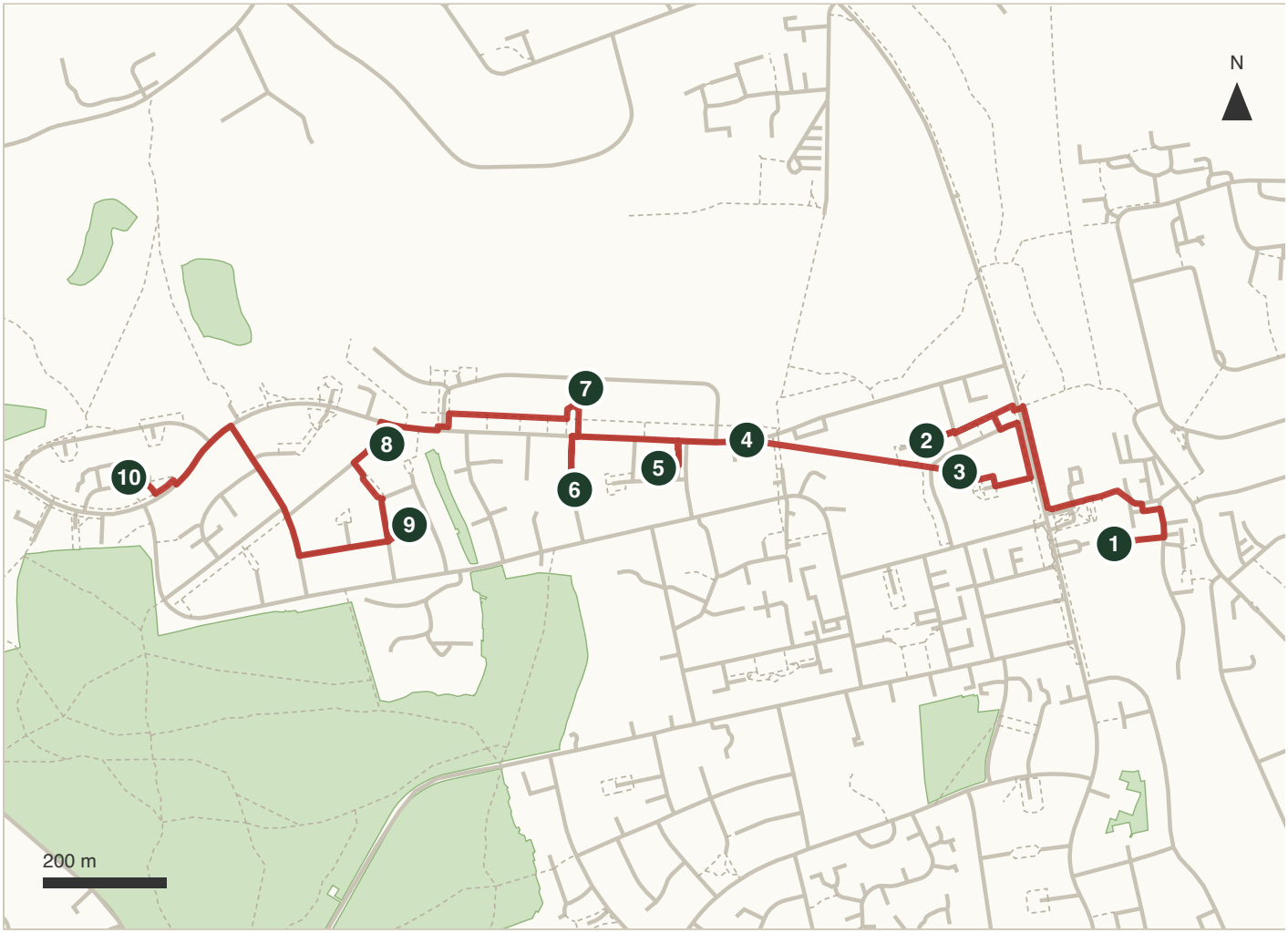
Streets of 1947 to 1953

3.6 km (2.2 miles) · about 2 h 30 min with stops · **Start:** Carpenders Park station. Finishes at the Hallowes Crescent shops, where buses run back · **Underfoot:** Pavements all the way, with some gentle hills.

Follow the estate as it was built, from the railway end where work began in 1946 to the west end that came last.



1. **Carpenders Park station.** Building began here at the railway end in October 1946. The Unit Construction Company laid the roads and sewers for the whole site and built the first 1,000 houses.
2. **Puttenham Close.** Not everything went strictly east to west. Families were still moving into Puttenham Close, on the east side, in 1951.
3. **Birkdale Gardens.** By July 1951 Birkdale Gardens was built, with a big old tree kept from the farmland and chestnut paling still round the new plots.
4. **Hayling Road.** In November 1947 the first tenants, a couple from Paddington, were given the keys to a new Hayling Road house by Lady Nathan, chair of the London County Council. It was one of a terrace of four with three bedrooms and a kitchen big enough to eat in.
5. **Trevose Way.** Built by 1951, when an old oak from the farmland still stood beside the new terraces.
6. **Harewood Road.** Finished by the summer of 1951, with its curving road and houses with low, swept roofs.
7. **Fulford Grove.** Families had moved in here by July 1951, and children were already playing on the new pavements.
8. **Site of The Jet.** The Jet pub stood at the corner of Holmside Rise. It was pulled down in 2011, and eight new houses on the site were among the first homes of South Oxhey Central in 2017.
9. **Blairhead Drive.** The far west was built last. Residents remember moving into Blairhead Drive in May 1951, and nearby Arbroath Green in June, when there were still no proper roads or pavements.
10. **Hallowes Crescent shops.** The parade that served the west end, open by February 1953. It had a butcher, baker, grocer, chemist and a hardware shop with the sub-post office.

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