History of Twittens Twitten Map of Worthing Twitten is an old Sussex word for a lane or passage. Twittens exist all over Worthing as the remains of pathways (later legal rights of way) from one village to another, e.g. Heene to Tarring or Worthing to Broadwater. The one in Broadwater is called, in places, the Quashetts or Squashetts. At one time, apparently, there was a gate at the top of High Street (the old main street of the town) where there was an altercation between the smugglers who used the route across the fields to Broadwater, and the revenue men who pursued them. One twitten followed a line from the Chatsworth Hotel side of Steyne Gardens, through a tunnel under the railway, then northwards to emerge on the corner of the Manor Ground, Broadwater. Library Place is a small cul-de-sac on the east side of the Dome, off Marine Parade. It is mainly used by Stagecoach buses but has a long history and is part of one of the oldest twittens in Worthing. It has been a public thoroughfare for at least two hundred years. The twitten (a passageway today) extends from the north end of Library Place to Warwick Street. It was almost certainly was used by Jane Austen when she stayed in the seaside town in Sussex during the autumn of 1805, when she would have used it from Stanford Cottage (now occupied by Pizza Express) where she stayed, to the sea. Stagecoach wanted to close it on health and safety grounds, but Jane Austen fans have won a victory and may continue to use it, provided they seek prior consent from Stagecoach. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors

From the A27 you can continue on Downland footpaths leading to Casbury Ring & Chandonbury Ring

As an alternative from The Old House At Home, continue north along the Twitten at the side of the pub until reaching Southfield Rd, turn left & head to the end of Southfield Rd, then turn right & go up Forest Rd until reaching Upper Brighton Rd (A27) at the top.=5 mins

parade on the right = 3 mins

From The Old House At Home go left along Broadwater Street East you will then Reach Broadwater Church on the left & Broadwater shopping

Use the crossing at Sompting Ave & continue north through the I witten to The Old House At Home Pub.= 3 mins (or turn left & walk to Broadwater College at the end of Sompting Ave =3 mins)

Continue along the Twitten with Manor Sports Ground on the left until reaching Sompting Ave = 3 mins

Continue north from underpass along lvy Arch Rd & cross King Edward Ave, head for the Twitten & continue to Georgia Ave. The Twitten then continues north along the side of Manor Sports Ground =5 mins.

Continue past the Swan along Upper High Street & cross Newlands Road at the end. Continue north & through the railway underpass = 5 min.

crossing a few yards on, cross over & continue to the Swan pub = 10min.

From the sea front walk along Steyne Gardens past the Chatsworth Hotel, continue north along High Street past the roundabout opposite Waitrose, bear round left at the next roundabout & when reaching the specime at the next roundabout when reaching the

Walk 4 Sea Front to Broadwater

Get to know the Twittens of Worthing

Get there quicker with this map which includes details of many cut-throughs in Broadwater, Tarring, West Worthing & Worthing town centre.

What are we Twittering on about?

This map provides details of the Twittens, shows where local bus stops & railway stations are & suggests some walks you could do.

The Twittens are part of the heritage of this area & are a great way to save time, get away from the roads & make getting around easier & more sustainable. So if you have wondered where that lane goes or what it is - well now you know - it's probably a Twitten.



Sea front = 8 mins

Alternatively Cross the mini roundabout with St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church on the right & continue east along Richmond Rd, take 4th right into Portland Rd, then 1st left into Ambrose Place, after about 30m take the twitten on the right that leads down to Montague St & the

From the Library go right into Chapel Rd, passing 5t Pauls on the right & continue to the Guildbourne Centre & Town centre = 5 mins.

Library = 4mins.

Cross the mini roundabout with St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church on the right & continue east along Richmond Rd until reaching the

Turn right up Norfolk Rd taking the path up the side of the recreation ground, going past Heene 1st School on the left, then continue along the path through the Rec passing the children's playground on right, them St Mary's Primary School on the left that leads to Park Crescent, at the end of Park Crescent, at the end of Park Crescent go through the stone arch = 6mins

Go up Heene Rd & take first left into Browning Rd, at end of Browning Rd continue east into St Matthews Rd = 6mins

Walk 3 Heene Rd/Tarring Rd to Town Centre

Why Twitten?

Walking your local area & getting to know your local Twittens will improve your health & fitness & you may discover things about your local area that you didn't already know.

Some of the Twittens follow old drover's routes or even link up to help you walk large parts of the area without having to go near a road. They also often provide a short cut to the local shops, bus stop or railway station. So there's a good reason to get Twittening!

And did you know that more than half the car journeys are 5 miles or less & account for approx. one fifth of household car CO2 emissions? & think of the saving on fuel!

The Benefits of using Twittens

- they provide short cuts.
- avoid the frustrations of having to drive & park for short journeys.
- avoid being stuck in a traffic queue when only going for a newspaper.
- save time & money on your journey: walking your one-mile trips could save you over £160 each year on fuel!
- get to the bus stop quicker (see the map).
- walking is a great way to give your heart & lungs a workout & helps burn those calories.
- the Twittens could open up a whole new world of exploration for you and your family.
- discover your neighbourhood & your local history (find more about local history from your local library).
- a great connection to the countryside & to longer countryside walks.

Upkeep

Perhaps you might like to organise a group to care for the twitten in your area & keep it clear?

Divine church until reaching Goring Road shopping parade = 5 mins Five Church until reaching Goring Road shopping parade = 5 mins

At junction of Princess Ave/Canterbury Rd walk along path at edge of allotments, continue over railway footbridge until reaching West Worthing club which is at the junction of Tarring Rd/Elm Grove=3min (If heading for Shaftsbury Ave Leisure Centre & Durrington Station from West Worthing Club. Go right into Bruce Ave, after about 200m at the bend in the road, go through the footpath next to the Scout HQ & continue through the footpath to the end which at the Leisure Centre Smins. Cross the main Road (Shaftsbury Ave) at pedestrian Lights, turn right up the hill, when reaching the bridge at the top walk down the steps on the left to Durrington Station 10mins from West Worthing the steps on the left to Durrington Station 10mins from West Worthing

At the bottom of Church Rd turn right into Parkfield Rd, go right at the end, then take the left path through the allotments into Princess Ave & continue until reaching Canterbury Rd = 12 mins from Tarring Church

Walk through entrance gate to Tarring Church & take the path round the church that goes past the tennis court & bowling green into the recreation ground (if you go left when reaching the rec, then right into South Street & continue south it's 6 mins walk to West Worthing South Street & continue south it's 6 mins walk to West Worthing Station & shops)

To take the direct route to Goring Rd Shops & Sea Front when reaching the rec turn right, then left into Church Rd.

Tarring church = 3mins

Start at Junction of Pelham Rd/Belleview Rd & walk south towards

Walk 2 Pelham Rd to Tarring Church & Goring Road Shopping Parade & Sea Front

Public Transport Timetables

- Stagecoach Busses www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables.aspx
- CompassBusses
- http://www.compass-travel.co.uk/timetables-west_sussex.html
- National Rail Enquiries www.nationalrail.co.uk

Bus Routes

- Bus Route 1 Town Centre, Broadwater, Findon, Horsham
- Bus Route 5 Town Centre, Broadwater, Durrington, West Durrington
- Bus Route 6 Town Centre, West Tarring, Durrington, High Salvington
 Bus Route 6a Town Centre, West Tarring, Durrington, West Durrington
- Bus Route 7 Town Centre, Broadwater, Sompting
- Bus Route 8 Town Centre, Goring, Ferring, Angmering
- Bus Route 8a Town Centre, Goring, Ferring
- Bus Route 9 Shoreham, Lancing, Worthing, West Durrington, Angmering, Littlehampton
- Bus Route 10 Town Centre, West Tarring, Goring Green
- Bus Route 16 Lancing, East Worthing, Hospital, Town Centre, West Tarring
- Bus Route 23 Town Centre, Broadwater, Findon, Horsham
- Bus Route 700 Brighton, Worthing, Littlehampton, Arundel, Bognor, Chichester, Portsmouth
- Bus Route Pulse Lancing, Hospital, Town Centre, Goring Rd, West Durrington
- These routes are subject to change

Trains

Worthing area has 5 stations at Goring, Durrington, West Worthing, Worthing Central & East Worthing, they are easily accessible from the above walks & are served by many bus routes, cycle racks have been installed at stations. There are frequent trains to London, Brighton, Portsmouth, Southampton & the south coast, also cross country services.

Cross Littlehampton Rd at pedestrian crossing, turn right (Thomas A'Becket pub & shops are 2 mins along the Littlehampton Rd going east) then immediately left going up the path at the side of the recreation ground which finishes at Ashacre Lane = 5mins

Littlehampton Rd = 4mins

Walk along Pelham Rd take the twitten on the right (which is opp. Belleview Rd) continue north crossing Stonehurst Rd until reaching

twitten that leads to Pelham Rd. =4mins

The Vine continue north, go past Fairfields on left, then go left onto

Rectory Rd mini roundabout along Rectory Rd, turn left into twitten opp. Wiston Ave to The Vine in High St Tarring = 5mins

Guildford Rd to Rectory Rd mini roundabout = 5mins

From Tarring Rd, across Jacobs Ladder to Guildford Rd = 5mins

Aslk I Heene Rd/Tarring Rd to Ash acre Lane

Further Information

Where can I get another Twitten Map?

If you want more Twitten maps for your friends, they are available free of charge

- From Libraries in Worthing
- Worthing Town Hall
- Tourist Information Centres
- Downloading from Transition Town Worthing https://www.ttworthing.org/resources/

Other ways of walking and getting fit

- The Ramblers www.ramblers.org.uk
- Health Walks in Worthing
- www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/play-a-sport/walking
- Worthing Downlanders https://www.facebook.com/Worthing-Downlanders-133104530089603/
- Walks around Worthing and Sussex https://www.walkingbritain.co.uk/West-Sussex-walks-list

A bit more ambitious!

- Worthing & District Harriers www.worthingharriers.com
- Worthing Striders www.worthingstriders.co.uk

Cycling

Worthing being on the flat coastal plain is an ideal location for cycling, with many designated areas to leave bikes

There's cycle route along the Prom from George V Ave going eastwards through Worthing, Lancing & Shoreham to Brighton.