What are we twittening on about?

Twitten is a local Sussex word for lane or passage. It is usually a narrow path between two walls or hedges and leads from one street to another. The twittens are part of the heritage of this area and are great ways to save time, get away from congested roads and make getting around easier and more sustainable. If you've ever wondered what that funny little path is – well, now you know – it's probably a twitten!

This map provides details of the Worthing twittens and also shows bus stops so that you can use to get around the town easily without using the car.

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

Get to know the twittens of Worthing

Get there quicker with this map - which includes details of the many twittens in Broadwater, Tarring, Salvington, West Worthing and Worthing town centre.

Upkeep

Perhaps you might like to help keep your local twitten clear of litter and weeds, or organise a group to care for the twittens in your area. If everyone who used a twitten took care of it there would be no rubbish or undergrowth and it would make for a much more pleasant walk so, **please,** take your rubbish home!

Where can I get another twitten map?

If you want more twitten maps for your friends, or visitors, they are available from
- West Sussex County Council https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/

Other ways of walking and getting fit

Contact other organisations such as:
- www.ramblers.org.uk
- www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure
- www.worthingdownlanders.org.uk
- www.walkinginsussex.co.uk/worthing.php
- www.worthingstriders.co.uk)
- www.worthingharriers.com) a bit more ambitious!

The benefits of using twittens

- They provide short cuts, thus saving you time.
- You can avoid the frustration of having to drive and then find somewhere to park for short, local journeys.
- You can avoid getting stuck in traffic queues when you're only popping out for a paper.
- You can save time and money on your journey. Remember, walking your one-mile trips could save you over £160 each year in fuel! Did you know that more than half of all car trips are five miles or less and account for about a fifth of household car CO_2 emissions?
- You could improve your health. Walking is a great way to give your heart and lungs a workout, and helps burn those calories.
- The twittens could open up a whole new world of exploration for you and your family, discovering your neighbourhood and your local history. (Find out more about local history from your local library.)
- It's a great way to meet other twitteners and make local friends.
- You'll find some peace and quiet away from the busy roads.
- It's like a little bit of the countryside in the town. Perhaps you'll enjoy twittening so much you'll be drawn to longer countryside walks!

History of twittens

Twittens exist all over Worthing as the remains of pathways (later, legal rights of way) from one village to another, eg 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 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 in Broadwater.

Library Place is a small cul-de-sac on the east side of the Dome, off Marine Parade. It is now 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 extends from the north end of Library Place to Warwick Street and was almost certainly used by Jane Austen when she stayed in Worthing in the autumn of 1805. She would have used it to go from Stanford Cottage (now 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.

Use your twitten map to find the best route to the bus stop or railway station

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 Road, West Durrington

Trains:

The Worthing area has five stations at Goring, Durrington, West Worthing, Worthing Central and East Worthing.

They are easily accessible and are served by many bus routes. Cycle racks have been installed at the stations and there are frequent trains to London, Brighton, Portsmouth, Southampton and the south coast, and also cross country services to link with other networks.