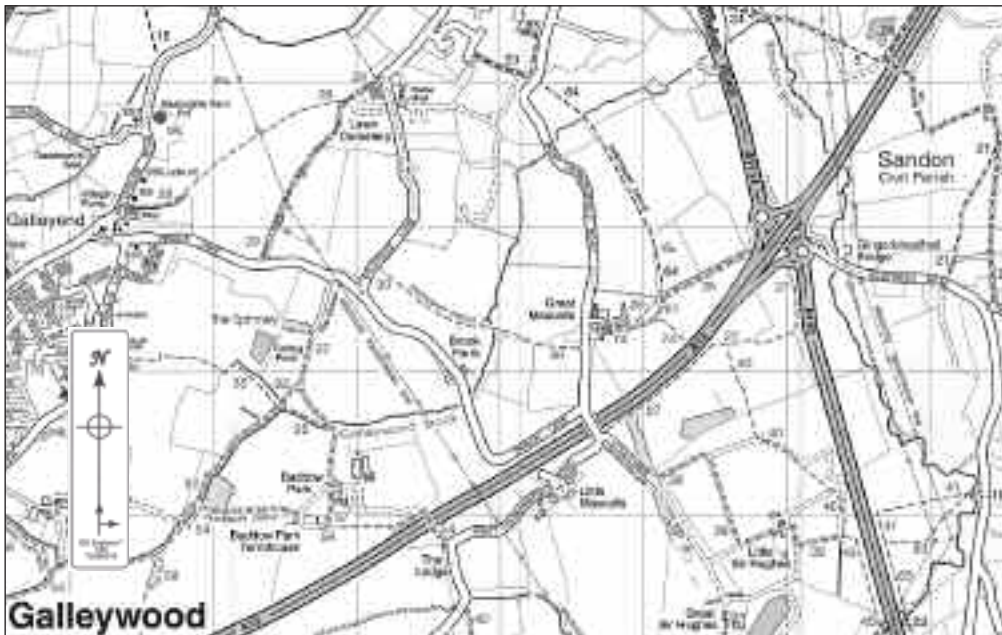


slip road to join FP27. Take great care when crossing the slip roads, there are no warning signs to oncoming traffic of walkers crossing. FP27 runs south for 200 metres alongside the A130 passing a Second World War concrete pillbox on the right.

Approximately 100 metres after the pillbox FP27 turns right and follows the south side of the field hedge for 200m where it meets the start of FP40 which goes south-south-east as a field crossing for 250 metres where, at the edge of the field, you pass another World War II pillbox on your left. Continue straight ahead with the field hedge on your right until you meet a farm track after 100 metres. Turn left following this farm track to the junction with FP39 and FP45.

Turn right at this junction onto FP39 and proceed through Little Sir Hughes farmyard (via two five-barred wooden gates) and continue on the farm track until you join Little and Great Sir Hughes Lane where you turn right to rejoin West Hanningfield Road and cross the A12 to return to the start of your walk.

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World War II Walk

**8km – 2½ hours, some boggy patches in wet weather.
Not suitable for wheelchairs.**

**Mapping: Galleywood Parish Footpaths Map,
OS Explorer™ 183, OS Landranger™ 167.**



Starting from the top of Brook Lane, (OS Ref TL733029) at the junction with West Hanningfield Road, walk north along West Hanningfield Road for 200 metres turning left onto FP30 just before the farm cottages.

Follow FP30 along the field hedge down to Galleywood Brook then continue on the cross-field path to Vicarage Lane. If your eyesight is good you should be able to see the white-topped sighting post. Turn left on Vicarage Lane and then right into Brook Lane passing Mapletree Cottage (still called Willow Cottage on some maps). 350 metres along Brook Lane turn right onto BR29. This ancient



The Chapman & André map of Essex, 1777

byway is shown on the Chapman & André map of Essex, 1777 as having the same status as Vicarage Lane. Compare this with the Galleywood Parish Footpaths Map and note how the names have changed since 1777. Gally End has moved from The White Bear down to Pipers Tye and has now become Galleyend.

The 1777 map shows a dwelling at the start of FP30 on Vicarage Lane and a dwelling 200 metres along BR29 on the right. The buildings have now gone but foundations of the dwelling off BR29 can still be seen in the field just north-east of the transmission line and there is evidence of tiles and bricks in the soil indicating the dwelling at the start of FP30.

The Chain Home (CH) Transmitter Tower

CH was the first radar to be organised into a complete air defence system and the first such system to be used in wartime operations.

The bridleway rejoins Vicarage Lane at Lawn Cemetery which is within the Civil Parish of Galleywood but administered by Great Baddow Parish Council. Opposite the cemetery is the old Marconi Radar Tower which acts as a landmark for walks on the south-east side of Galleywood.

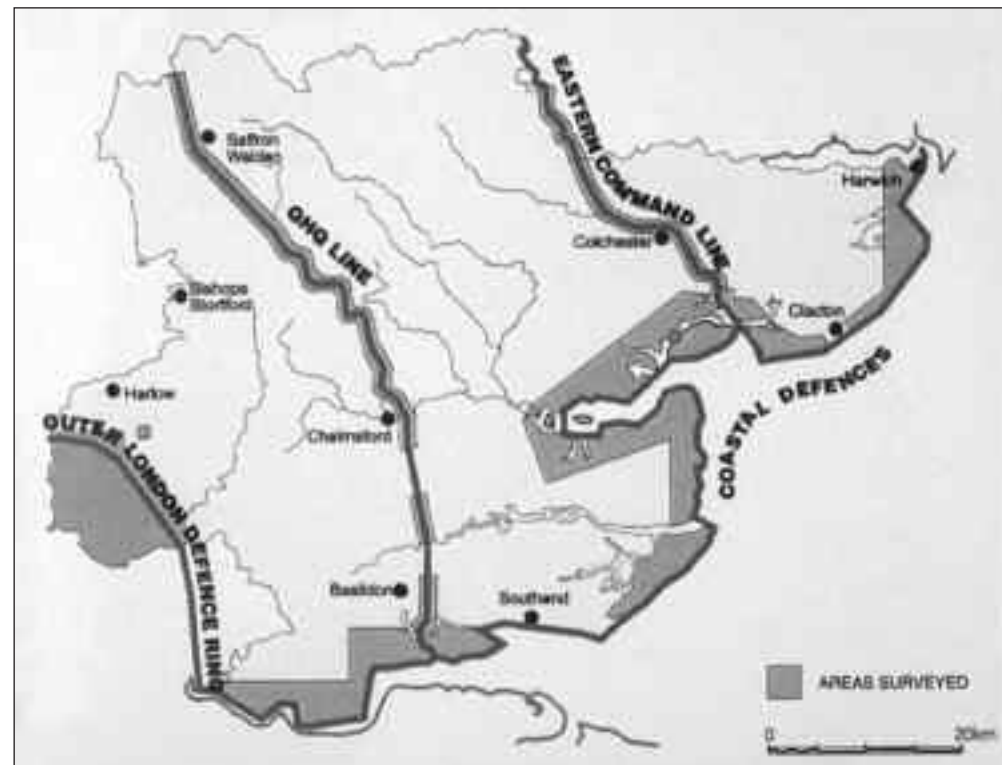


Marconi CH Transmitter Tower

Continue north-east along Vicarage Lane turning right after 200 metres into Heycroft Way and proceed straight ahead leaving Springbok House to your right and joining the walkway round Lucksfield Way to The Westerings.

Cross the road to join Great Baddow FP23 which takes you south-south-east between BAE Systems and the new Bryant Homes development to join West Hanningfield Road at the mini-roundabout.

During the Second World War the Marconi Research Laboratories at Great Baddow were taken over for defence work by the Air Ministry, the RAF and Admiralty Signals. After the war the last remaining CH transmitter tower in Britain was moved from its site at Canewdon, nr. Rochford to its new home at Great Baddow.



Map of World War II Defences

Cross the mini-roundabout to join Great Baddow FP64 which takes you across the fields to Great Mascalls Farm.

At the parish boundary turn left onto Galleywood FP26 and proceed north-north-east along the hedge which forms the parish boundary. FP26 ends at a stile which takes you onto the slip road off the A12 to Great Baddow. Cross this slip road at the traffic lights and pass under the A12, then across the London-bound

Pillboxes were constructed during the Second World War for defence against a possible German invasion. The map shows that the pillboxes were not scattered throughout the Essex countryside but arranged in defensive lines. The two encountered on this walk being part of the GHQ line from Saffron Walden to Basildon passing just east of Chelmsford.

