

# WALKING

## in Tilehurst & Purley on Thames



### Useful Contacts

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**RAMBLERS**  
Britain's biggest walking charity, working for over 70 years to promote walking and to improve conditions for everyone who walks in the UK.

The Mid Berkshire branch of the organisation can be contacted via [www.mbra.org.uk](http://www.mbra.org.uk) or by calling **0118 9882674** or the Pang Valley Branch by calling **0118 947 2502**

**COUNCILS**  
Reading Borough Council [www.reading.gov.uk](http://www.reading.gov.uk) or **0118 937 3737**

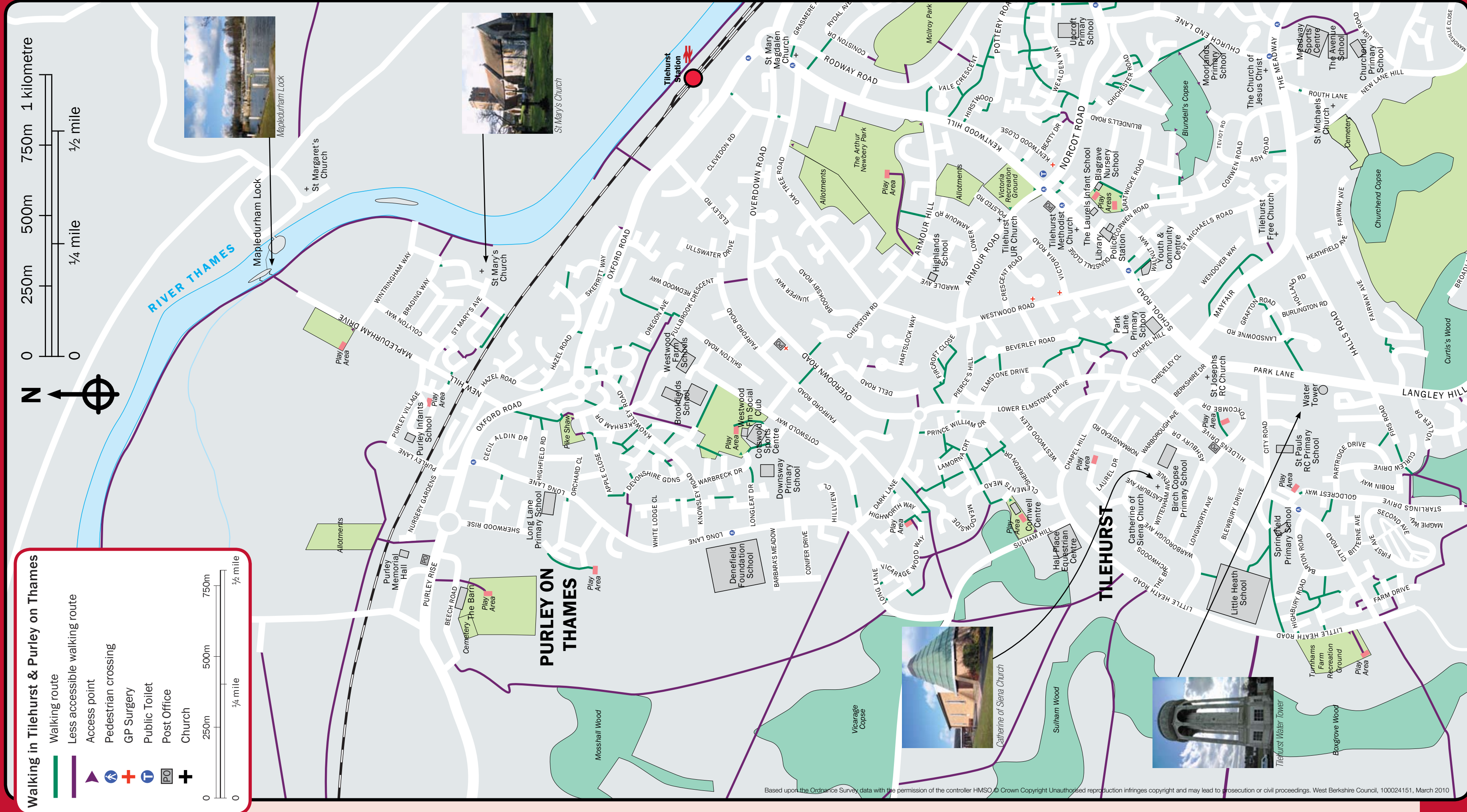
Purley on Thames [clerk@purleyonthames.net](mailto:clerk@purleyonthames.net) or [www.purleyonthames.net](http://www.purleyonthames.net)

Tilehurst - [clerk@tilehurstpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@tilehurstpc.co.uk) or [www.tilehurstpc.co.uk](http://www.tilehurstpc.co.uk)

**LIVING STREETS**  
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**BUSES**  
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Newbury Buses on **01635 567500**  
or Traveline on **0871 200 2233**  
Reading Buses on **0118 959 4000**

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For all enquiries relating to roads, paths, refuse, recycling, abandoned vehicles and general countryside issues contact Streetcare by email at [streetcare@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:streetcare@westberks.gov.uk) or by telephone **01635 519080**



### This Map and You

Walk or cycle to schools, shops, work places - improve your health, your mind and your environment

This map shows a network of walking routes and shortcuts in and around Tilehurst and Purley on Thames which link into the more major routes.

The map shows the walking routes in two different ways:

- Dark green for generally accessible walking routes. These will normally have hard surfaces and be free from major obstacles
- Purple for less accessible walking routes. These could be unsurfaced or muddy, or may include steps or difficult slopes

Walking is the most sustainable form of transport so don't forget -

**IF YOU'RE NOT GOING FAR – FORGET THE CAR**

### Things to See

#### Tilehurst

The name Tilehurst comes from "tigel" (or tile), due to the historic tile manufacturing in the area, and "hurst" meaning wood. The Tilehurst Water Tower (constructed in 1931-2) is the most prominent landmark in the area, dominating the skyline from most directions.

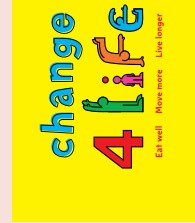
#### Purley on Thames

The River Thames and Mapledurham Lock are located to the north of Purley on Thames and the Thames Path passes through the village. During the 1930s land along the river was sold in individual plots, and were used by Londoners as a weekend retreat. Although many of these homes have been progressively upgraded examples of the original homes can still be seen in Mapledurham Drive.

There has been a church in Purley on Thames since Saxon times, but the existing church dates from the Norman era and contains an elegantly carved Norman font.

### Walking the Way to Health

Join a walk today by turning up and joining in on a Health Walk in West Berkshire. The walks are free, need no special equipment and everybody is welcome.



For more information on West Berkshire Health Walks, including timetables of routes, please contact the Health Walks Coordinator on **01635 519627** or [walking@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:walking@westberks.gov.uk) or [www.wbfh.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.wbfh.naturalengland.org.uk)



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### Have Your Say

West Berkshire Council is committed to:

*"developing effective sustainable transport solutions for all"*

If you have any comments to make about this map and its contents please contact West Berkshire Council either via e-mail at: [info@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:info@westberks.gov.uk) or telephone: **01635 519505**

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The local members of the Ramblers Association and Living Streets are thanked for their advice and assistance in developing this guide, through the West Berkshire Partnership



Care should be taken on the recommended routes. The Highway Code and the usual rules of road safety should be observed.

**Extreme caution is advised when near water and railway lines, especially with young children.**

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