

Road Names Project



A project by the Leatherhead u3a Local History Group to research into the origins of some of the road names in our local area.

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The following research into the origins of road names in the area around Leatherhead was carried out by the members of the local history group during 2017. It illustrates the type of project undertaken by a self help group into understanding part of the history of the area.

As you will see there are, naturally, gaps in our research and any help in filling these in would be much appreciated.

Like most u3a groups the work is entirely voluntary with research being carried out using the internet, published books and word of mouth.

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Road Names in Ashtead

Researched by Gill and Bob Vincent

Current Name	Possible Origin of Name
Agates Lane (Malthouse Lane, West Farm Lane)	Located between Ottways Lane and Barnett Wood Lane. Named after the Agate family who were tenant farmers in New Purchase Farm in 1800's.
Albert Road	Off Grove Road. Constructed late 1800's. Probably named after Prince Albert.
Alexander Godley Close	Off Chalk Lane. General Sir Alexander Godley 1867-1957 was a prominent WW1 Officer.
April Close	Off The Marld.
Ashtead Woods Road	Off Links Road adjacent Ashtead Woods.
Aston Close	Off Barnett Wood Lane. The Astons owned Ashtead Manor in the 1500's.
Bagot Close	Off Craddocks Avenue. Named after Bagot Family who inherited Ashtead Park Estate from the Howards in 1818.
Balquhain Close	Off Woodfield.
Barnett Wood Lane (Marsh Lane)	Named after Barnett Wood. Ancient northern summer route Leatherhead to Epsom.
Beech Croft	Off Crampshaw Lane. Probably named after trees.
Berry Meade	Between Bramley Way & Hillside Road. Landholding 'Berry Piece' is on 1638 map.
Berry Walk	Off Grays Lane.
Blacksmith Close	Off Rectory Lane. On site of old blacksmith's forge which closed down after WW2.
Bowyers Close	Off A24 opposite Ashtead Park.
Bramley Way	From Meadow Road to A24 Epsom Road. Named from a landholding in this location on 1638 map.
Broadhurst	On north side of railway level crossing, going north east. Also landholding on 1638 map.

Brookers Close	Off east side of Green Lane. Probably named after popular swimming instructor, Mrs Brooker, daughter of Mr Littlewood, owner of swimming pool in Ottways Lane in the 1930's.
Bushy Shaw	Off Links Road. 'Shaw' old English word for small wood, thicket or copse.
Caen Wood Road	Located on north side of Barnett Wood Lane. Named after nearby Caen Farm.
Chaffers Mead	Off south side of Craddocks Ave. Landholding on 1638 map.
Chalk Lane (Known locally as Lovers' Lane)	Between Grays Lane & Park Lane.
Chantrey Close	Off Harriotts Lane.
Cherry Orchard	Cul-de-sac off Pleasure Pit Road.
Church Road	Off south side of Barnett Wood Lane opposite school, near St George's Church.
Clarendon Mews	Off Parkers Hill.
Craddocks Avenue (Craddocks Lane)	Constructed during 1930's, was an old private cart track to Craddocks Farm and now links Barnett Wood Lane to Epsom Road (A24).
Crampshaw Lane (Headley Road)	Leading south from Rectory Lane.
Cray Avenue	Between Craddocks Ave & Bramley Way. Landholding on 1638 map.
Crispin Close	Off A24 opposite Ashtead Park.
Culverhay	Between Broadhurst & Overdale. Name of landholding located adjacent to Manor House on 1638 map.
Darcy Place	Off Darcy Road.
Darcy Road	Between Bramley Way & Stonnycroft. Probably named after Darcy Manor House in the time of Elizabeth I.

Dene Road (Middle Street and School Lane)	From St Giles Church gates to Rectory Lane. St Giles School built in 1862.
Devitt Close	Off Forest Way. Named after long-serving local councillor.
Druids Close	Off east side of Crampshaw Lane.
Epsom Road (A24) (Griggs Lane)	Constructed in 1755-1758 with a turnpike located near junction with Farm Lane. Probably named after ancient landholding on north side of A24 opposite Ashted Park, also the ancient winter route to Epsom & Croydon.
Ermyn Way	Built in late 1800's on route of Roman road, from River Mole ford crossing to Thirty Acre Barn, Pebble Lane (Stane Street).
Fairholme Crescent	Off Bushy Shaw.
Farm Lane (East Lane then Hilders Lane)	Off Epsom Road (A24) leading south towards Headley. Named after William Hilder from Essex who bought Ashted Farm House and land.
Floral Court	Off Oakhill Road. Built on site of former brickworks, Floral Rose Gardens & swimming pool.
Forest Crescent	Located Epsom end of Craddocks Avenue.
Forest Way	Located Epsom end of Craddocks Avenue.
Gaywood Road	Off Albert Road.
Gladstone Road	Off Skinners Lane, houses late Victorian. Presume named after Prime Minister.
Glebe Road	Off Skinners Lane. Takes the name from landholding in this location on 1638 map.
Grange Road	KT22 off north side of Leatherhead Rd. John Hackblock, wealthy resident from Hackney built The Grange on corner of Ottways Lane and Grange Road in the 1800's for his daughter.
Grays Lane	Off south side of Dene Road.
Green Lane	Off north side of Barnett Wood Lane.
Green Lane	KT22. Off Ermyn Way.

Greville Park Avenue	Off Greville Park Road.
Greville Close	Off Greville Park Road.
Greville Park Road	Off north side of The Street A24/Leatherhead Road to Oakfield Road. Colonel Faulke Greville Howard was Lord of the Manor late 1700's.
Grove Road	Off The Street. Constructed late 1800's.
Harriotts Lane (Barnett Lane)	Between Barnett Wood Lane & Ottways Lane. Could be named after Peter Harriot who farmed the land in Ottways Lane in 1800's.
Hatfield Road	Off Grove Road.
Hatherwood	Off Ermyn Way.
Headley Road	Continuation from Farm Lane towards Headley.
Highfields	Between Agates Lane & Skinners Lane.
Hillside	Between Meadow Rd and Bramley Way.
Howard Close	Off Park Lane. Mid 1920's. Named after the Howard family.
Leatherhead Road	A24 from The Street to Leatherhead Knoll roundabout.
Links Road	North side of railway line, adjacent to Ashtead Common.
Loraine Gardens	Off south side of Craddocks Avenue.
Maple Road	From Skinners Lane to Ottways Lane. Capt Kenneth J. Maples is on the War Memorial.
Meadow Road	Between Woodfield Lane & Bramley Way.
Miena Way	Off Links Road.
Mole Valley Place	Off Ottways Lane.
Mote Court Road	Off Woodfield Lane, adjacent to clinic.
Newton Wood Road	Off Craddocks Avenue. Probably named after the coppice Newton Wood.
Northfields	Footpath to Skinners Lane from junction of The Street & Greville Park Road.
Oak Way	Off Farm Lane near to junction with A24 Epsom Road.

Oakfield Road	Off Barnett Wood Lane adjacent to St George's Church.
Oakhill Close	Off Oakhill Road.
Oakhill Road	Between Caen Wood Rd & Green Lane.
Old Court	Off Leatherhead Rd (A24) opposite allotments. Takes the name from landholding on 1638 map.
Oldfield Gardens	Off Agates Lane.
Orchard Drive	Off Taleworth Road.
Ottways Avenue	Cul-de-sac off south side of Ottways Lane.
Ottways Lane (White House Farm Lane, Lower Ashtead Lane)	Old route (mostly pedestrian) Ashtead to Leatherhead. Named after several generations of landowners Otway.
Overdale	Junction of Broadhurst at railway level crossing.
Paddocks Close	Off Paddocks Way.
Paddocks Way	Between Ottways Lane & Northfields.
Park Drive (Ashtead Park)	Unmade road between Rookery Hill & A24 Epsom Rd at Ashtead Park gate.
Park Lane (Church Road)	Off The Street towards St Giles Church.
Park Road	Both sides cross over Greville Park Road.
Park Walk	Footpath between The Street adjacent to Leg of Mutton & Cauliflower, Grove Rd & Rectory Lane.
Parkers Hill	Between Rectory Lane & A24 Leatherhead Rd. Probably named after the Parkers who owned Ashtead Lodge in the 1800's.
Parkers Lane	Between Parkers Hill & The Street.
Pebble Lane	Roman Rd from Mole River ford crossing to Shepherds Walk via Ermyn Way.
Pepys Close	Off Forest Way. Named after John Pepys who owned property including Park Farm House, where Samuel Pepys was a frequent visitor.
Petters Road	Off Craddocks Avenue. Landholding on 1638 map.

Pleasure Pit Road (Abbots Lane)	Leads from Ashtead Park east gate towards Wilmerhatch Lane to Epsom.
Preston Grove	Off Links Road.
Purcell's Close	Cul-de-sac off Albert Road. Named after Kathleen Purcell, wife of Sir Lawrence Weaver, main member of committee set up to establish 'The Ashtead Potteries Ltd' to provide work for disabled WW1 servicemen. Built 1925 it consists of 20 semi-detached 3 bed houses set around a green and was designed by Clough Williams-Ellis, Architect behind the Portmeirion project in Wales.
Quarry Close	KT22
Quennell Close	Cul-de-sac, off Parkers Lane.
Ralliwood Road	Named after Pantia Ralli, once owner of Ashtead Park Manor.
Read Road	Off north side of Barnett Wood Lane opposite the shops.
Rectory Close	Off Rectory Lane.
Rectory Lane (Cauliflower Lane 1700's, Headley Road)	Off The Street (A24) leading south.
Richbell Close	Off Green Lane. Probably named after Michael Richbell landowner in 1700's.
Roebuck Close	Off Stag Leys.
Rookery Hill	East to west road through Ashtead Park.
Rosedale	Cul-de-sac off Oakhill Road.
Rutland Close	Off Loraine Gardens.
Shires Close	Off Barnett Wood Lane, south side.
Skinner's Lane	Between Barnett Wood Lane & Ottways Lane.
South View Road	Links Agates Lane, Maple Rd & Skinner's Lane.
St Stephens Avenue	From Woodfield Lane adjacent to railway level crossing to Craddocks Avenue.

Stag Leys	Off south side of A24 Leatherhead Rd. Takes name from an ancient landholding in this location, known as Stagly. On 1638 map.
Stonny Croft	Between Bramley Way & Berry Meade. Is on 1638 map.
Summerfield	Off West Farm Avenue.
Taleworth Road	Off Ottways Lane. There was a house named Taleworth House on north side of Ottways Lane owned by Fleming family 1700's. Is shown on 1638 map.
Taylor Road	George Taylor is on War Memorial.
The Byways	Cul-de-sac off Skinners Lane.
The Cedars	KT22 Off Ermyn Way.
The Chase	Off Oakhill Road.
The Marld	From The Street to Woodfield Lane. 'Marld Meadow' is shown on 1638 map.
The Meade	Off Skinners Lane.
The Murreys	Off Barnett Wood Lane, south side.
The Pointers	Off Stag Leys.
The Priors	Off Harriotts Lane.
The Renmans	Off Craddocks Avenue. Landholding, see 1638 map.
The Ridings	Off Links Road.
The Street (Griggs Lane)	A24, in early 1900's was commonly known as the High Street.
The Topiary	Off Stag Leys.
Walters Mead	Off Woodfield Lane. On 1638 map.
The Warren	Off south side of A24 Leatherhead Rd adjacent Ashtead Hospital.
West Farm Avenue	Off Barnett Wood Lane to Ottways Lane.
West Farm Close	Off West Farm Avenue.
Westfield	Off The Marld. Probably got name from Victorian house called Westfield.

Woodfield	Off north side of Barnett Wood Lane opposite St George's Church.
Woodfield Close	Off Woodfield.
Woodfield Lane (Common Lane, then Station Road)	From the railway station to The Street.
Woodfield Road	Parallel with railway line on north side.
Woodlands Way	Off east side of Farm Lane.
Uplands	North side of Leatherhead Road. Named after house named Uplands mid 1800's.

Road Names South of Lower Road Bookham

Researched by Gillian Davis

Road	Origin of Name
Allen Road	Built in 1960's, when a large house called Bookham Cottage, with extensive grounds was demolished. The last occupant of the house was Herbert Allen, a builder.
Amey Drive	Probably named after Mrs Amey, a well known member of the Congregational Church in its early days in Bookham, and a member of a long standing Bookham family.
Ashdale	Tree name
Beales Road	Named after one of the cottages that originally stood on the site of Bookham Grove.
Beeches Drive	Tree names. The name Bookham comes from the old word Bocheham which means 'hamlet of the beech trees'.
Beech Grove	
Blackthorne Road	Tree name
Bookham Grove	Name comes from a large Bookham house, now flats, and covers a number of cottages in its grounds.
Broderick Grove	Named after Vice Admiral Broderick, who purchased land to the south of Guildford Road in 1765, and proceeded to build Bookham Grove.
Camilla Close	Named after Fanny Burney's book 'Camilla' in recognition of her association with Bookham. She lived at Phoenix Farm, in Chapel Lane, for 4 months after her marriage, before moving to 'The Hermitage' on Lower Road for 4 years. She subsequently built and resided in Camilla Lacey in West Humble.
Candy Croft	Named after a Local Doctor.
Chapel Lane	Leads to the Pilgrim's Way chapel at West Humble.

Chilmans Drive	
Chrystie Lane	Named after Mary Chrystie, - a local benefactress.
Crabtree Close	Tree name
Crabtree Lane	Tree name. This road runs to Norbury Park, where it becomes a track through the park and connects with Crabtree Lane in West Humble.
Dawnay Road	Named after the Dawnay family – owners of Bookham Grove for many years. The local village school, originally called St. James' School, was built by the family. It is now called The Dawnay School.
Dean Walk	Same explanation as Newenham Road.
Dorking Road	Place road leads to.
Dowlans Close	Could originally have started as Downlands Close.
Dowlans Road	See previous entry.
Downs View Close	Place of significance nearby (North Downs).
Downs Way	Place of significance nearby (North Downs).
Durleston Park Drive	
East Street	Historic name (Directional).
Eastwick Drive/Road/Park Ave	Eastwick – a settlement to the north of the main village. William Keswick did much for the local community. He developed Eastwick road - building cottages, a school and a laundry for the workers on his Eastwick Park estate.
Fairfield Cottages	A small cul-de-sac off the Leatherhead Road built at the Southern end of the Fair Field, where the annual fair and other celebrations were held.
Flint Close	Travelling south from the strip of Thanet sand on which the lower road is constructed, you come to the chalk hills as the land rises. Flint Close is one of the first roads which would have yielded flint when the ground was disturbed.
Gardeners Walk	Same explanation as Newenham Road.

Gilmais	In 1930 a house off the Leatherhead Road was owned by Gilbert and Maisie White. In the extensive grounds there was an open air swimming pool and tennis courts. The Whites allowed the villagers to use the pool and courts, and it became a popular social club. The pool and courts remained open until 1961. when the house was sold and the grounds developed. The cul-de-sac was named Gilmais after the former owners.
Glebe Close	Associated with the parish church.
Greville Court	Named after Mrs Greville – owner of Polesden Lacy from 1906-1942.
Griffin Way	
Groveside/Groveside Close	Roads on the boundary of the Grove Estate.
Guildford Road	Place road leads to.
Halepit Road	This road supposedly got its name from a Shale pit that used to be nearby, at the southern end of a cart track which is now Norbury way.
Hales Oak	Named after the large oak tree that stands/stood at the entrance to this cul-de-sac.
Hawkwood Dell/Rise	These roads are constructed in what was once the grounds of Hawkwood House.
High Street	Historic name.
Hilltop Rise	Off Halepit Road, and one of the highest roads in Bookham.
Howard Road	Named after the Howards of Effingham. They held the manor of Great Bookham for 250years, and 30 members of the Howard family are buried in St Nicolas' churchyard.
Keswick Road	Named after William Keswick. The last traditional Lord of the manor of Great Bookham.
Kidborough Down	This is possibly also the name of the farmland which is overlooked by this road.

Leatherhead Road	Place road leads to.
Lower Road	On Lower ground than the Leatherhead to Guildford Road.
Lower Shott	Shott is a mediaeval term for a strip of agricultural land.
Manor Place	
Maple Grove	Tree name.
Maple Drive	Tree name.
Mayfield Green	
Newenham Road	Probably connected in some way to a former employee on the original Bookham Grove Estate.
Norbury Way	Place of significance nearby. (Norbury Park)
Oakdene Close	Tree name.
Oveton Way	Same explanation as Newenham Road.
Pelham Way	
Pine Dean	Tree name.
Polesden Road	Road leads to Polesden Lacey.
Polesden View	Cul-de-sac on the edge of Polesden Estate.
Priors Mead	
Proctor Gardens	Named after a local Doctor.
Sheridans Road	Named after Richard Brinsley Sheridan, former owner of Polesden Lacey.
South End	Historic name (Directional)
Springvale Close	Named after the house that originally occupied the site.
St Nicholas Avenue	Associated with the Parish Church.
Styles End	Same explanation as Newenham Road.
Swann's Meadow	
Sycamore Close	Tree name.

The Cedars	Tree name.
The Lorne	
The Paddocks	Named after the house that originally occupied the site.
The Sycamores	Tree name.
Timber Close	Tree association.
Townshott Close	Historic.
West Down	Directional (West of Downs Way).
White Way	An ancient track of this name was closed after the Enclosure Act of 1822. This road more or less follows the original route through the Grove Estate. The original track ran from Townshott close to Connicut Lane and from there up to Ranmore. The route no doubt got its name from the exposed chalk on the track.

Road Names North of Lower Road Bookham

Researched by Kay Kruger

Road	Origin of Name
Barn Meadow Lane	Probably named from one of the barns which stood on the Sole Farm Estate.
Charlwood Close	
Childs Hall Road	The house called Childs was originally Buggs Farm and dates from 16C or 7thC. In more recent times it was known as Childs Haugh.
Chrystie Close	Known after Mrs Chrystie - a local benefactor and temperance supporter.
Church Road	St Nicolas Church stands here.
The Copse/Long Copse	Eventually joined and became Long Copse - Linked to Meadow Way.
Eastwick Drive	Named after Eastwick Park where they are now situated.
Eastwick Park Avenue	
Edenside	Area covered by the Estate was for 75 years a nursery growing world famous carnations, pinks and Auriculas. Three generations of the Douglse family ran it from 1893 to 1967. James the founder was born in Ednam, near Kelso in Scotland where he first say Auriculas. For a while he lived in a house named Edenside, now an old folks home. He then moved to a house at the corner of Sole Farm Road and Church Road. He named that Ednam. Edenside was the name of the nursery.
Elmcroft	Development which takes its name from a house that stood on the site from 1900 to 1970.
Fernlea	
Fife Way	After Fife Lodge, home of Mrs Chrystie which stood on the corner.

Fiona Close	Named after the daughter of the builder.
Garstons	Development which took place in the 1960s.
Greenacres	
Green Way	
Leaside	
Lime Tree Close	New development named after trees.
Mead Crescent	Named after Mead House, the home of Admiral Yelverton. Demolished in 1962.
Meadow Side	Originally part of a path which led to the station. Until early 1970s was linked to the Copse by a short footpath. Eventually the two roads were joined.
Meadow Way	
Merrylands Road	Until 1950 this was a short road of 5 or 6 houses then joined to Barn Meadow Lane. Mrs Chrystie had Merrylands Cottages built for hotel staff. Mrs Chrystie built Merryland Hotel (temperance) opposite the station.
Middlemead Road & Estate	Estate was built by Leatherhead Urban District Council in the early 1960s.
Mill Close	Named after the Mill which dates from 1830. Originally a Corn Mill it was steam powered. It became a Saw Mill in 1913.
The Moorings	Site of a Sole-Pool (Muddy) At the northern end was the village pound.
The Park	Presumably all named after Eastwick Park.
Parklands	
Park Green	
Park Views	Where the original Manor House stood.
Pine Walk	Built in 1982/3 when a bungalow was demolished. There are Tall Pine trees at the entrance to the road.
Post House Lane	Part of land belonging to The Gables. The lane originally gave access to two cottages belonging to The Gables.

Sharon Close	Named after the daughter of the builder.
Solecote	Takes its name from the house that occupied the site until 1965
Sole Farm Road	Originally a cart track which served as a link between Great and Little Bookham.
The Spinney	Named after a nearby Chestnut Spinney.
Squirrels Green	
Stonehill Close	
The Sycamores	New build - named after trees.
Vicarage Close	Site of the Old Rectory, large brick house, built late 18C demolished 1961.
Wells Close	

Road Names in Effingham

Researched by Stella Phipps

Current Road Name	Origin of name
Barnes Wallis Close	After the inventor of the bouncing bomb who lived locally.
Beech Avenue	Avenue lined with beech trees.
Benn Farm Place	On site of Benn Farm now burned down.
Childs Hall Road	Road to large house called Childs Hall.
Christie Close	After a well know personality Mrs Christie.
Church Street	Self explanatory.
Cross Road	Self explanatory.
Crossways	On a cross roads.
Effingham Common Road	Road through the common to Effingham.
High Barn Road	Road to High Barn Farm.
Leewood Way	Road to the Leewood plantation.
Little Bookham Street	Self explanatory.
Maddox Lane	Road to Maddox Farm.
Maddox Park	Road to Maddox Farm.
Manor Gardens	Within the grounds of the Manor House.
Manor House Lane	Road to the Manor House.
Middle Farm Close	On the land of Middle Farm.
Orestan Lane	Road to Orestan Farm and plantation.
Rectory Lane	Self explanatory.
The Street	Self explanatory.
Water Lane	Named after three large lakes nearby.

YewTree Walk	After a yew tree.
Atwood	
Browns Lane	
Burnhams Road	
Calvert Road	
Chester Road	
Edgeley	
Fox Lane	
Heather Close	
Links Way	
Longmeadow	
Meadway	
Mount Pleasant	
Norwood Road	
Orchard Gardens	
Strathcona Avenue	
Woodlands Road	

Road Names in Fetcham

Researched by Jean Harrison

From information on 1791 Tithe Map

Current Road Name	Origin of Name
Cannon Court	Shown on this map - giving Cannon Grove, Cannonside and Cannon Way.
Cock Lane	Cock Field and Cock Croft were shown on this map (see list).
Hilley Field Lane - - Hilleyfields, Hilley Mead and Hilley Field	Were all shown.
Marden Hill	Fields called the Matterdons were on the map.
Mark Oak Lane	Marked Oak and Hither and Lower Marked Fields shown. Boundary on the Cobham Road between Fetcham and Bookham.
Mill Lane	After the Mill.
Monks Green	The Monk Family were important land owners in 13/14th century.
Nutcroft Grove	Nutcroft shown.
Orchard Close and Orchard End	Orchard Cottage, mid 17th C farmhouse shown on map is still there.
Raymead Close and Raymead Way	Rea Mead shown on map.
Spring Grove	Spring Close shown on map.
Sunmead Close	Sun Meadow shown on map.

The Ballands North and South	The Ballands was shown on the map. The present roads were built in the original grounds of Ballands Hall (19thC) in The Street.
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From information on 1813 Enclosure Awards Map

Nutcroft	shown
Pound Crescent	Pound Farm shown on map. Also Village Pond for stray cattle stood between Cobham Road and the Street, facing what is now Yew Tree and Tea Tree cottages

From other old maps

Hawk's Hill	Shown on map of about 1350.
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Named after field names on old maps

Bickney Way	Bykney was a field name in the late 13th C, referred to in the Chertsey Cartulary. (for more details see List).
Bushy Road	
Copperfields	
Gatesden Close and Gatesden Road	Field name on old map.
Penrose Road	
The Copse	Shown on various maps. Was an original field boundary.
Westfield Drive	

Descriptive names

Admirals' Road	Used by admirals travelling from London to Portsmouth to avoid tolls on the turnpike.
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Fetcham Common Lane	(see list)
Fox Covert	Connection to Surrey Union Hunt. It is near Huntsman Close.
Friars Orchard	Built on land that was an orchard, part of Pound Farm. Origin of Friars not yet found.
Huntsman Close	Probably one of the places where the Surrey Union Hunt used to meet.
Kennel Lane (and Kennel Close off it)	Used to be Dog Kennel Lane. Kennel Farm (where the kennels for the Surrey Union Hunt were) was originally Royden or Waterer Farm.
Mill Lane	
Mole Road	
River Lane	
Rookery Close	Possibly where rooks nested in the trees.
School Lane	(Formerly New Road).
Warene Road	Earls of Surrey, created under William II about 1088. The first Earl had fought at Hastings under William the Conqueror. He was given the King's Manor (one of the three in Fetcham at the time). The name is derived from the town and river of Varenne, a few miles from Dieppe, in Normandy.
Young Street	After Major Young of the Royal Canadian Engineers who built it in World War II to bypass Leatherhead to make the movement of military vehicles easier.

Named after trees or woodland, old names or recent developments

Appletree Close	
Arbour Close	

Ashley Close	
Ashwood Park	
Cedar Drive	
Dell Close	
Hazel Way and Hazelway Close	
Langaller Lane	From the Old English for tall/long alders.
Maplehurst	
Oakbank	
Oakdene Close	
Oaklands	
Salix Close	Off Willow Vale.
Sycamore Close	
The Beeches	
The Glade	Probably from the glade in the trees originally found there.
The Laurels	
Walnut Tree Close	
Wildwood Close	
Willow Vale	There was a group of Willow trees at the beginning of the road.
Woodside	Edge of wood on Fetcham Common.

Others

Badingham Drive	Named after the school (named after the, village in Suffolk that the owner, Rev. J. Wilkie had lived in) that occupied Fetcham Perk House in part of the 20th century.
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Milton Way	The developer probably continued the literary theme, though I cannot find a local connection for this one.
Osprey Close	Built at about the same time as Ospreys were sighted on Fetcham Mill Pond.

Named after local places and routes

Bell Lane and Bell Lane Close	Link with the Bell Inn which can be traced back to before the 18th C (judged by foundations and finds of bottles and shards).
Cannon Grove, Cannonside and Cannon Way	Cannon Court, the manor house, probably dating from the 12th C. Cannon Court was also shown on the 1791 Tithe Map.
Church Close	Near St Mary's Church.
Cobham Road	The road to Cobham, once Stoke Road and before that Stoney Lane (see list).
Fetcham Park Drive	From Fetcham Park House.
Guildford Road	(Once the Harrow Way). Main road from Leatherhead to Guildford - turnpike road in the 18th century.
Leatherhead Road	Main road Leatherhead to Guildford.
Lodge Close and Lodge Road	Built on land sold by Fetcham Lodge Estate.
Lower Road	The lower road westwards from Leatherhead. Was Eastwick Lane on 1831 Enclosure Awards Map.
Park Close	After Park Farm.
Shamrock Close	Site of Shamrock Farm.
St Mary's Close	Near the Parish Church.

Named after local people and famous people with some connection to the area

Barclay Close	Mr David Barclay, who (as son of the owner of Barclay Perkins Brewery) was Lord of the Manor of Eastwick 1833-82 and lived at Eastwick Park House. His grandson sold it to William Keswick (MP for Eastwick) in 1882.
Barrett Road	Elizabeth Barrett Browning whose family moved to the area (for details see List).
Browning Road	Link with Elizabeth Barrett Browning (see List).
Burney Close	Fanny Burney, the novelist, lived in Lower Road in the late 18th/early 19th century.
Barrington Drive	Ken Barrington was a Surrey and England cricketer and owned what is now Whites Garage on Lower Road. Keswick lived at Eastwick Park House. He was Lord of the Manor, the local MP and High Sheriff of Surrey.
Lang Close	William Lang and later members of the family owned Home Farm 1890-1936.
Monks Green	Monk family were important land owners in 13/14th century.
Oswald Road and Oswald Close	Oswald was owner of one of the three manors recorded in the Domesday Book.
Revell Close & Revell Drive	Thomas Revell was an MP and Agent Victualler at Gibraltar. He bought Fetcham Park House in 1737.
Vincent Close	Thomas Vincent was granted the Fetcham Manor in 1575. The Vincent family owned Fetcham Park House in the late 16th early 17thC
Overlord Court	Built 60 years after the Battle of Normandy.
The Berkeleys	Most likely named after the builders.

The Ridgeway	Originally called Sandy Lane.
The Old Street	Originally the central road in the village.
The Street	A continuation of The Old Street.

Roads that I have not found any information for, some of which may be self explanatory.

Churchill Close	
Dell Close	
Drayton Close	
Harecroft	
Hill Road	
Humphrey Close	
Links Brow	
Meadow Lane	
Mede Field	
Mount Close	
Redleaf Close	
Richmond Close	
Richmond Way	
Ridgelands	
Rookery Close	
Sayers Close	
Sherwood Close	
Sumner Close	
Ten Acres	
The Drive	
The Glade	

The Green	
The Mount	
The Ridge	
The Ridgeway	
Wildwood Close	

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Researched by David and Sue Wall

Current Road Name	Possible origin of name
Albany Park Road	HRH Duchess of Albany came to St John's School from Claremont in 1887, 1895 & 1898
Aperdele Road	Aperdele famous family 1275 to 1629.
Aquila Close	Aquila is a star constellation, an Eagle etc etc
Ashurst Close	?
Barnett Close	Cu de sac off Barnett Wood Lane.
Barnett Wood Lane	Names after Barnett Wood in the Demesne of Barnett enclosure.
Bay Tree Avenue	Possibly after a local bay tree. Pre 1964.
Beaublicre Close	?
Beech Holt	Relating to the large amount of Beech trees in the area.
Beechwood Park	After a beechwood in the vicinity.
Belmont Road	Named after Belmont Lodge a large house .Marie Stopes lived here in 1916.
Birch Avenue	Tree name.
Blades Close	Named after Rowland Blade, Lord Mayor of London.
Boleyn Walk	See Cleeve Road.
Bridge Street	Named after Leatherhead Bridge since 17th Century.
Brook Way	Possibly after the Rye Brook which runs adjacent to it.
Buffers Lane	Possibly to do with Railway.
Bull Hill	Very old street site of the Bull Inn, formerly called the Black Bull.
Byron Place	Admiral Byron of Linden House.

Challenge Court	?
Church Road (Magazine Lane)	Magazine for oats and cereals nearby plus reference to amunition being stored there.
Church Street (Little Queen Street)	Named after visit by Queen Elizabeth 1st in 1591 and Church after the parish church around 1780.
Church Walk	Probably because it was a path between church and town. Jug House - small cottage local industry of Ale making.
Clare Crescent	Named after Richard fitz Gilbert who founded the honour of Clare.
Cleeve Road	Several roads in this area named after Henry 8th wives. Prewett Farm in Cleeve Road taken over by Unigate who still own some of the land.
Clements Mead	?
Clinton Road	Developed in the 19c and had a hospital until 1903.
Copthorne Road	Named after the Old Copthorne Hundreds. It was built as two roads (either side of the Leatherhead Bypass road) by 1932. Prior to that only the north part existed.
Crabtree Drive	Crab apple orchard at Polesden.
Cressell Close	Member of National Defence committee 1939 to 1945.
Cressell Mead	See above.
Daymerslea Ridge	?
Delderfield	Post WW2 houses. Maybe after RF Delderfield author.
Dilston Road	?
Dorking Road	The road to Dorking now Epsom Road.
Downs Lane	Served Downside Farm and Downs House.
Elm Close	See Elm Road.
Elm Drive	See Elm Road.

Elm Road	Very old road but was a major road in 11th C when elm trees were abundant.
Emlyn Lane	Previous name for River Mole/ Emlyn House off Church Street.
Epsom Road	Road to Epsom.
Ermyrn Way	20c houses could have been built for the workers at the Goblin factory.
Fairfield	Annual fair held in vicinity opened in 1895 by HRH the Duchess of Albany. There was also a large Manor called Fairfield house.
Fairfield Walk	see above.
Fairs Road	See above.
Falcon Wood	Possibly after the bird found locally in the woods nearby.
Fir Tree Close	Built off Fir Tree Road in the late 20th century.
Fir Tree Road	Built 19th century lined with Fir Trees.
Forty Foot Road	Intended to run from Leatherhead Town to Cherkley Court for Abraham Dixon. Never completed. The name Forty Foot was on the plan and has stuck ever since.
Garden Close	Built in the garden of Givons Grove.
Garlands Road	Unnamed until 1912 the road existed adjacent to a large house called The Laurels.
Gavestone Road	?
Gimcrack Hill	Nothing specific but Gimcrack means cheap or badly made or of fanciful notion.
Glenheadon Close	New estate off the Reigate road.
Glenheadon Rise	See above.
Grange Close	See Grange road.
Grange Road	Named after The Grange which stood in the vicinity.
Grangemount	See Grange Road.

Gravel Hill (Upper North Street)	Was know as the Berge or Borough and is famous for Sweech House.
Green Lane	Name given to many ancient trackways. Also called Harroway(possibly a road from Croydon to Guildford).
Guildford Road	Road to Guildford.
Hawks Hill	Ancient road to Farnham with hawks in the vicinity.
Hawks Hill Close	See Hawks Hill.
Hawks Hill Court	See Hawks Hill.
Hazelmere Close	Possible connection with hazel trees in the area.
Headley Road	Road to Headley.
Heymede	Not known but the named Heymede is very rare.
High Street (Great Queens Street)	Named after visit by Queen Elizabeth 1st in 1591 and changed to High Street 1780.
Highlands Avenue	See Highlands Farm.
Highlands Close	See Highlands Farm.
Highlands Park	Named after Highlands Farm.
Highlands Road	Named after Highlands Farm.
Highwoods	Off Forty Foot Road. 20C houses.
Hilltop Close	At the top of Windmill Drive and at a High point in South Leatherhead.
Homefield Close	New estate off Forty Foot Road.
Homelands	?
Howard Close	Late 20c development possibly named after Howard of Effingham.
Kelvin Avenue	Named after Lord Kelvin , Scottish physicist and mathematician. Invented Kelvin temperature scale.
Kings Head Alley	Named after Kings Head public house which was situated on the east side of the High Street. When this burnt down it moved across the road.

Kingsbrook	Near the Rye brook.
Kingscroft Road	?
Kingslea	?
Kingston Avenue	Off Kingston road.
Kingston House Gardens	Off Kingston road.
Kingston Road (Bradmere Lane)	Bradmere pond at the foot of Bull Hill was infilled around 1900. Kingston Road formed.
Lavender Close	Named after the lavender that was grown on Highlands farm nearby.
Leach Grove	Probably after C F Leach a major benefactor to the town in the early 20C.
Leatherhead Bypass	As name suggests built between 1912 and 1932.
Leatherhead Road	Main road from Epsom through town.
Leret Way (Lower Fairfield)	Old name for Leatherhead formed when the one way system was made in the 1980s.
Levette Road	Possibly named after Richard Levitt, vicar of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas in the 17C.
Linden Court	See Linden Road.
Linden Gardens	See Linden Road.
Linde Pit Path	Presumably the path to the Liden pit.
Linden Road	Named after Linden House/Cottage that stood in the middle of Leatherhead.
Long Shaw	Literally means long copse/glade.
M25	See national road designation and names/numbers.
Magazine Place	See Church Road.
Mayell Close	Late 20C development off Windmill Drive.
Melvinshaw	Melvin is a wizard and shaw is a copse/glade.
Merton Way	Possibly a connection with Merton College, Oxford, who own a lot of land locally.

Middle Road	Nothing specific but it runs from the middle of the town up to Fairfield.
Mill Lane	Leads to Fetcham Mill.
Minchen Close	Derivation of the word Mansion and runs from the river to church street.
Neats alley	An old alley in Leatherhead.
North Street	One of the four roads at the crossroads of the town.
Oak Road	Named after Oak Hall(off the Kingston Road) formerly called Hillside.
Oaklawn Road	Long road connecting Randalls Road with Oxshot road through a wooded area.
Old Station Approach	The approach road to the old second station of Leatherhead. Now no longer in existence.
Orchardleigh	Possibly after a local orchard.
Otter Meadow	Close to the Rye Brook where otters may have been present.
Owen Place	Named after Winifred Owen who started a Kindergaten and Primary School.
Oxshott Road	The road to Oxshott.
Park Rise	Built between 1881 and 1912 in a park adjacent to St. John's school.
Park Rise Close	See Park rise.
Park View Road	See Park rise.
Parr Close	Named after one of Henry V111's wives. See Cleeve road.
Poplar Avenue	See Poplar Road.
Poplar Road	Built between 1881 and 1894 possibly with poplar trees in the locality.
Quarry Close	As the name suggests was access to the local quarry.
Queen Anne's Terrace	Possibly a connection with Queen Anne when she visited.

Randalls Crescent	See Randalls road.
Randalls Park Avenue	See Randalls road.
Randalls Park Drive	See Randalls road.
Randalls Road	Named after the grand Randalls Park house and the adjacent farm
Randalls Way	See Randalls road.
Reigate Road	Early 18c road to Reigate.
Ronson Way	Named in connection with the Ronson Lighter works.
Russell Court	Possibly after Robert Russel vicar of Leatherhead from 1510.
Salvation Place	This is a 'Christian' housing estate of Young Street.
Sanders Place	20C Council development of Kingston Road.
Springfield Drive	Adjacent to Spring Pond. It is the road to the ERA offices and others.
St John's Avenue	See St. Johns.
St John's Close	See St. Johns.
St John's Road	Named after St. Johns School.
St Mary's Road	After the parish church of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas.
St Nicholas Hill	Private road built around 1910 and named after the parish church.
Station Approach	As the named suggests.
Station Road	As above.
Tanner Dene	Probably after the tannery that was in the town in the 19c and 20c.
Tate Close	Late 20c development off Windmill Drive.
Teazlewood Park	Named after the Teazlewood NW of the town.
The Cedars	Probably after cedar trees in the location.

The Crescent	Built in the late 19c and was originally a path across a nursery to the east of the high street.
The Downs	On Givons Grove development probably with a view of the Downs.
The Driftway	?
The Fairway	20c Council development off Kingston road.
The Knoll	After a former house that was used as a school during WW2.
The Limes	Off St. Nicholas Hill and has several Lime trees.
The Thistles	Edwardian development off Highlands road.
The Withies	A withy is a long flexible piece of wood used in fencing.
Thorncroft Drive	Named after Thorncroft Manor (c 1722) it is the access road.
Tilney Close	Alternative spelling of Edward Tylney, Master of the Revels.
Tregarthen Place	Tregarthen is a Cornish name suggesting the developer came from the west country.
Tudor Walk	See Cleeve road .
Upper Fairfield Road	See Fairfield.
Vicarage Lane	Named after the old vicarage of parish church and runs between church road and the river Mole.
Waterfields	Off Barnett Wood Lane
Waterway Road	Named after the 300 feet deep bore hole sunk close to the town bridge.
Waverly Place	Possible after the novel Waverly by Sir Walter Scott.
Windfield	Named after the large mansion called Windfield which stood there.
Windmill Drive	Possibly named because it had a view of a windmill in the Fetcham area.
Woodbridge Avenue	Named after Woodbridge brick works (just east of Rowhurst) in the mid 19c.

Woodridge Grove	See above.
Woodend	In Givons Grove estate, presumably at the end of the wood.
Woodlands Lane	After Woodlands park and farm nearby.
Woodlands Road	See above.
Woodville Road	20c Council development off Kingston road.
Worple Road	Worple was literally a trackway that led south to Dorking.
Yarm Close	See Yarm Court Road.
Yarm Court Road	Named after Yarm Court , a small manor house in Fire Tree road.
Yarm Way	See Yarm Court Road.
Young Street	Built by the Canadians in WW2 and named after their commander or maybe after a street in Toronto called Yonge Street.

