with <u>Gravelly Bottom Road</u> where the road becomes <u>Lenham Road</u> .
7.56	12.17	Continue SO on <u>Lenham Road</u> at junction with <u>Ulcombe Hill</u> . SP <i>Platts Heath</i> . Stay on this road until the end.
9.50	15.28	L at T into <u>Headcorn Road</u> . SP <i>Lenham</i> .

10.00	16.09	SO the offset X in Sandway continuing on <u>Headcorn Road</u> past The Old Post Office. The road is very narrow here
11.08	17.83	R at X next to post box in Lenham <u>High Street</u> into <u>Old Ashford Road</u> . Shops and cafe in Lenham - no more until Chilham.
11.85	19.06	R at T onto A20, then immediately L into <u>Hubbards Hill</u> . SP <i>Warren St</i> and <i>Otterden</i> . Select a low gear for the climb up Hubbards Hill or have a walk. Take time to admire the view.
13.18	21.20	R into <u>Waterditch Road</u> next to the Harrow PH. SP <i>Charing</i> .
14.98	24.10	SO at X by Bowl PH into <u>Bowl Road</u> . Follow road round to R.
16.31	26.25	L at T onto A252. NSP.
16.48	26.51	Next L (SO) as the main road bears R. SP <i>Throwley Forstal</i> . Follow this road to its end.
19.84	31.92	SO (L-R) the A251 X into <u>Shottenden Road</u> . Follow signs towards Shottenden and Chilham. Road becomes <u>Soleshill Road</u> .
23.65	38.05	L onto A252. SP <i>Canterbury</i> and <i>Ashford</i> .
23.75	38.21	R into <u>Taylor's Hill</u> . SP <i>Village Centre</i> .
23.90	38.45	In Chilham keep left around the square and leave by <u>The Street</u> . At bottom of hill follow road to L.
24.29	39.09	L just before a sharp bend. Then immediately R onto the A252, which becomes the A28 after 100 yards. Ride single file along this busy road for ½ mile.
24.79	39.89	R into <u>Pickelden Lane</u> (by Crossroads Motors). SP <i>Mid Kent Fisheries</i> . Ignore the Road Closed sign; the road is passable by bicycle. Take care over the level crossing. Select a low gear for the climb shortly after a sharp right corner.
25.56	41.13	At the top of the hill follow L into <u>Mystole Road</u> .
25.92	41.70	L at next junction where you join National Cycle Route 18. SP 18
26.52	42.67	SO at next junction into <u>Bolts Hills</u> SP 18

27.18	43.73	R at T (by Chartham Church) SP 18 L just after Chartham Village Hall and before river into the Riverside Path. This is the beginning of the Great Stour Way cycle path. Continue along path to Canterbury.
30.21	48.60	R at Y as you enter Toddler's Cove play area, and R over bridge
30.35	48.83	R just before dual carriageway. SP 18 <i>City Centre</i> L under bridge alongside River Stour. Please dismount as signed.
30.49	49.05	L at J just before Canterbury Castle SP 18 <i>East Station</i> R into <u>Gas Street</u> SP 18 SO at <u>Castle Street</u>
30.59	49.21	SO at <u>Castle Row</u> into Dane John Gardens. You've arrived at the Big Wheel of Kent Cycle Celebration.



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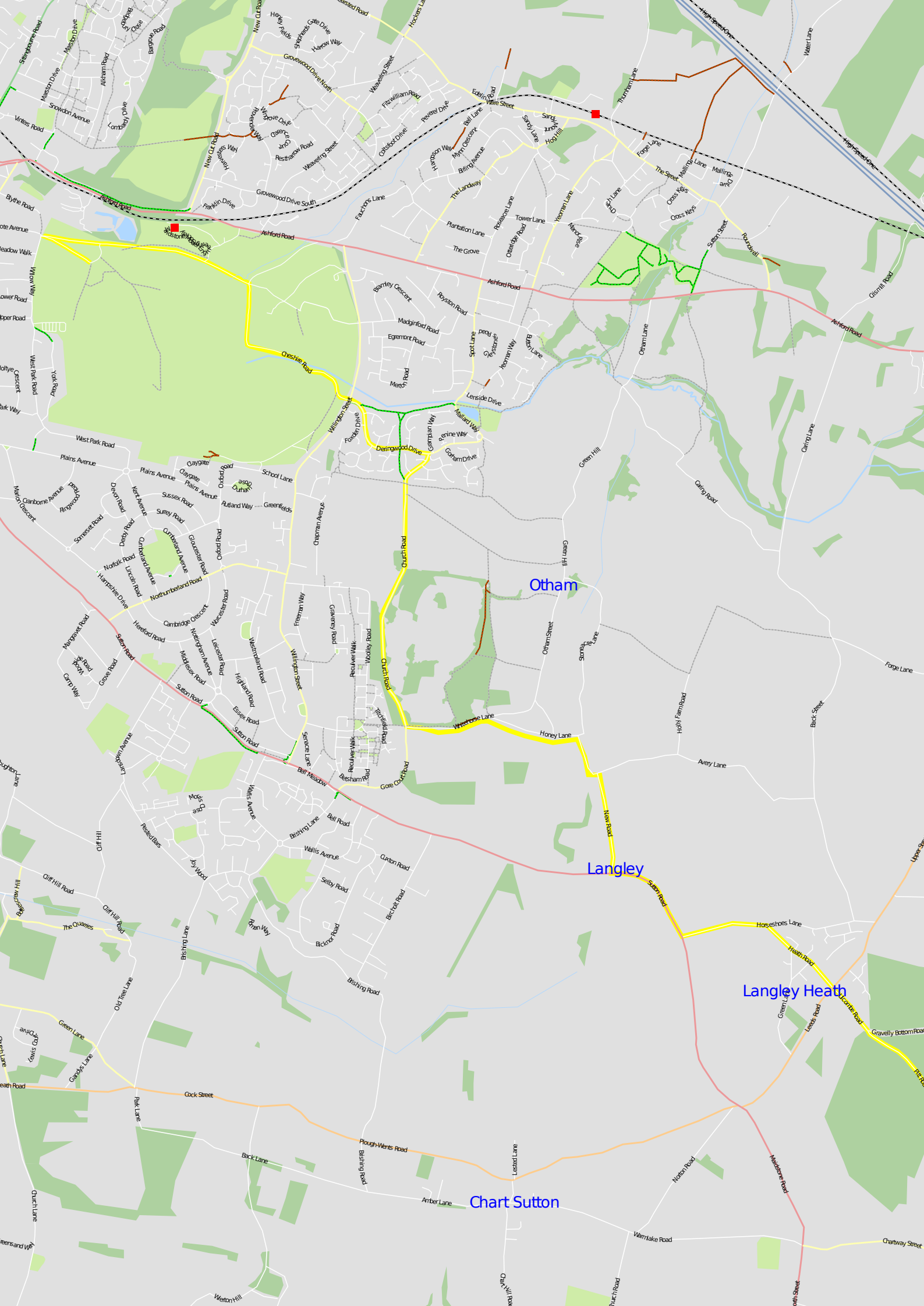
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Sturston

Otham

Langley

Langley Heath

Chart Sutton



Hollingbourne

Leeds

Harrietsham

Lenham

Sandway

Kingswood

Egerton



Eastling

Sheldwich

Selling

Badlesmere

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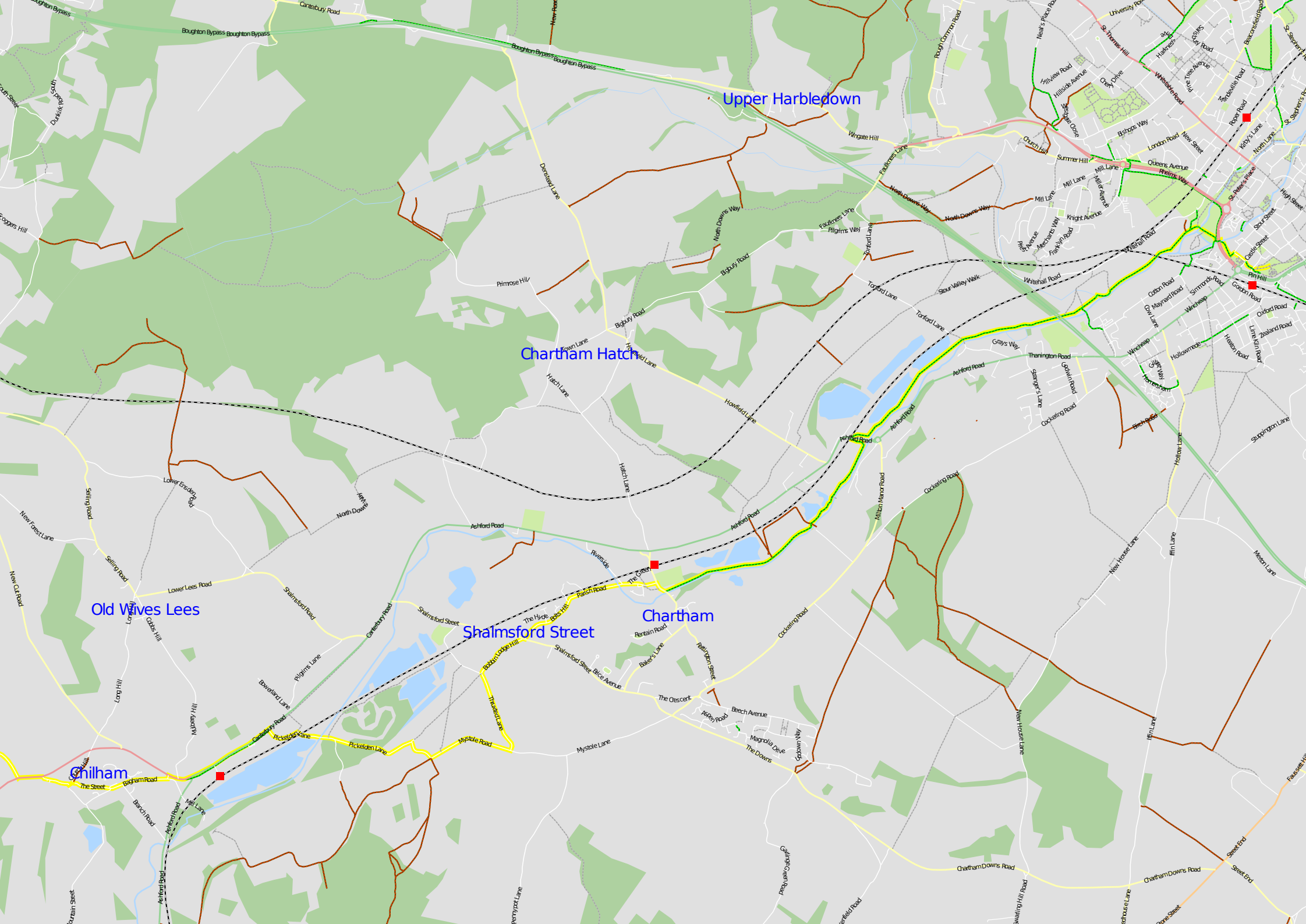
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Charing

Godmersham





Upper Harbledown

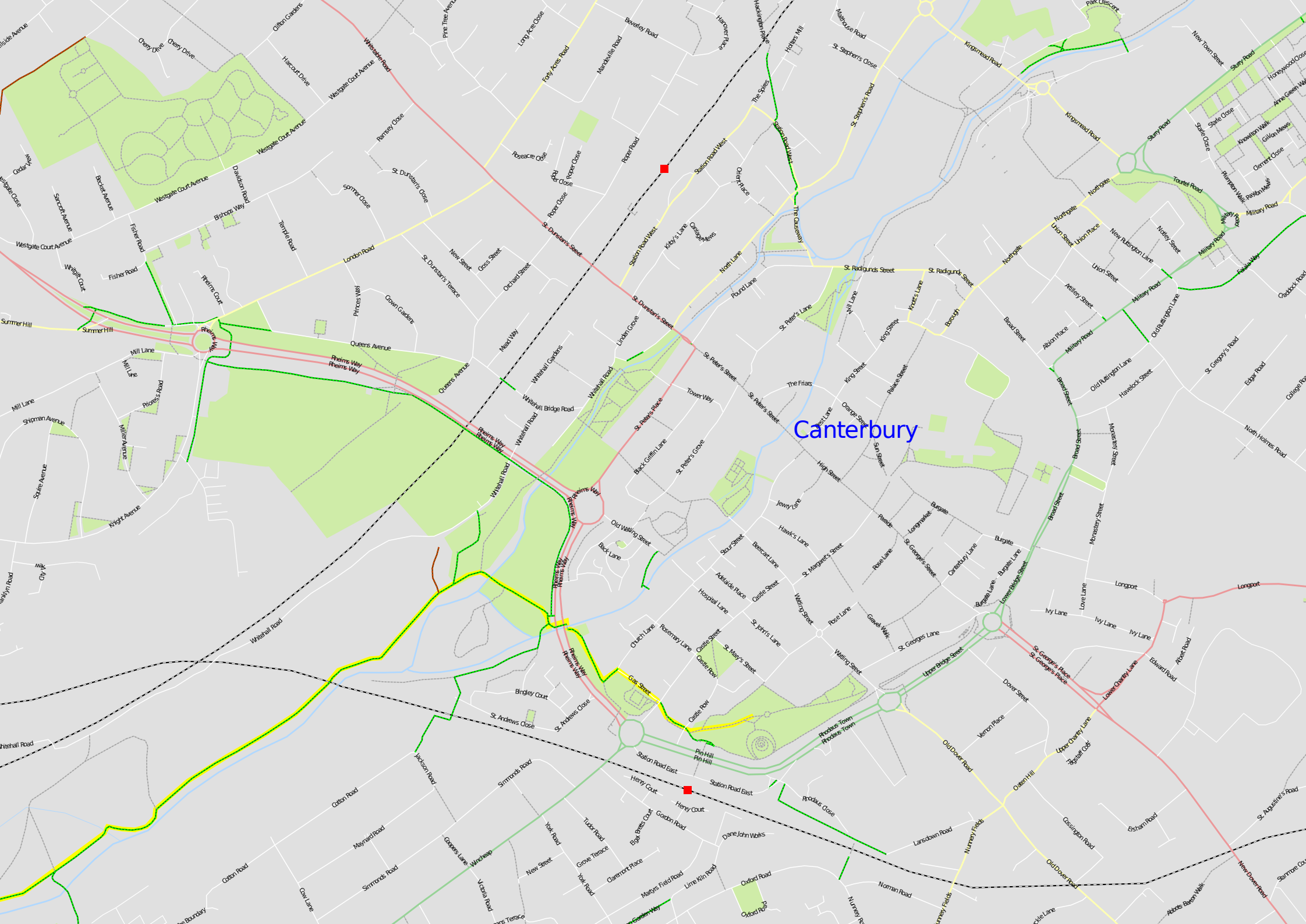
Chartham Hatch

Chartham

Sharnsford Street

Old Wives Lees

Chilham



Canterbury



Map showing streets and landmarks in Canterbury, New Zealand. Key streets include Westgate Court Avenue, Station Road West, Station Road East, and various residential streets like Rhymer Way and Rhymer Place. Landmarks such as the Pin Hill and Rhymer Way are also visible.