

# BALLOON FLIGHT MAP PACK



# PLEASE READ THIS NOW

Please read pages 1-5 now before you arrange a date for your flight to ensure you understand our procedures. Please also look carefully at any maps **relevant to your chosen area**. You should also read our terms and conditions available on our web site at:

<http://www.adventureballoons.co.uk/terms-and-conditions.html>

## HOW TO ARRANGE YOUR FLIGHT

Go to [www.adventureballoons.co.uk/date-availability.html](http://www.adventureballoons.co.uk/date-availability.html) and **register** using your Surname, Adventure Balloons voucher number and voucher expiry date. Within a few minutes of registering you will be sent an e-mail to enable you to complete the registration process.



## PLEASE REMEMBER

- Our flying season runs from April to October for all areas except London which runs from May to Mid August.
- Flight schedules are generally available for booking up to 30 days ahead and sometimes a little further depending on how far ahead we can arrange them. **Our web site will always have the most up to date information available for you.**
- We cannot guarantee which site you will fly from when you book your flight date. This information and the exact meeting time will be notified on our weatherline message. **Please do not telephone our office number for this information.**
- When you arrive at the balloon launch site we have chosen on the day, please park and make your way on foot to the balloon vehicle and crew who will usually arrive about 15 minutes before the meeting time for your flight. Please Note, toilet facilities are seldom available at our launch sites, particularly on early morning flights, so please make appropriate arrangements before you arrive.
- To change a date for your flight you must give us sufficient notice (see terms & conditions).
- Please use the maps in this booklet in conjunction with a recent road atlas or map. Where post codes are given these may not be for the site but for the nearest feature with a post code. These maps are also available on our web site locations pages should you need them.

**DO HAVE THIS MAP PACK WITH YOU WHEN YOU  
BOOK A FLIGHT DATE OR CALL THE WEATHERLINE.**

# FLIGHT DATE RECORD

Here is some space to record the flight date you book. **Remember**, ballooning is weather dependent and you may be cancelled due to unsuitable weather.

FLIGHT DATE	AM/PM	COUNTY

# WEATHER CALL IN TIMES

Prior to your flight you **must** call our weatherline to check if your flight is going ahead. **Make sure you call the correct number!**

When you call our weatherline, there will be a message, telling you if the weather situation permits your flight to go ahead, and if the weather is good, the meeting place and time for your flight.

Listen carefully to all of the message on our weatherline. There may be information for more than one county. Make sure you listen to the part of the message with information for your county.



**Do not call before these times** – the information will not be available until the times below and you may hear the message for a previous flight. For operational reasons it may be necessary for us to delay, without notice, the time the message is available.

## THE WEATHERLINE NUMBERS ARE

**FOR HAMPSHIRE, SURREY, KENT, SUSSEX & LONDON FLIGHTS**     **01252 844315**

**FOR FLIGHTS IN ALL OUR OTHER AREAS**     **01252 844316**

**You should call the appropriate weatherline number for your county at the following times:-**

Evening Flights April - September	call after 2pm on the day
Evening Flights October	call after 12pm on the day
Morning Flights All Season	call after 11pm the night before

# LAUNCH SITES

Please look at the attached maps which cover the counties we fly. The site chosen within any county depends on wind direction and speed on the day. For some wind directions we may have to move flights scheduled for SURREY to one of our HAMPSHIRE sites, in order to keep out of Heathrow airspace. For the same reason BERKSHIRE and HENLEY flights may also be relocated – see maps for details. And occasionally it may be necessary to move SOUTH HAMPSHIRE flights to NORTH HAMPSHIRE to keep out of the sea or vice versa to keep out of Heathrow airspace. You will be advised of this when you call our weatherline.

# APPROXIMATE MEETING TIMES

MONTH	MEETING TIME	MEETING TIME
	AM	PM
APRIL	6.30	5.30
MAY	5.30	6.00
JUNE	5.00	6.30
JULY	5.30	6.30
AUGUST	6.00	6.00
SEPTEMBER	7.00	5.00
OCTOBER	7.30	3.30



**The above is only an approximate guide.** Times vary with sunrise and sunset throughout each month. **Exact** meeting times will be given to you when you call our weatherline for flight confirmation. Note in October times become one hour earlier than above after the end of British Summer Time. Morning flights over **London** meet up to 30 minutes earlier than the above times. Don't forget to allow 3-4 hours from the time of meeting for the whole ballooning experience. (For London flights we suggest 4-5 hours). For summer evening flights we recommend you do not organise anything to follow on from the flight since your return can sometimes be delayed.

You must be punctual for your meeting time as for some flights we meet you at a meeting point and then lead you to the launch site. Or we may need to move to another site because the wind has changed. **Failure to arrive in time will be regarded as cancellation and result in the loss of your flight and monies paid.**

# THINGS TO REMEMBER

For early morning flights, please be **quiet** if the meeting place is near houses! If you are a keen photographer, then remember that morning flights provide better light, getting brighter rather than duskier as the flight proceeds. You are also more likely to see wildlife such as foxes, deer etc as the balloon catches them unaware during the early hours soon after dawn. Bring lots of film or memory and make sure batteries are well charged! Your balloon pilot will be happy to answer a variety of questions regarding ballooning and will point out areas of interest during the flight **when they can.**

Adventure Balloons Souvenirs are available after the flight from the balloon retrieve vehicle. These include embroidered rugby tops & sweatshirts, mugs, 'T' shirts, postcards, enamel badges, caps, inflight photos etc. If you have not already ordered an in-flight photograph of your flight, these should be ordered and paid for when you fly so don't forget to **bring some money.**

## BALLOON FLIGHT SAFETY TIPS

The following notes have been prepared to help you enjoy your ballooning experience. Please read them carefully. Our main aim is to give you a pleasant, enjoyable, safe flight. Like all sports, ballooning is safe if undertaken sensibly. You must ensure that you are fit to fly (See our terms and conditions) and that undertaking a balloon flight will not put you at risk regarding any medical condition you may have. As passengers the first thing to consider is: -

### CLOTHING

Wear sensible outdoor clothes as if you are going for a walk in the country. Clothing covering your arms and legs is preferable. Do not wear skirts, shorts, long scarves, synthetic fabrics such as nylon, loose jewellery (large earrings, bracelets) etc.

Temperatures in the air are generally warmer than on the ground due to the heat of the burners, and taller passengers may well appreciate a hat, to avoid the heat from the burners, especially if their hair is a little thin on top! Stout flat shoes are also essential, walking boots that cover the ankles are ideal as you never know quite where you will end up, fields may be damp on morning flights or if there has been recent rain.

**HIGH-HEELED SHOES OR OPEN TOED SHOES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

### PRE-LAUNCH BRIEFING

Prior to inflating the balloon, your pilot will give you a full safety briefing. During flight you may hold on to the padded edge of the basket and the inside handles. You must not touch any of the balloon control lines in the pilot's compartment.

Your pilot will ask you to show any cameras or other baggage and will advise you how to best protect them before landing. These are taken at your own risk. We recommend you bring a soft bag to put large cameras or video cameras in for landing. Cameras should be kept away from your face until after take-off and the balloon basket has steadied.

We do not allow glass items in the basket or the carriage of alcohol. The use of mobile phones during the flight is not allowed.  
**SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME DURING BALLOONING ACTIVITIES BY PASSENGERS OR SPECTATORS.**



## TAKE OFF & FLIGHT

Your pilot will tell you when to enter the basket. Some passengers may be pre-loaded into the basket before the inflation begins. Other passengers entering the basket after the balloon is inflated must always use the footwells at the ends of the basket to get in. Passengers must not walk between the balloon basket and the balloon retrieve vehicle once the inflation has begun. If in doubt as to what you can do or hold, ask your pilot. If flying near or through tree tops or hedges, keep arms (and cameras!) **INSIDE** the basket for protection.

Spectators must stay behind the safety cones well clear of the balloon basket and balloon retrieve vehicles at all times.

### LANDING

Your pilot will advise when landing is likely and will instruct you to stow away all loose items such as cameras. All our large balloons (8 passenger or bigger) have seats for you to sit on for landing. Hold firmly with both hands to the inside handles and keep your head and upper body upright and supported by the padding behind it. Be prepared for the basket to bounce more than once, and lean over on its side and sometimes drag along the ground. Please pay attention to your **pilots instructions** at all times, especially during the landing. Your pilot may ask for silence during the landing.

**DO NOT GET OUT OF THE BASKET** until instructed to do so by the pilot as the loss of one persons weight can cause unintended take-off for those who remain!

### THE WEATHER

Ballooning is a heavily weather dependant activity. For a safe and enjoyable flight we require light winds, no rain and good visibility.

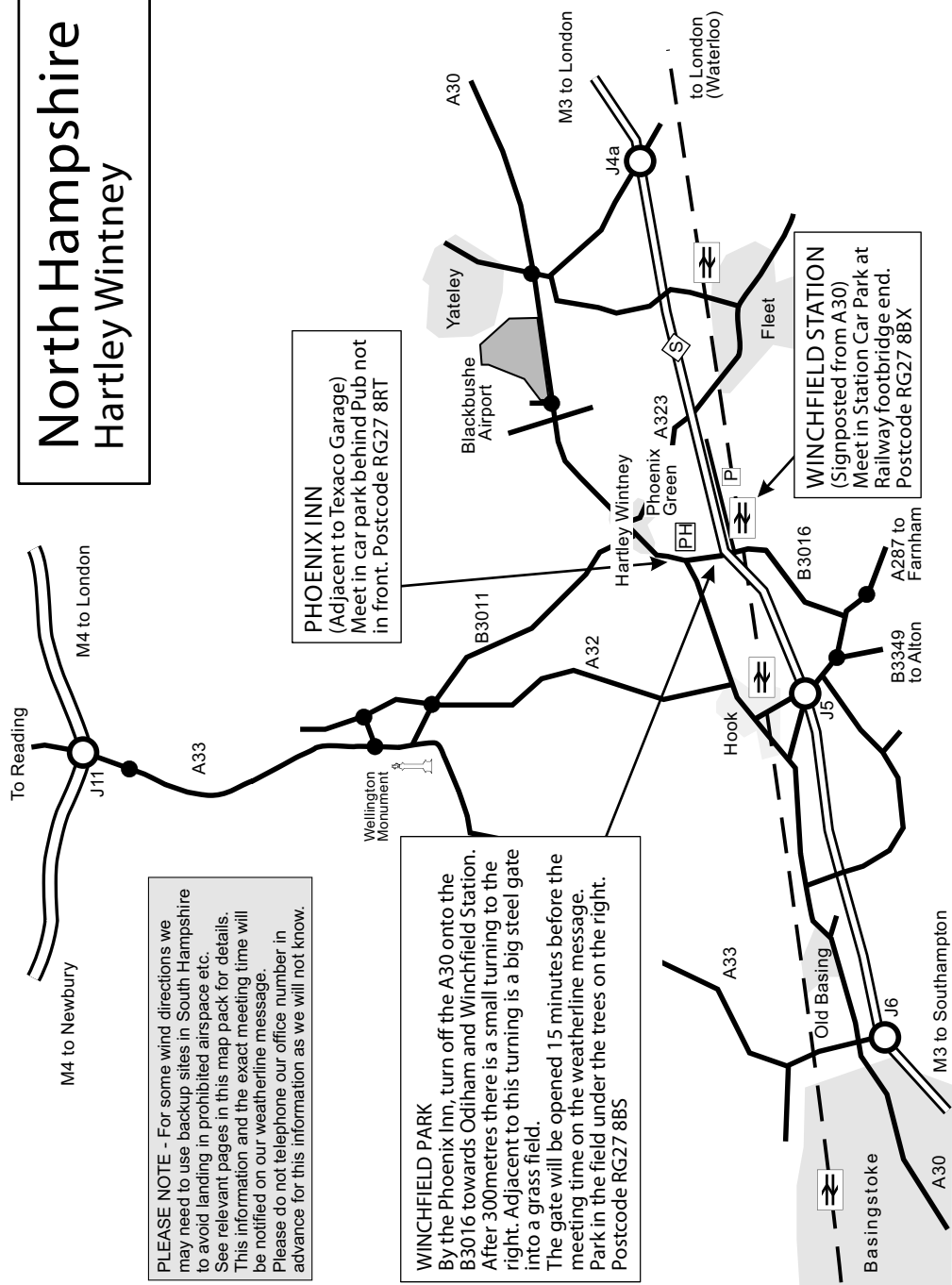
We use the most up to date weather forecasting facilities. Sometimes this reveals brief gaps in the weather that you might not expect. Or we may miss a perfectly flyable opportunity because it was not possible to forecast that conditions would be suitable with sufficient confidence. Equally we may get it wrong and call you out to fly and find conditions are not suitable and we have to cancel on site. Your pilot's decisions in such a situation is final, your safety and enjoyment are our prime consideration.

Please bear with the British weather if your booking has to be rearranged, we will be just as disappointed as you!

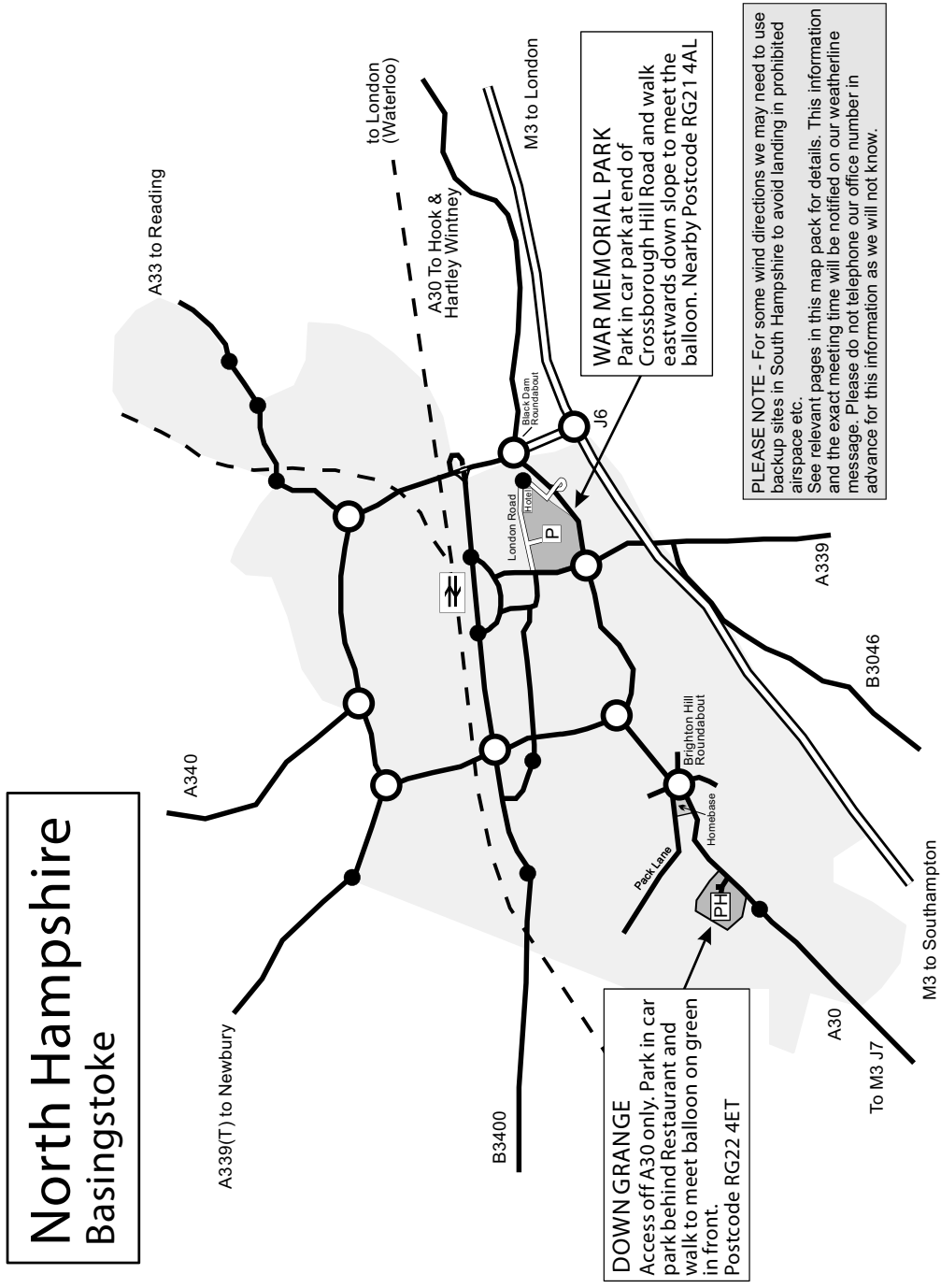




# North Hampshire Hartley Wintney



# North Hampshire Basingstoke



# Surrey

## FARNHAM PARK

Park in Golf Course car park and meet balloon in centre of park. NOTE: Allow plenty of time to navigate the Farnham one-way system if the area is unfamiliar to you! Postcode GU9 0AU

**STOKE PARK**  
Park in small Car Park off Nightingale Road and meet balloon in centre of park. Postcode GU1 1 ER

**SHALFORD PARK**  
Park in Car Park by sports pavilion off A281, 1 Mile south of Town Centre and meet balloon in centre of park. Postcode GU4 8AA

**THE MILLERS INN**  
Park in car park and walk to balloon in recreation ground alongside pub. Nearby Postcode GU10 4LA

**THE SQUIRREL**  
Park in overflow car park and meet balloon vehicle and crew in the launch field. Postcode GU7 2RN

**GODALMING**  
Park in "Crown Court" pay-and-display car park at the "Bury's" and walk to balloon. Pay parking fees if relevant - you will be away for four hours. Postcode GU7 1HR

PLEASE NOTE - For some wind directions we may need to use backup sites in South Hampshire or North Hampshire to avoid landing in prohibited airspace etc.,. See relevant pages in this map pack for details. The exact site will be notified on our weatherline message. Please do not telephone our office number in advance for this information as we will not know.

# Berkshire

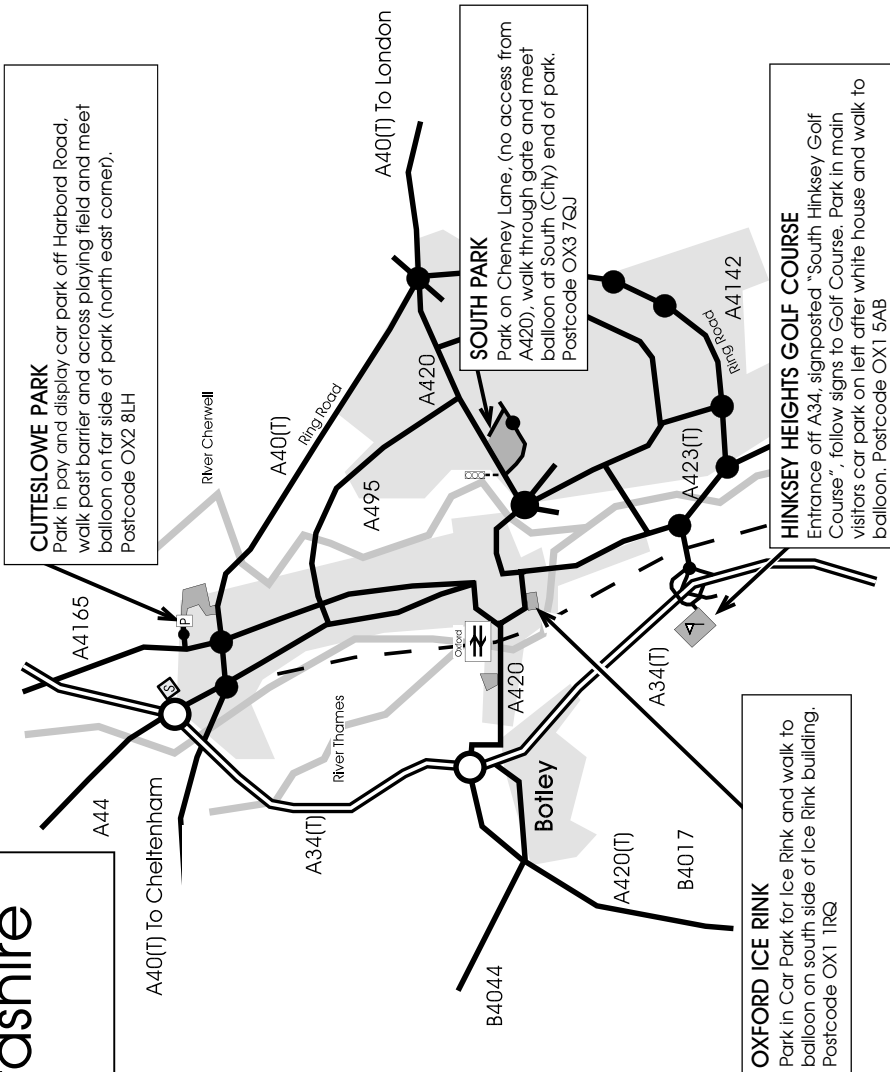
**THAMESIDE PROMENADE**  
Turn into Holiday Inn. Drive to public car park at end of road and walk in to meet balloon beside river. Postcode RG1 8BD

**PROSPECT PARK**  
Enter from Liebenrood Road, park in 1st Car Park on left and walk to Balloon. Nearby Postcode RG30 2ND

**PADWORTH VILLAGE HALL**  
4 miles from M4/J12. Turn left off A4 at Marriott Hotel (Padworth Lane), cross over railway bridge and park in Car Park on left and walk to Balloon. Postcode RG7 4HY

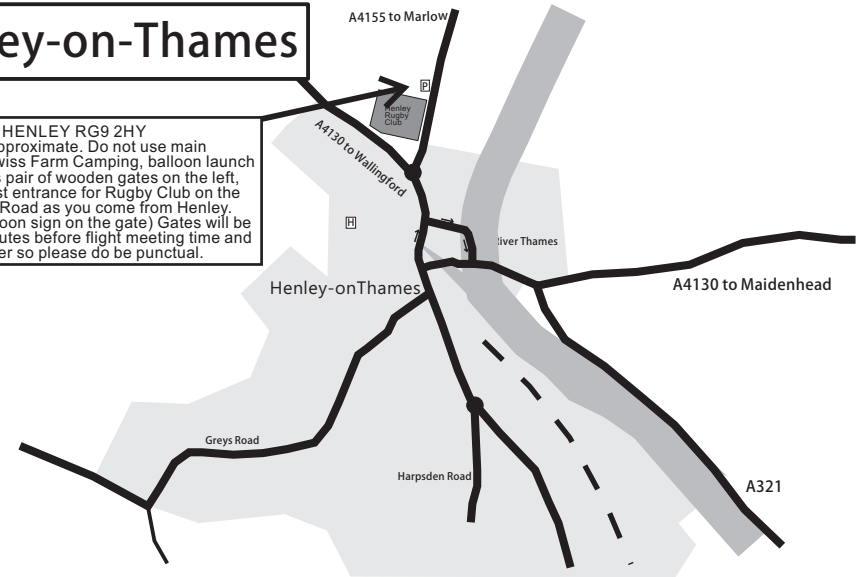
**KINGS MEADOW**  
Park in height restricted car park (6'9") opposite Cooper BMW and walk to Balloon. Pay and display if relevant, you will be away for four hours. Nearby Postcode RG1 8BN

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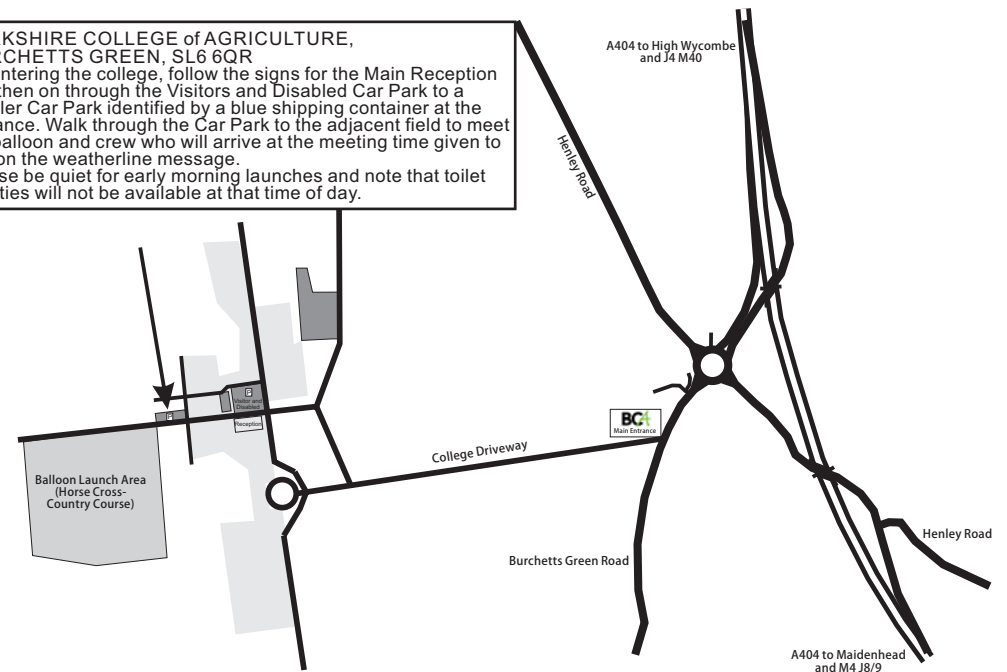


## Henley-on-Thames

**SWISS FARM HENLEY RG9 2HY**  
Post Code is approximate. Do not use main entrance for Swiss Farm Camping, balloon launch site entrance is pair of wooden gates on the left, 100 metres past entrance for Rugby Club on the A4155 Marlow Road as you come from Henley. (There is a balloon sign on the gate) Gates will be opened 15 minutes before flight meeting time and then locked after so please do be punctual.



**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE, BURCHETTS GREEN, SL6 6QR**  
On entering the college, follow the signs for the Main Reception and then on through the Visitors and Disabled Car Park to a smaller Car Park identified by a blue shipping container at the entrance. Walk through the Car Park to the adjacent field to meet the balloon and crew who will arrive at the meeting time given to you on the weatherline message. Please be quiet for early morning launches and note that toilet facilities will not be available at that time of day.



Please Note for Henley Flights, because of the proximity to Heathrow Airspace, which site we use will depend on wind direction on the day and/or operational factors. On some occasions, we may need to use one of our sites in Berkshire. See the Berkshire page for details or refer to our website. The exact site will be notified on our weatherline message. Please do not telephone our office number in advance for this information as we will not know.

# Hertfordshire Tring

## PENDLEY MANOR

From A41 take exit signposted N.Church/Tring. Follow A4251/Berkhamsted over 2 roundabouts, then follow signs for Pendley Manor on A4251. After ½ mile turn left into Cow Lane signed Pendley Manor & Tring Station. Pass entrance to Sports Centre take next right signed the Pendley Manor Hotel, slow over speed bumps & take first right through gate into field. Park cars immediately on right close to fence, beneath floodlights. Nearby Postcode HP23 5QY

Sign at junction for Pendley Manor Hotel

Sign at junction for Pendley Manor & Tring Station

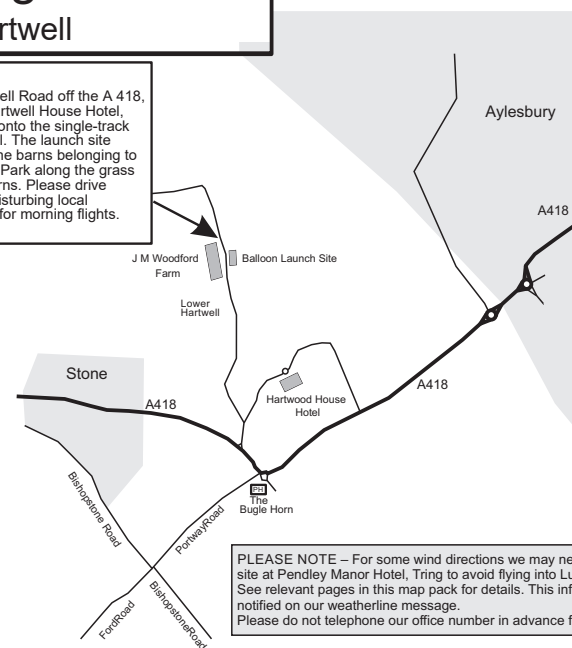
PLEASE NOTE – For some wind directions we may need to use our Buckinghamshire site at Lower Hartwell, Aylesbury to avoid flying into Luton or Heathrow airspace. See the relevant page in this map pack for details. This information and the exact meeting time will be notified on our weatherline message. Please do not telephone our office number in advance for this information as we will not know.

# Buckinghamshire

## Lower Hartwell

### LOWER HARTWELL

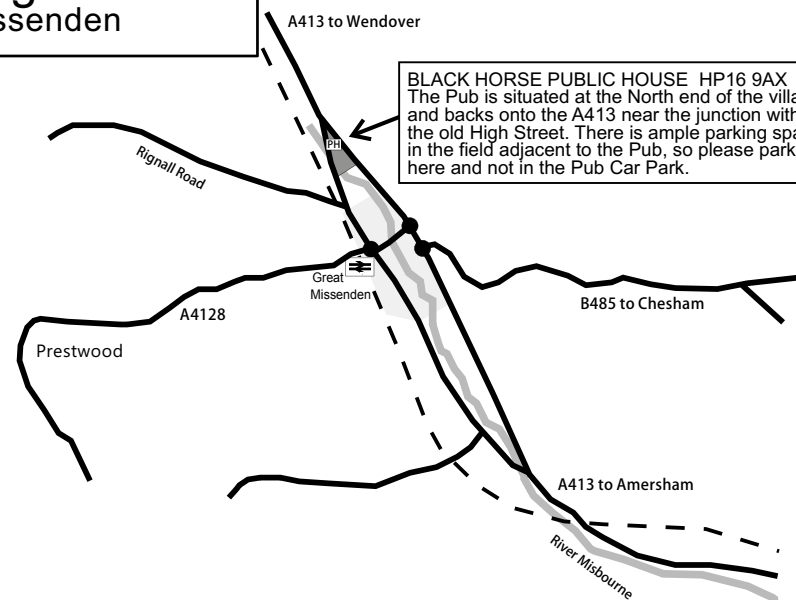
Take the Lower Hartwell Road off the A 418, sign-posted for the Hartwell House Hotel, then take the left fork onto the single-track road to Lower Hartwell. The launch site entrance is opposite the barns belonging to JM Woodford's Farm. Park along the grass verge opposite the barns. Please drive respectfully to avoid disturbing local residents, particularly for morning flights. Post code HP17 8NR



PLEASE NOTE – For some wind directions we may need to use our Hertfordshire site at Pendley Manor Hotel, Tring to avoid flying into Luton or Heathrow airspace. See relevant pages in this map pack for details. This information and the exact meeting time will be notified on our weatherline message. Please do not telephone our office number in advance for this information as we will not know.

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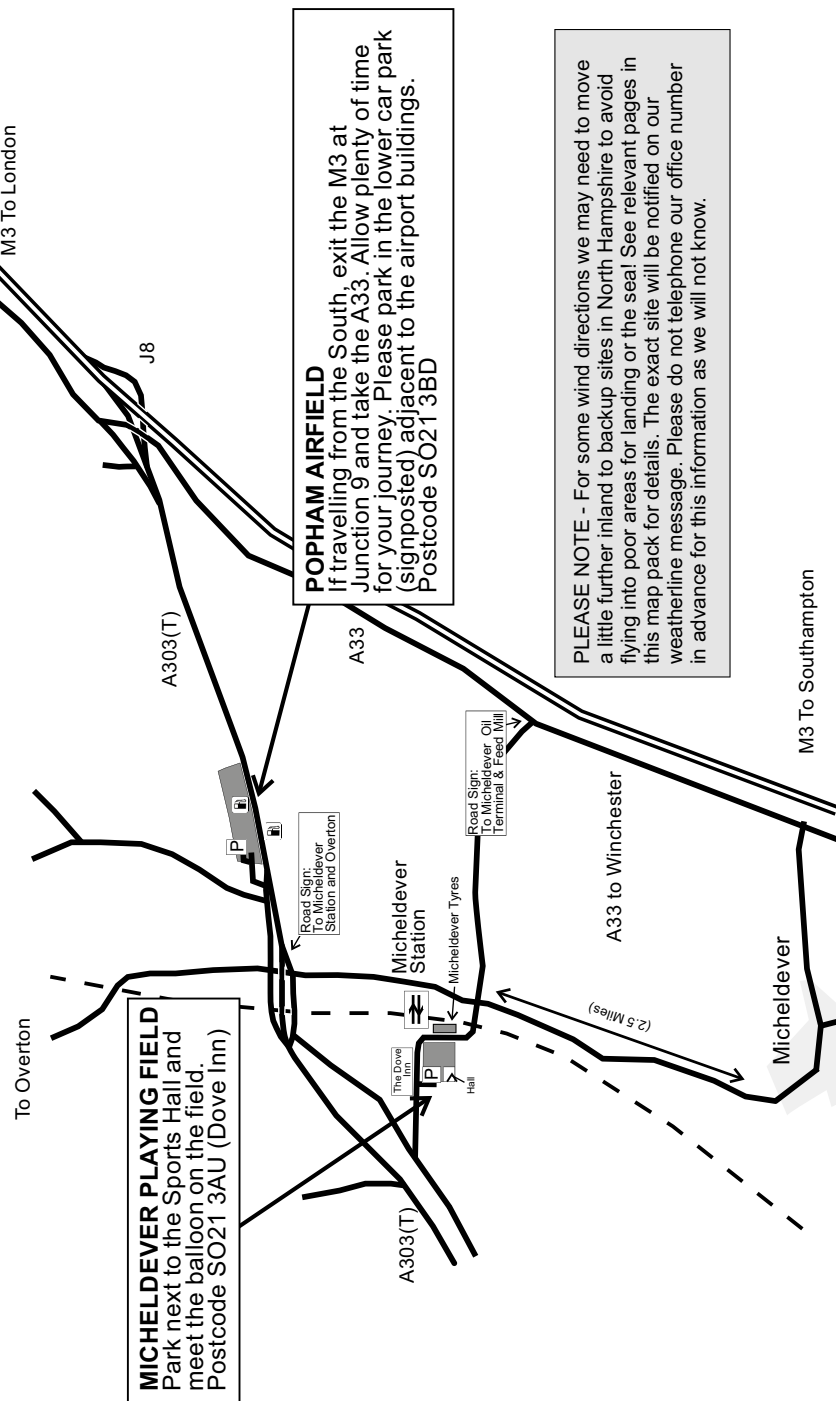
## Great Missenden



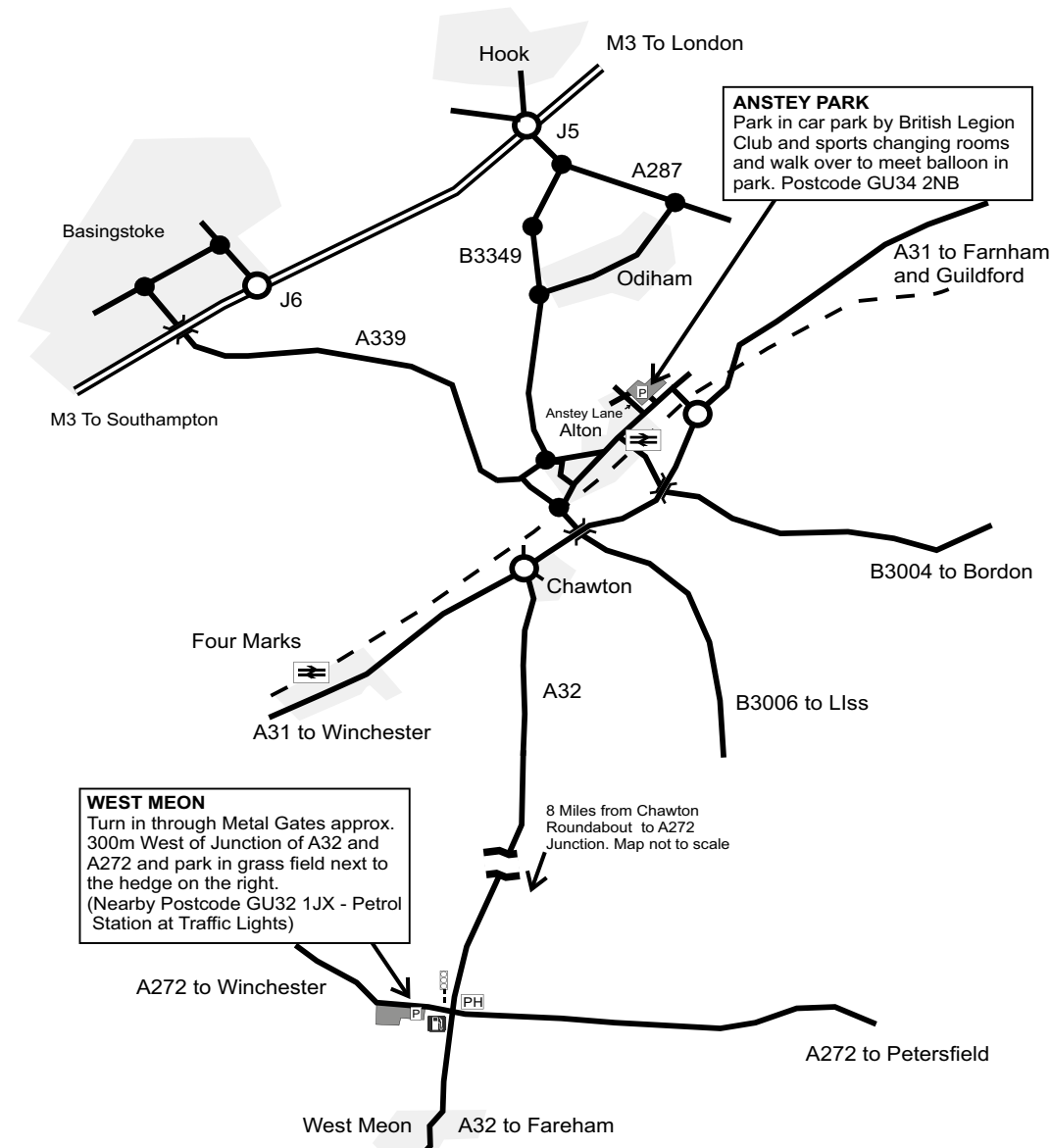
**BLACK HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE HP16 9AX**  
The Pub is situated at the North end of the village and backs onto the A413 near the junction with the old High Street. There is ample parking space in the field adjacent to the Pub, so please park here and not in the Pub Car Park.

PLEASE NOTE - Which site we use will depend on wind direction on the day.

# South Hampshire Micheldever



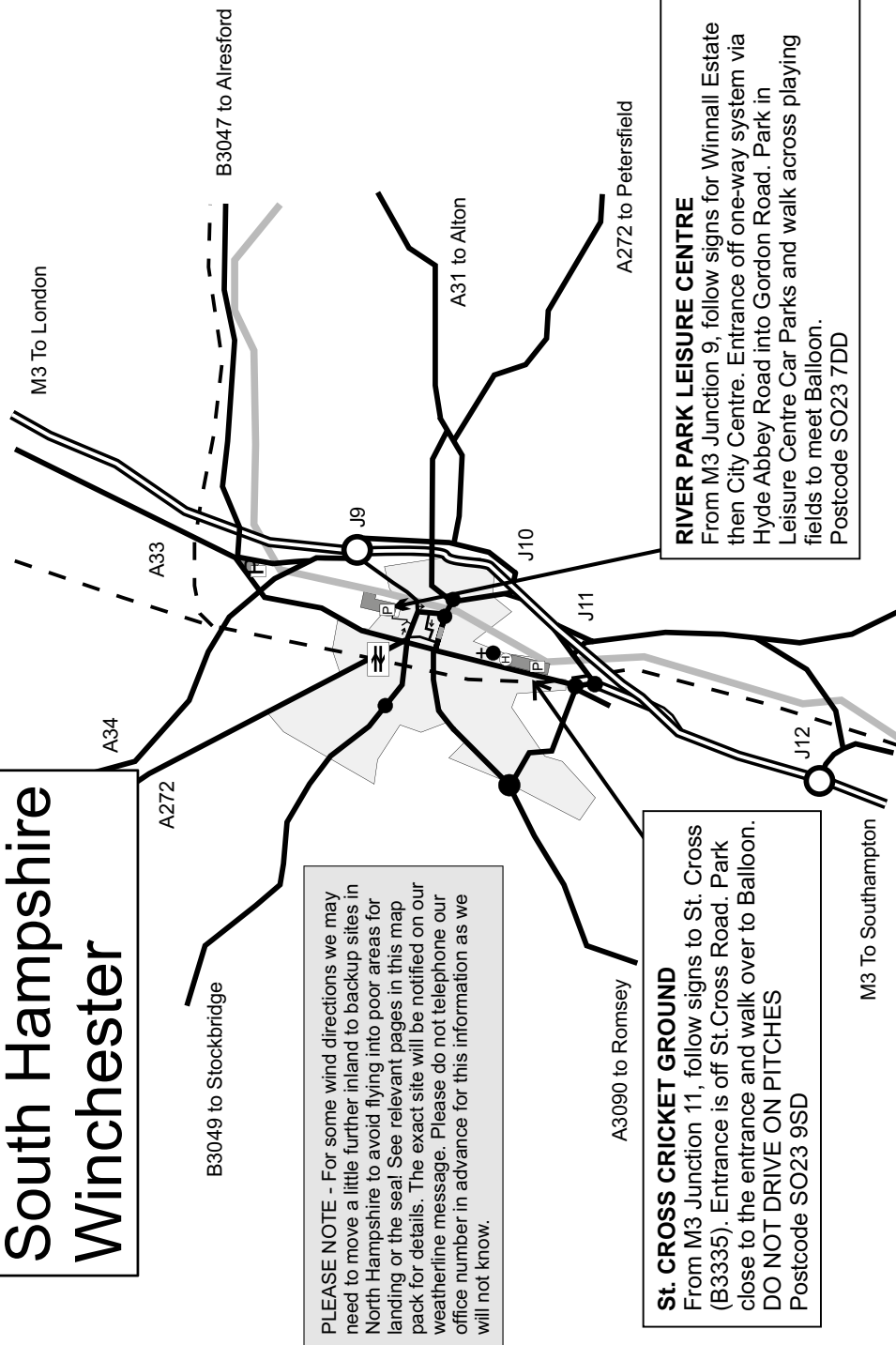
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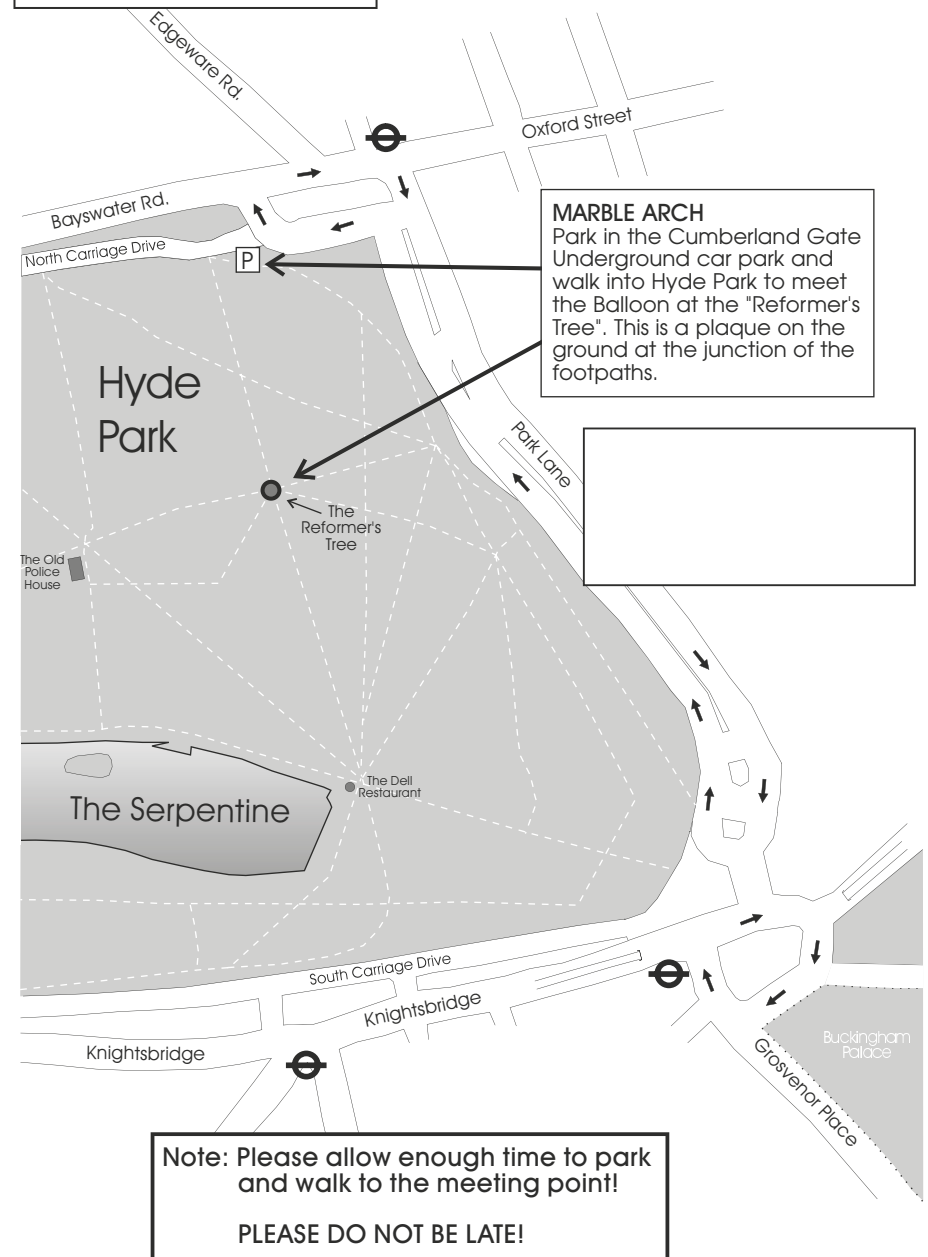
**PLEASE NOTE** - For some wind directions we may need to move a little further inland to backup sites in North Hampshire to avoid flying into poor areas for landing or the sea! See relevant pages in this map pack for details. The exact site will be notified on our weatherline message. Please do not telephone our office number in advance for this information as we will not know.



# South Hampshire Winchester



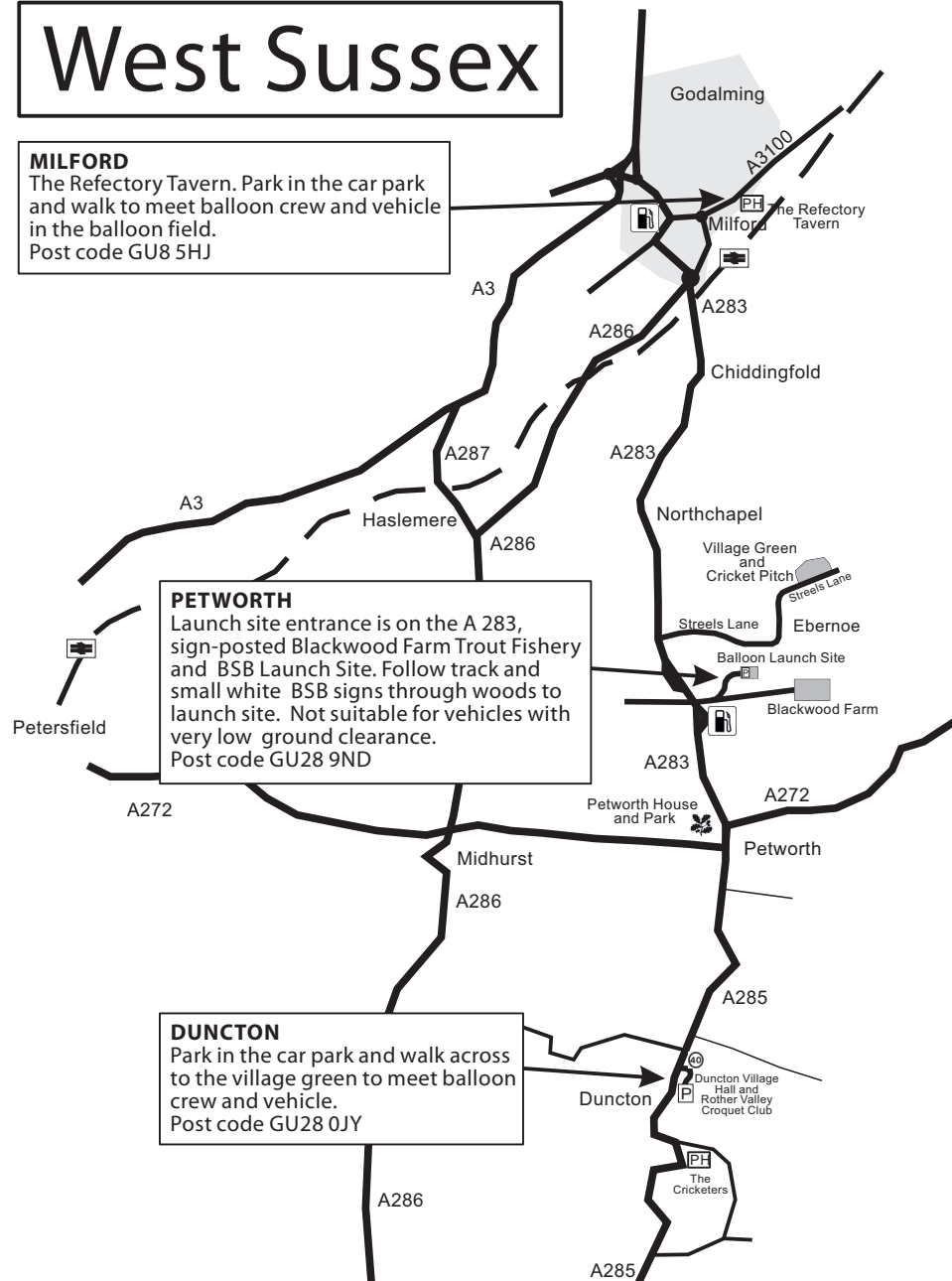
# London Marble Arch



# West Sussex

## MILFORD

The Refectory Tavern. Park in the car park and walk to meet balloon crew and vehicle in the balloon field.  
Post code GU8 5HJ



## PETWORTH

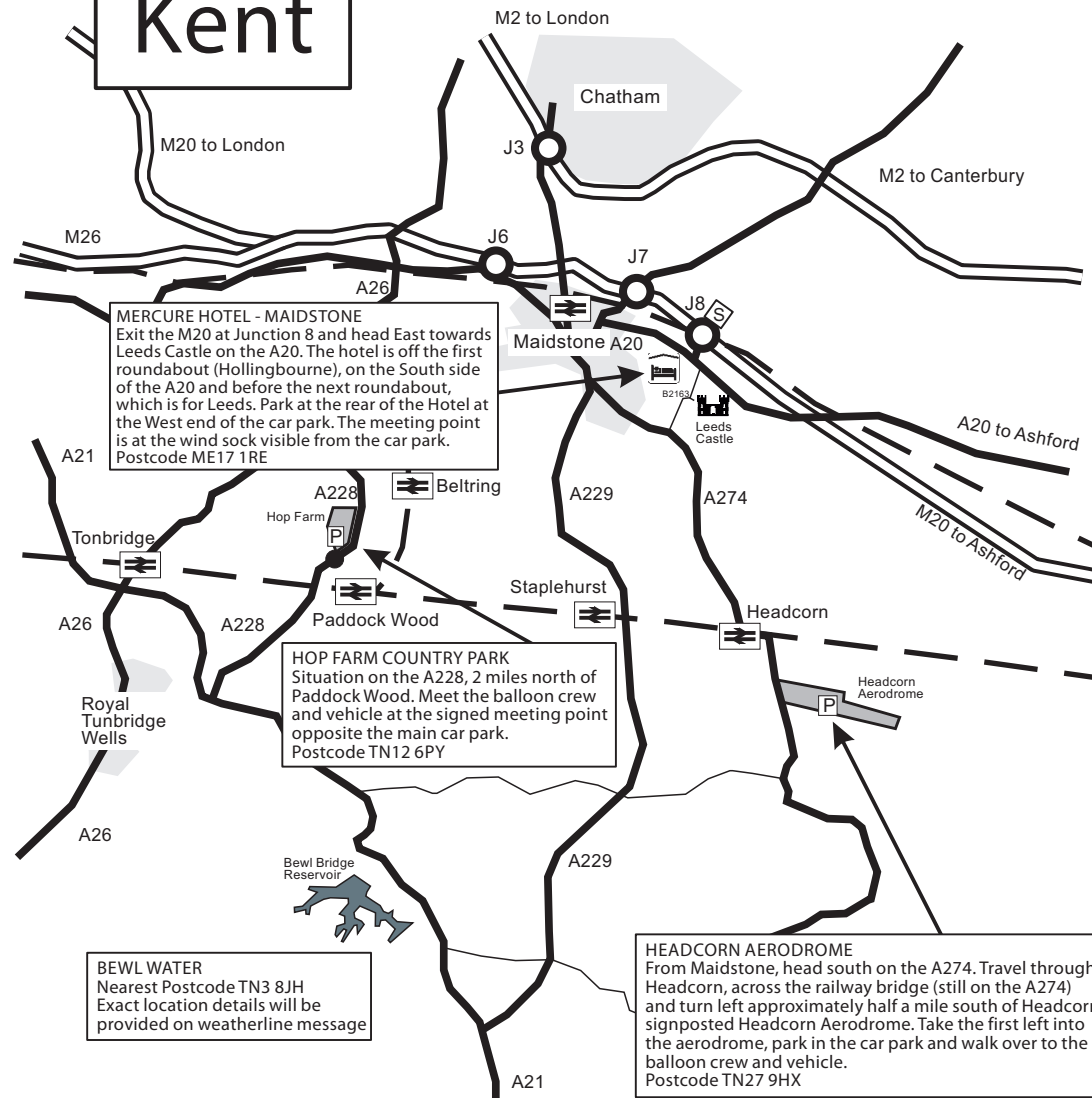
Launch site entrance is on the A 283, sign-posted Blackwood Farm Trout Fishery and BSB Launch Site. Follow track and small white BSB signs through woods to launch site. Not suitable for vehicles with very low ground clearance.  
Post code GU28 9ND

## DUNCTON

Park in the car park and walk across to the village green to meet balloon crew and vehicle.  
Post code GU28 0JY

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# Kent



**MERCURE HOTEL - MAIDSTONE**  
Exit the M20 at Junction 8 and head East towards Leeds Castle on the A20. The hotel is off the first roundabout (Hollingbourne), on the South side of the A20 and before the next roundabout, which is for Leeds. Park at the rear of the Hotel at the West end of the car park. The meeting point is at the wind sock visible from the car park.  
Postcode ME17 1RE

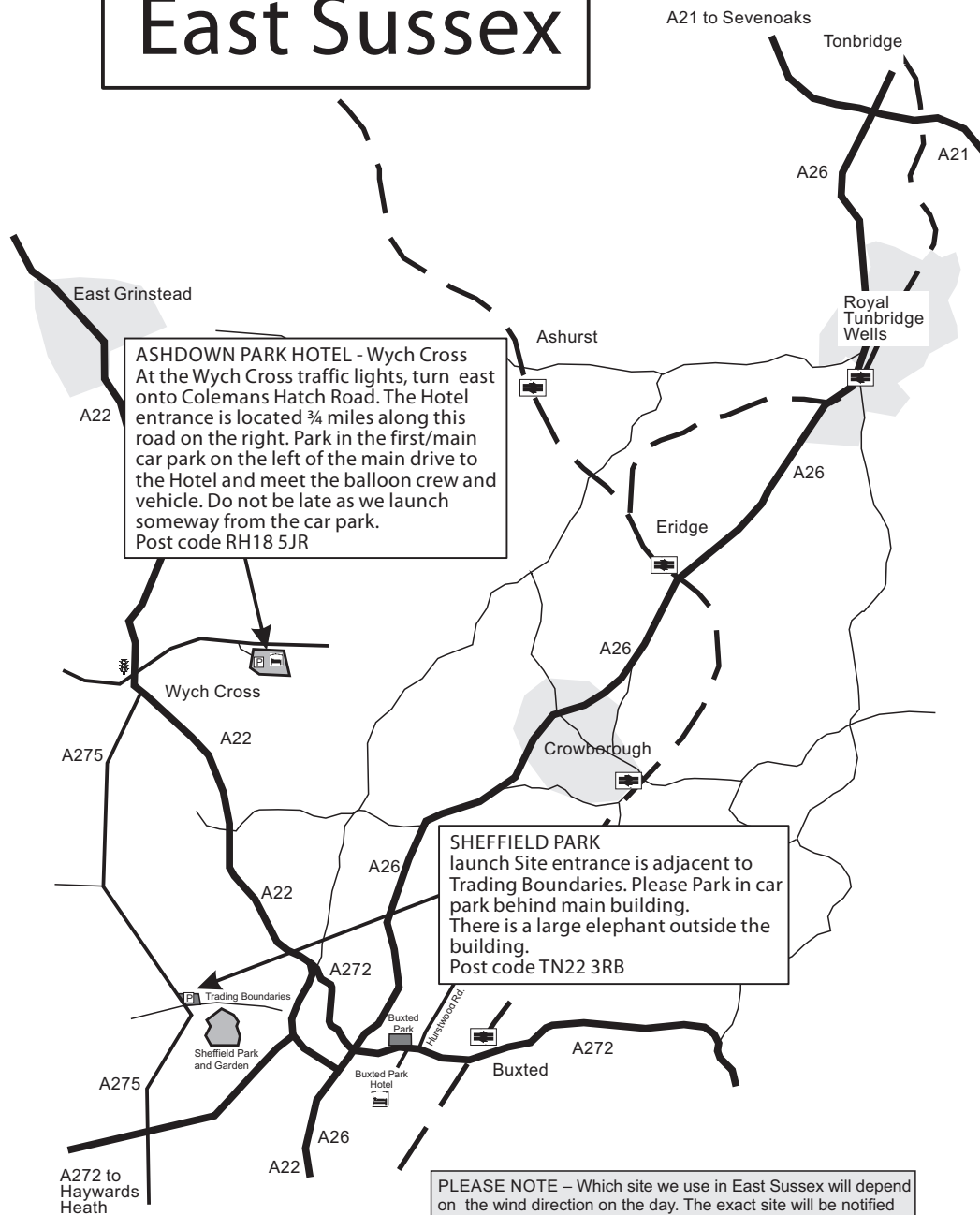
**HOP FARM COUNTRY PARK**  
Situation on the A228, 2 miles north of Paddock Wood. Meet the balloon crew and vehicle at the signed meeting point opposite the main car park.  
Postcode TN12 6PY

**BEWL WATER**  
Nearest Postcode TN3 8JH  
Exact location details will be provided on weatherline message

**HEADCORN AERODROME**  
From Maidstone, head south on the A274. Travel through Headcorn, across the railway bridge (still on the A274) and turn left approximately half a mile south of Headcorn, signposted Headcorn Aerodrome. Take the first left into the aerodrome, park in the car park and walk over to the balloon crew and vehicle.  
Postcode TN27 9HX

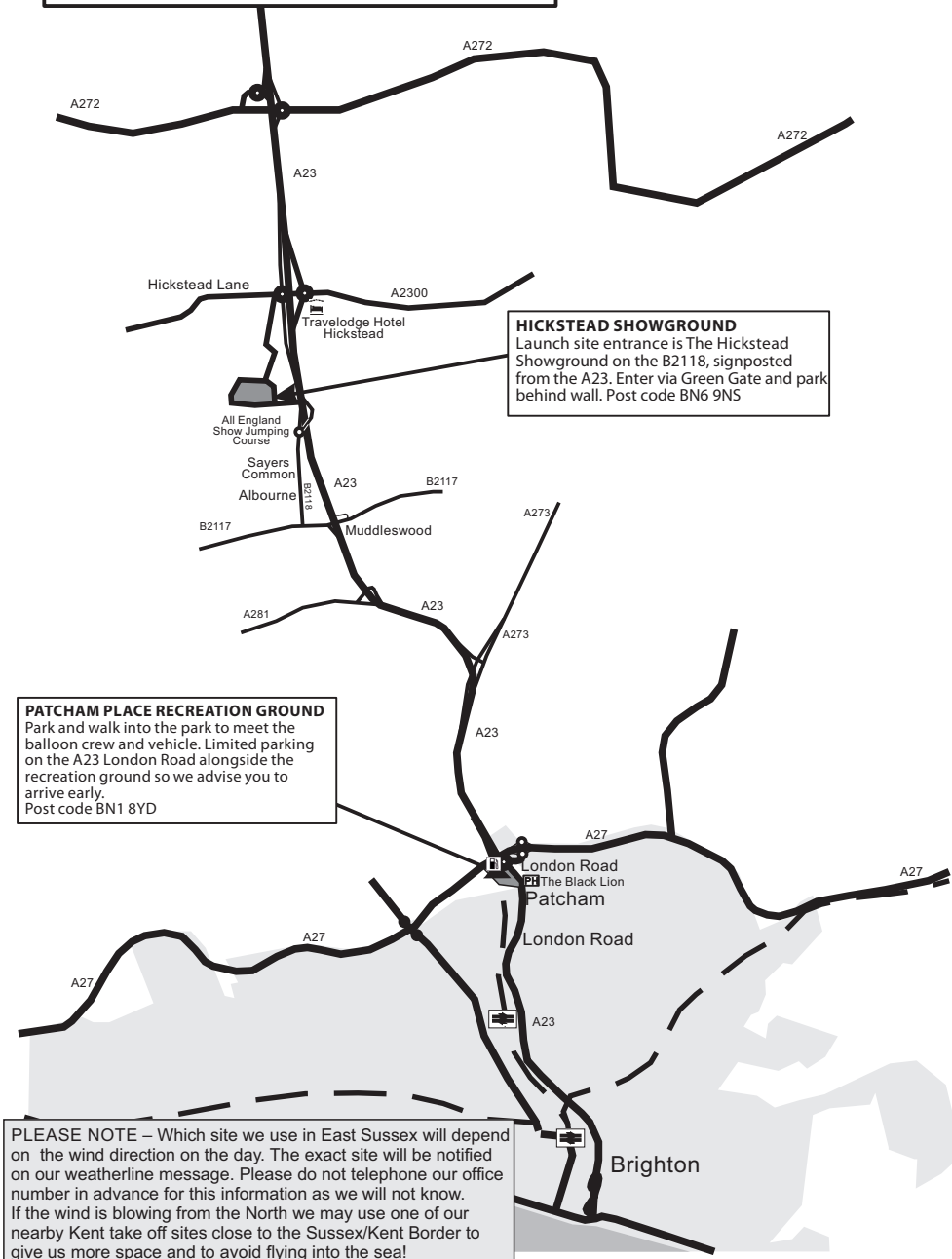
PLEASE NOTE – For balloon flights in Kent which site we use will depend on the wind direction on the day and any other relevant operational factors. Please do not telephone our office number in advance for this information as we will not know.

## East Sussex



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