

Red Rose 100 Route Description

Stage 1 Anderton Centre - Slipper Lowe

9.4 miles, 1304ft ascent

- 1.1 From the start follow the marshals directions past Home Farm (NB - Private land and access only given for morning of event) to reach Horrobin Lane. (SD620142)

Turn R and follow road between reservoirs. 100yds after end of the reservoir on your R, turn R down lane passing Rivington Primary School on your L into car park. Go through bollards at the far end of car park, forking R in 30yds at marker post and AH (B140) with reservoir to R. Reach fence on R. AH passing danger sign on R and 'Go Ape' building on L. Path swings R then L descending with metal railings on R. Follow path as it soon turns sharp R along railings to R and wooden fence to L. At end of railings continue AH with fence on L, trees and reservoir on R. At fence corner continue AH, bearing L then R through trees bearing R on path coming in from L. AH with fence on R and open space on L. Keep to main path as it swings R, then fork L at '3C' marker post. On reaching '4B' marker post turn L and in a few yds over cross tracks and continue AH on B100. In 100yds turn L at jct

and AH (B040) ignoring paths on R and L passing house on L to road. (SD632134)

- 1.2 Cross road (WITH CARE) and AH on wide track, over cross track and AH through gate onto wide track. Follow track as it swings L, ignoring track to R and AH (B340). Track gradually bears R to reach metal gate with KG at a large sign 'Rivington terraced gardens & Rivington Pike'. Through gate and follow sign uphill leaving woods. (SD635143)
- 1.3 At next metal gate you enter Terrace Gardens. There are a multitude of paths so please follow instructions carefully. Keep on main path ignoring paths on L then R. At 5 way path junction take 3rd exit (same direction of travel). At next path fork keep left continuing uphill and in a further 100yds you reach a cross track. Continue ahead up wooden steps and drop on to another track. There is a lake on your R. Go L along this track and in 10yds go R uphill (lake on your R below you), over stone bridge, ignore path on your R to reach derelict building. Pass on your L and continue to further cross track. Cross and ahead on path (now paved) uphill to reach further track with steps ahead. Do not ascend wooden steps but turn L on good track. Ignore all L & R turns and in 300yds you pass 2 circular

pillars and meet another track with Pigeon Tower on your L. (SD640143)

- 1.4 At Pigeon Tower take R fork and in 100yds reach metal gate with wooden gate on R. You are now on Belmont Rd which is unmetalled and this is followed for over a mile and a quarter to reach a tarmac road. Turn R along road for 200yds **KEEPING TO THE RIGHT HAND SIDE** to boundary signs on road and car park on L (SD655159)
- 1.5 **CROSS ROAD WITH CARE AND BEWARE THE BLIND BENDS ESPECIALLY AS MOTORBIKES USE THIS ROAD.** Continue on road and in another 250yds as the road bends to R take FP on your L over stile. After half a mile you go through gap in wall and in a further quarter mile you reach a wall stile. Go over stile and continue on clear path with a fence on your L to a metal gate with kissing gate on the R. Ahead on enclosed track ignoring paths R & L to reach a road leading to Belmont Post Office and the Belmont Bull pub. (SD673161)
- 1.6 Cross road (WITH CARE) & turn L along A675 for 200yds and take path on R between gap in stones down to reservoir dam. At dam turn R and walk across dam. At end of dam go L along track and in just under half a mile reach a farmyard gate.

Through gate and bear L into farmyard. Seek path on R between farmhouse and barn and leave farmyard through double metal gate. Ascend and after 2 more gates reach a T junction. (SD678173)

- 1.7 Turn L along Witton Weavers Way (not signed) and in 1500yds reach Lower Pasture Barn Farm. Do not follow farm drive to the L but continue ahead with wall on your R. In half a mile ignore FP to your R and continue ahead almost to road. Take concession path to your R just before road. (NB Do not be tempted to use road – it is a fast road with blind bends and **DANGEROUS** for walkers – hence concession path). Follow concession path as it skirts to R of a wood before returning to meet road in a third of a mile. (SD666197)
- 1.8 Cross road (care) and take concession path opposite to Hollinshead Hall . Pass ruins leaving via gateway and bear L. At path junction 30yds ahead bear R uphill. Climb to metal gate in 250yds and turn R on concession path for 150yds to checkpoint in car park. (SD664203)

CPI Slipper Lowe Car Park

Open Saturday 11.45am Close 5pm

SD 664203 9.4 Miles, 1304 ft Ascent

Stage 2 Slipper Low – Feniscliffe 7.6 miles, 589ft ascent

- 2.1 From checkpoint (SD664203) exit car park & turn L towards road. After 20yds, before road is reached, go through gate on R. (BEWARE: Watch out for stump in the ground near gate.) Follow path to L to reach wall stile on L after 70yds. Cross stile & cross busy road and take path opposite signposted to Lyons Den. (SD664202)
- 2.2 Follow this path uphill ignoring paths to left and go through gate at top of climb. Stay on main path and soon a path joins from the L. Bear R. In 250yds go through gate and take path L. In 30yds ignore path ahead and go L on main path. (SD677206)
- 2.3 After half mile, having ignored 2 cross-paths, the path forks with L path descending and R path ascending slightly. Take R path and after a quarter mile you will reach a trig point next to Darwen Tower. (SD678215)
- 2.4 L at trig point and go downhill (ignoring cross paths) for half a mile until you reach a metal gate. Pass through gate and in 40yds turn left along walled track signposted Witton Weavers Way. At reservoir service road go R down to minor road

(SD677223).

- 2.5 Turn L and then fork R down track towards reservoir. After quarter mile track forks. Fork L to Earnsdale reservoir and cross dam. At end of dam turn L on bridleway (Witton Weavers Way) and ascend. After 200yds turn R (SD668223).
- 2.6 Stay on the main path and after 550yds you will reach Clayton Bank (new build) where you will meet a track coming from R. Ignore this and continue ahead (path bends left) passing Moorside Farm to reach road by Tockholes village hall (SD662231).
- 2.7 Turn R passing village hall and turn L immediately after down Silk Hall. At last house, Rose Cottage, take FP over stile on R and descend field with fence on your R. Cross next field in same direction and bear slightly L (B320) across next field to reach stile to R of metal gate and meet road. (SD659234)
- 2.8 Turn R and pass churchyard on your L. Turn L at the signpost opposite Gorse Farm and continue with wall on L down lane. At 'The Farmhouse' bear R with lane and in 20yds follow FP sign 'Ramblers Path' on your R to shortly reach stile to L. Over and ahead with fence on your L to reach stile on L, waymarked Witton Weavers Way. Over and descend fields

with fence on your R. Halfway down second field the path switches to other side of fence at a stile. Over and with trees on your L continue for 250yds to reach stile on L into woods. Bear R over footbridge and exit woods at stile. Continue with wall on L to almost reach M65. (SD656241)

- 2.9 Over ladder stile on to enclosed path running alongside M65. At end of enclosed path reach road. Turn R and in another 20yds at lane go R through tunnel under the M65. Pass shooting range on your L.
- 2.10 Continue along lane and in ½ mile reach junction with minor road. Keep to FP on L then in another 30 yds reach roundabout on A6062. Turn L and in 100yds reach canal bridge (93B). Cross road (**WITH CARE**) and immediately right at the end of the bridge to descend to Leeds and Liverpool canal and proceed in an easterly direction with canal on your R. (SD 648252)
- 2.11 Pass under two bridges, (2nd bridge is No 95) then allotments on your L, reaching a green wire fence. Turn L with the fence away from the canal to reach railway bridge. Over bridge and go L, follow path to gate to exit playing field. Turn R on to St Francis Rd and in 200yds reach the checkpoint on your R. (SD661267)

CP2 Feniscliffe, St Francis Church Hall
Open Saturday 1.15pm Close 6.45pm
SD 661267 17 Miles, 1893 ft

Stage 3 Feniscliffe – Whalley 11.2 miles, 1372ft

- 3.1 Leave checkpoint and turn R on St Francis Rd to reach T junction. Go R on A674 and 50yds before the traffic lights go L into Witton Park. For safety we suggest you go to traffic lights to cross this busy road. As park road bears L, continue ahead on grass (B290) to aim between sport pitches and river to reach bridge. Cross and bear L (B280) across grassland to reach 5 park benches and bridleway (SD657271)
- 3.2 Ahead on bridleway crossing tarmac track and passing a fingerpost just the right of benches into Crow Wood. After about 250yds reach fence on L leading to wooden steps. At top of steps turn L and after 40yds at waymarked track junction continue uphill following the fence on R, crossing two farm tracks to exit Crow Wood at road near Billinge Nook. Turn L over cattle grid and descend on track for 100yds. Turn sharp R on track uphill (NOT WAYMARKED). In 100yds reach wall coming up from R (from cattle grid). Bear L and continue with wall and wood on R until you reach end of wall. Go through gate

on your R. Turn L on good path through trees (ignoring bridleway into Billinge Wood) to reach road. (SD654283)

- 3.3 Cross with care, turn L and walk along grass verge. Take first R into Woodgates Rd. In about 200yds, go L on FP downhill towards all weather pitches near school to reach road. Turn L on road to pass school then take track on right (SD 650285)
- 3.4 Pass school on R and farm buildings on L. After cottages, at Higher Meadows the track bears R. Leave track and AH to cross stile. Cross farm track and ahead down field (fence on L) to reach stile on L next to metal gate. Cross stile and turn R with fence now on R to reach footbridge in bottom right hand corner of field, just before Arley Farm. Cross bridge and follow path around wall, through gate into farmyard. Through farmyard (exit far L corner) and continue along farm track to reach main road (A677) (SD653297).
- 3.5 Cross WITH CARE – BUSY ROAD. Turn L and in 80yds R over stile climbing gently on a bearing of due North passing through Cunliffe Fold Farm to reach road at Mellor (SD 650304)
- 3.6 Turn R on road then keep R as main road turns L. As road bears L at small village green, follow FP sign to go straight AH.

Pass Dick Dadds on R and continue AH, fence on R, to reach Ottie Green Farm. Through squeeze stile.

- 3.7 Bear R to gate and pass through then AH with fence on L to cross two stiles (ignore stiles to left) and keep AH to reach road. (SD665306)
- 3.8 L up road for 200yds & take walled path on R just after cottages on your R. Keep ahead with fence on L, then wall on R. Just before wall on R becomes a fence, find gate in wall & go through. Pass farm on your R & later cottages on your L to reach road. Turn L uphill to reach Spread Eagle pub. (SD668311)
- 3.9 Turn R and follow road (on pavement) for 600yds reaching Coopers Fold on L. Turn L over cattle grid and follow farm track to property entrance. Do not enter or cross either cattle grid but bear R (B090) to stile in wall. Over and AH in same direction to meet fence. Follow fence L for 150 yds to reach stile. Cross farm track & stile opposite. Head L keeping fence on your L to reach metal gate with smaller gate on R. Turn R passing several houses on your L and when track bends R at the end of the houses, turn L on FP before a small barn with a covered reservoir to your R. Follow this path as it bears R and passes close to reservoir. At end of reservoir the

path goes through a metal gate/stile and in 100yds it turns R. Leave the path here to carry straight on (B050) keeping fence on R. Follow to the bottom of the hill and turn L over/through a double metal gate. Follow hedge on R passing pylon on L to stile near to farm (in corner near wooden structure with corrugated roof) – beware slippery sheet of plywood. Cross stile and follow farm track to road. (SD686320)

3.10 Turn L over Pettyfoot Bridge. Take FP after No 40 on R and ascend passing Burlington House (No 40A) on your R. Under railway bridge and when path splits take R fork up to road. Turn R and after 100yds turn L crossing road onto FP. (SD688321). Ascend between houses and gardens. After 80yds continue uphill on path to reach road in a further 20yds. Follow pavement to R to find continuation of path. After another 60yds cross road and continue ahead to stile. Cross & turn R following path (fence on your R). Path soon swings L. Continue with fence on R to reach narrow path between gardens & fence to reach road. Follow pavement for a few yards to reach further road. (SD691323) Cross and climb stile on to Golf Course (14th tee).

NOTE: There is a competition on the golf course and it may be busy. There will be

marshals on duty to escort you across. Please respect their guidance, you may have to wait until it is clear. Path through Golf Course is clearly marked by 2 ft / 3 ft concrete posts painted black & white

- 3.11 Ahead from 14th tee to small toilet block – you may have to wait here until its clear. Through dip and into rough. Follow marker posts through trees then cross fairway when clear with two bunkers on your R following markers through rough to stile where cross and exit the golf course.
- 3.12 Continue AH (B070) aiming to the right of three windmills to arrive at stile 50yds from fence on L. Continue on the same line past to the R of a hawthorn bush then keep to the R of the fence that joins to reach stile. Over and AH to next stile, over then between wall on L and fence on R) to reach stile into farmyard. Follow concrete driveway to R of farm buildings to reach cattle grid just after house. Turn R up enclosed track to stile at metal gate. Through and on the same line to stile onto road. (SD 706327)

WATER POINT (SD706327)

- 3.13 Cross road **WITH CARE** to reach stile. Cross and across field and pass through KG to reach bridleway. Turn L and follow bridleway. A cross path is reached with

gate on your L. Ignore gate and continue on bridleway with wall on your L and wire fence on your R. Where wire fence ends the bridleway bears slightly R towards the right hand edge of small copse of trees. Stay on bridleway (ignoring path on L) until you reach end of reservoir (2nd wooden gate). (SD716334)

3.14 Turn R and descend. Just BEFORE reservoir go L (Do not go through either of the gates) to fence and follow fence for 100yds to stile on R. Cross stile but ignore bridleway sign. Instead, aim uphill toward trees (B50) and keeping wall on your L seek out stile in top L corner of field just beyond the trees. Cross and with fence on R continue for 400yds. Follow obvious (signed) path through broken wall into gorse bushes (ignore stile to your R in wall next to fence). Emerging from bushes there is a wood on your R. Path forks. Take R fork on lower path near to trees. After wood you pass behind a white/cream house and then a little more gorse. Emerging from gorse take stile on your R on to track. L for 10yds and then R over stile and descend to road (SD725341)

3.15 **TAKE CARE ON ROAD** Turn L and follow Shawcliffe Lane for 800yds passing Wyn-gate on R to reach Berry's Lane. Turn R on

to Berry's Lane and in a quarter of a mile just before the entrance to Heys Farm take track on L. (SD733345)

3.16 Pass derelict barn on R and ignore cross path. When track bears R & you are confronted by locked gate with barbed wire, leave the track and continue on narrow path directly ahead through trees for 300yds to reach Dean Lane. (SD734351)

3.17 **TAKE CARE ON ROAD** Turn R on road (in reality same line of travel) passing Stoops Barn (on your R) and Fieldings House Barn (on your L) ignoring FP on your L. Road becomes a track leading into trees. Emerge from trees to pass 2 houses, the one on your R having stables. Continue up driveway and immediately after passing a rockery on your L, leave the driveway and take bridleway on your R. (SD735355)

3.18 (From here, if in doubt, just keep wall on your R downhill to road.) Descend through trees with wall on R. (**TAKE CARE - THIS IS STEEP AND MAY BE SLIPPERY**) At junction with FP, take FP on R. This follows the wall downhill. At next junction turn R downhill to reach Moor Lane. Turn R downhill to reach another road (Whalley Old Rd). (SD733359)

3.19 Turn R over bridge over River Calder into Whalley. In 200yds, just after Lloyds Phar-

macy and Whalley Medical Centre, turn R across car park to checkpoint in Whalley village hall. (SD734361)

CP3 Whalley Methodist Church

Open Saturday 4pm Close 10.15pm

SD 734363 28.2 Miles, 3265 ft ascent

Stage 4 Whalley – Barley 7.8miles, 1559ft ascent

- 4.1 From checkpoint retrace your steps across the car park and turn L passing Whalley Medical Centre and Lloyds Pharmacy. In a further 150yds turn L along Calder Vale. At the end of the road take FP which within 50yds crosses a footbridge. Continue with River Calder on R. Path leaves river on enclosed track to emerge on to the B6246. (SD737361)
- 4.2 Cross road and turn R along road for a quarter mile to traffic lights. Cross A671 to entrance to Spring Wood picnic site. (SD741360)
- 4.3 Don't enter picnic site but find stile on your right next to 'Harmsworth Ices Parking Only'. This sign may be obscured by Ice Cream van! Cross stile and L on to concession path along edge of golf course with trees on your L. In 250yds cross footbridge on your L & over stile. Cross further stile and continue in same direction to fence corner. Continue with fence on

your R passing large oak tree. Ignore FP to your R and over stile by wall on the L of a clump of trees. Path splits. Take R fork over another stile. AH, keeping wall near R to reach small enclosure, keeping it to your R, to exit field next to barn on your R. Turn L along track to reach road. (SD750363)

4.4 Turn L and within 150yds pass Lower Clerk Hill and Hollins Farm on your R. After 700yds there is a farm on your R and the road becomes unmade . Continue ahead passing Bramley Farm House on your L and in a further quarter mile you will reach a wooden gate with a 'Peak and Northern Footpaths' sign. Follow bridleway signposted to 'Nick of Pendle' with wall on your L. In a further half mile after a second metal gate, the wall switches to your R. Continue, passing farm buildings on your R for a further threequarters of a mile to reach Clitheroe Rd. **TAKE CARE - FAST ROAD WITH BLIND BENDS.** (SD772384)

4.5 Cross road and turn L. There is a narrow trod at side of parts of the road. In approx. 250yds take second path on your R (just past 2nd small car park on L). Correct path has map on display. The path is now very wide with several deviations but they all go in same general direction.

Continue AH. Ignore path off to R after ¼ mile. After a further ¾ mile, passing en-route over Apronfull Hill, reach fork (marked for the event) and turn R onto good path. (SD781395)

4.6 AH for about ¼ mile to reach and go through KG next to metal gate. Turn L along concession path keeping wall on your L. (DO NOT use right of way above Deerstones.) In approx. 800yds you reach a kissing gate in wall on your L. Go through and cross moor (B100) to reach ladder stile in a further 600yds. Cross and continue across moor (B090). You are aiming for a metal gate in wall in a slight depression slightly to L of where wall becomes a fence. The path across this section is indistinct and conditions are wet underfoot. Go through kissing gate to L of gate and take clear path half left (B060) toward some distant conifers. Over stile and fork R then after a further 2 stiles and half a mile you reach Fell Wood and you bear R to follow edge of wood. (**KEEP CLOSE TO WALL – THERE'S A SMALL DISUSED QUARRY ON YOUR R**) Just before end of wood you cross a wall stile. (SD816395)

4.7 Continue in same direction, ignoring path on L, through 2 fields keeping fence/ wall on your L. Passing through wicket gate

stile bear slightly R (B090) toward wooden post and then wooden gate which is not seen until you are almost upon it. Through & R downhill into Newchurch in Pendle. (SD823394)

- 4.8 At road turn L up Cross Lane passing 'Witches Galore' shop on L. Note sign above door! In 150yds where road turns sharp L at large wall stone 'Barley Fold', leave road going R. In a few yards this becomes a track. Ignore path on R which goes up to woods. Downhill on track which swings R passing a white house on your L. Continue on to driveway of next house (Black Rock) and immediately turn L. (**NB TAKE CARE – THERE MAY BE AN ELECTRIC FENCE ON THE NEXT SHORT SECTION**). Descend with trees on your L to meet a stony track. Turn L along track to reach road. Turn R into Barley village. Village hall is on your L at the crossroads. (SD823403)

CP4 Barley

Open Sat 6.30pm Close Sunday 1.00am

SD 823403 36 Miles, 4824 ft ascent

Stage 5 Barley – Downham 4.6 miles, 1085ft ascent

- 5.1 Leave checkpoint and turn R along main street, passing Pendle Inn on your L and Barley Mow on your R. 50yds after the Village Tearoom, turn L on path (signpost-

ed Pendle Way). Up path, stream on your R. Stay on the main path and in 300yds cross footbridge to road. (SD819407)

- 5.2 Turn L along road and ignore farm track (marked Private) on your L. Go to L of white house and take path on R behind the house (signposted Pendle Hill). Path initially cobbled. In 550yds you reach farm and path swings R. In a further 50yds, before next property, go L through kissing gate. Through 4 more kissing gates to go round R at back of farm (Pendle House) to wooden gate with kissing gate on R. (SD809413)
- 5.3 Through kissing gate and immediately L (ignore path ahead to steps) following path with wall on your L for 1100yds. Soon after some crags on your R there is a path on R. Ignore and stay on path until it meets a path from the L. Path now turns sharp R almost doubling back on itself at the top of the climb.

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- 5.4 Follow a line of 3 cairns (B 006) which will lead you to the summit of Pendle Hill (NB ignore 4th cairn which will lead you away from the summit). (SD805414)
- 5.5 Pass the summit trig point and continue in same direction for a quarter mile to reach a ladder stile by a metal gate. Over

stile & path bears slightly L (B330) – ignore path going sharp L. Stay on this path which zigzags downhill to reach a gate in the fence in three quarters of a mile. In a further 500yds cross a wall stile and descend (fence now on L) for 350yds to road. (SD798433)

5.6 Cross road to go through kissing gate opposite (signpost Downham). At next stile cross and go L for 50yds to find further stile in wall opposite barn. Over stile and with trees on your R, continue through 2 fields to emerge near Clay House on to track. (SD794437)

5.7 Cross track and through kissing gate. Continue with trees and stream on your R, fence on L. Cross footbridge and continue with trees on R for 250yds to another kissing gate. Through & cross field (B280) to reach Downham Beck on your R. Follow stream until it emerges on to road. Follow road to T junction, turn L uphill for 150yds to checkpoint in village hall on your L. (SD787440)

CP5 Downham Village Hall

Open Sat 8pm Close Sunday 3.30am

SD 787440 40.6 Miles, 5909 ft ascent

Stage 6 Downham to Bolton-by-Bowland

4.1 miles, 267ft ascent

- 6.1 Leave checkpoint and turn R. Descend to cross bridge. Continue up the main street and opposite the church and immediately beyond the Assheton Arms turn R to find FP alongside pub car park (car park on your R, bungalow on your L). Immediately after passing the bungalow and wooden gate turn L through gate. Keep wall and woods on your L (ignoring any tracks to R) to climb, passing through KG and then descend to road, through KG 20yds to R of wall corner. (SD785446)
- 6.2 Cross road, through gate opposite and ahead down field in same direction to gate on L of farm. Path becomes enclosed as you pass close to farm. At end of enclosed path bear slightly L on to track and continue downhill (trees on L, wire fence on R) to go under railway bridge, through metal gate and in 100yds reach barn. (SD782452)
- 6.3 Go through metal gate to R of barn and immediately turn R (wall on R). In 200yds reach kissing gate. Continue ahead, now with trees on your R to reach footbridge in a further 100yds. Cross and follow FP across field (B090) to find wall stile in field corner. Cross and go L to pack horse

bridge. **BEWARE THE BRIDGE HAS NO SIDES, AND MAY BE SLIPPERY.** Cross bridge with caution to stile. Over stile and AH , initially B020 to R of tree, then swinging L to ascend (B320) to stile on skyline. (SD784454)

6.4 Cross field (B330). To stile 10yds to L of gate. AH with hedge on R to further stile. Over and AH through metal gate and continue (B310) for 200yds to reach stile. Cross to join farm track and ahead for 30yds to reach A59. (SD781461) **NOTE: THIS IS A VERY FAST TRUNK ROAD LINKING LANCASHIRE WITH YORKSHIRE. TAKE EXTREME CARE WHEN CROSSING IT IS 3 LANES WIDE INCLUDING THE OVERTAKING LANE FOR UPHILL TRAFFIC.**

6.5 Cross busy road (care) to kissing gate opposite. Through and down field (B310) to go through another kissing gate. Path now enclosed through trees. Cross stream to reach minor road. Cross road to kissing gate and continue across field (B330) to gateway in wall. Continue in same direction noting ruins of Cistercian Abbey to your L to stile 50yds to L of single storey dwelling which leads into pub car park. Ahead across car park and down paved path to emerge at Spread Eagle. (SD777466)

6.6 Cross road to right hand side of Spread

Eagle and turn L around the river side of the pub with with River Ribble on your R, AH to road bridge. Cross over bridge and at end find FP on R. Through metal gate and ahead with hedge on L. After 600yds cross footbridge (near tree) over stream. Path now leaves hedge on L and follows red cones (B030) to rejoin river at stile in a further quarter mile. Continue for a further 250yds to reach another stile. Path now directly across field (B020) but suggest you may want to consider walking field edge to your L. After passing metal gate stile is 20yds further on. (SD780480)

6.7 Cross stile and track and aim for footbridge (B020). Over footbridge and L following fence on your L to stile. Over stile and cross field (B345) passing small copse on your L to kissing gate with 2 stone pillars and a metal gate on your L. Ahead and keeping trees and fence on your R, in 250yds reach another stile. Over and in 30yds the path leaves the fence and heads across the field (B035) to reach a kissing gate (hidden behind hedge). Continue in same direction, passing remains of a cross to descend to reach a farm road via a wall stile just to R of a metal gate. (SD782490)

6.8 Go L along farm road for 400yds to reach road. Turn R over bridge and into Bolton by Bowland. Ahead for 200yds turning

R immediately before Coach and Horses into checkpoint in village hall. (SD785493)

CP6 Bolton by Bowland Village Hall

Open Sat 9.15pm Close Sunday 5.30am

SD 785493 44.6 Miles, 6176 ft ascent

Stage 7 Bolton in Bowland – Tosside **5.1 miles, 786ft**

- 7.1 Retrace your steps to road, and turn L passing car park to cross bridge. (SD784493)
- 7.2 Immediately after crossing bridge turn R on FP with Skirden Beck on your R. In 250yds pass stile on R. Cross a further 2 fields to broken stile Do NOT cross (river bank is collapsing on other side). Go through gap a few yds to L and return to path other side of stile. Where beck goes right and path ascends, continue on path now above river to next stile (hidden but on R of holly bush). The stile is in poor condition so make use of a gap in the fence 10yds to the left. Pass through and bear R to re-join the path in the next field heading (B005) for stile to R of house and L of polytunnels. Over stile and through yard to reach gate and road (SD782503)
- 7.3 Turn R along road (**WITH CARE - ROAD CAN BE BUSY**). Look for the first drive (cobbled) on R In 500yds. (There is a sign, 'Stoop Lane' it will be behind you on a

small wall on the RH side of driveway). In 5yds on L side of road look for FP sign hidden in hedge by a wooden gate just before a big oak tree. (If you reach the first stone house on the R you have gone too far by about 5yds!) Through gate and cross field on B310 (no path) to Green Ford farm in about 300yds. Through gate in wall, AH between farm buildings to reach 2 large tubs next to wooden post. Turn R to a wide metal gate to the R of a newish wooden barn. Through gate and AH initially B350 for 100 yds to cross track and then FB over stream. Then B330 to reach stile in far left hand corner of field. Over stile, cross small stream and immediately turn L along stream bank to reach stile. A new concession path is now available which takes you away from properties. **YOU MUST USE THIS PATH.** From stile uphill (B330) to kissing gate (not immediately visible but power pole just behind). Through kissing gate and bear slightly L passing power pole and descend (B300) to reach farm track and turn R to reach road after cattle grid (SD777516)

- 7.4 Cross road **WITH CARE** and take track signposted 'Private Rd – Access to Witton Farm only'. Follow track to Witton Farm. Access to farmyard is barred by an electric gate so you need to find metal gate

on your R, through and turn L to reach further metal gate. Now in farmyard, turn L and then R before farmhouse. After passing farmhouse find good track on your L between barns to wooden gate. Through and in further 100yds take L of 2 gates (the larger one) and ascend with hedge on your R to reach road in 300yds (SD773522)

7.5 Turn R and follow road [**THIS IS A QUIET ROAD BUT NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT APPLIES – TAKE CARE**] for just under 2 miles passing Springside and Knotts on your L to reach T junction (SD772549)

7.6 Turn L and in 250yds pass Sedgwicks on your R and in 1100yds you reach the checkpoint in Tosside Community Hall on your R (SD770560)

CP7 Tosside Community Hall

Open Sat 10.45pm Close Sunday 8.30am

SD 770560 49.8 Miles, 6962 ft ascent

Stage 8 Tosside – Slaidburn 7.1 miles, 464ft ascent

8.1 Leave checkpoint and turn R to reach B6478. Cross road and turn L passing Dog & Partridge on your R. Immediately after pub (Forest of Bowland sign), turn R on to path (Bailey Lane).

8.2 In three quarters of a mile you will pass a

sign to say you have entered Gisburn Forest. Shortly afterwards you will reach a track junction with a FP sign. This will be the last FP sign you will see for a while. **BEWARE - THERE ARE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS CROSSING THE PATHS IN THE FOREST, CYCLISTS MAY SUDDENLY APPEAR FROM ANYWHERE. (SD762571)**

8.3 Continue ahead with wall on your R and in 250yds pass a green metal barrier. Ahead for a further quarter mile and look for the track junction on the L sign-posted 'HOPE LINE' on a post on the L. Turn L downhill on a good track with trees on your L, (open space on R) ignoring any tracks on L into trees, to reach a T junction at Herbert Hall. (SD752574) Turn R and continue on this track, ignoring FP on R in 550yds, to reach a stream, Bottoms Beck. (SD 746575)

Self Clip B Bottoms Beck Bridge SD 746575

8.4 Cross bridge and immediately (5yds) turn L along a narrow FP, with beck on your L. In 600yds path forks. Take R fork and in 200yds the other fork rejoins from the L. In another 40yds, path forks again. Go L on the better track and in 350yds you will meet a larger forest track. Turn L and follow this track for three quarters of a mile, in the latter stages some red and blue marker posts appear, to reach a wooden

barrier and road alongside Stocks reservoir (SD735563)

- 8.5 Turn L and cross causeway. At end of causeway, turn R along concession path which rejoins the road in a quarter of a mile, crossing a footbridge en route. Rejoin road ignoring further concession FP on R to reach Dalehead Church & Heritage centre. Road goes L at end of church. Leave road and take track on R. (SD737554)
- 8.6 In 50yds cross cattle grid. Continue on this good track for half a mile to reach Black House. Cross cattle grid and go between farm buildings. Where the track swings L AH through metal gate. Ahead with trees on your R to a further wooden gate. Bear slightly R joining wall on your R to reach a kissing gate. Through and path now enclosed with wall on L and fence on R to reach another kissing gate in 500yds. AH for 3 fields to exit gate near Hammer-ton Hall. Continue on main track bearing L passing the end of a barn to reach a wooden gate. (SD720539)
- 8.7 Through gate on track initially enclosed for 250yds to cross bridge. Follow track R with stream on your R to cross a humped bridge in 650yds. Cross cattle grid and in a further 80yds look for wall on L with a waymarker pointing L. Turn L along-

side the wall with wall on your R. Ahead to metal gate with smaller metal gate on the L. Through and when wall on R ends, bear R across field (B230) to reach river and gate onto road bridge. (If dark at this point, you will see two street lights towards the right – head to the right most light, its by the gate) (SD712525)

- 8.8 Turn L up road to war memorial. At B6478 turn L downhill. In 100yds, immediately after passing Wesleyan chapel plaque, turn R along FP to checkpoint in village hall. (SD713524)

CP8 Slaidburn Breakfast CP

Open Sunday 1.00am Close 12.30pm

SD 713524 56.9 Miles, 7426 ft ascent

Stage 9 Slaidburn – Dunsop Bridge

6.1 miles, 579ft ascent

- 9.1 Leave checkpoint & turn R on FP, river on L. Stay on riverside path, AH through KG (ignoring KG on R). Keeping on riverside path in 300yds cross stile, continue by the river for a further 500yds to reach small copse and enter via stile on R. Follow path through copse with water treatment works to the L, crossing stile, FB and further stile onto TK and turn L. Follow track into trees (B200) and continue AH with fence and trees on R. Fork right with trees, ignoring L fork to bridge. (DO NOT cross the river). (SD706511)

9.2 Through kissing gate into trees. Through another kissing gate and keep wall/trees/bank on R as path leaves river. Path soon becomes enclosed at a gate and passes 3 more gates in quick succession, before reaching a metal gate, with wall stile on R. Over, cross stream and turn L along field edge. Over footbridge and up steps to road (BEWARE TRAFFIC) on edge of Newton village. (SD698504)L across bridge and take path on R at end of bridge. Follow river but in approx. 300yds look for wall on L and follow alongside it to find stile hidden behind tree. Cross and follow river until it turns right. When river turns continue directly AH (B210) to gate in fence and stile on R. On same line of travel (B210) proceed through 2 fields to cross stile 10yds to L of farm house. (SD693494)

9.3 Turn R along road passing Farrowfield on your R. In 200yds turn R, just after barn, down a private road. AH about ½ mile to reach and cross Giddy Bridge and river to FP sign on L. From here, leave drive on FP on B240 up hill for about ½ mile passing through 4 fields and over 3 stiles to reach wooden gate in wall (between 2 woods) at the top of the gentle climb. Through gate and continue AH on B240 along faint green path soon crossing a FB (2 concrete

slabs) over a ditch. AH as the path meanders slightly but the heading is still generally B240 passing stone pillars marking the path as it becomes wider and more distinct. Shortly after the 4th pillar reach a ladder stile near wall corner. Over and AH on narrow but clear path, shortly reaching fence on R. Continue with fence on R and after ½ mile at 'Open Access' sign reach and go through KG on the R. AH with fence on L (keep about 20yds from it) keeping gully/stream on L to reach stile in facing fence, 10yds to R of gully/stream.

SELF CLIP C BURNHOLME FARM SD660485

9.4 Over stile and continue with gully/stream on L to reach wide metal gate at Burnholme Farm. **DO NOT** go through the gate or cross the footbridge. **BEWARE OF CATTLE IN THE FIELDS ESPECIALLY IF DARK – THEY MAY BE STARTLED BY TORCHES**

Turn R (away from Burnholme Fm) initially B340, bearing R to stile to R of gate. Over and AH (B020) to stile. AH for about 1 mile (crossing stile next to 2 gates) keeping fence and river on L (ignoring footbridge and concession FP to L). On reaching Thorneyholme Hall, keep to the path beside the river with the buildings on your R then pass through a narrow metal gate to emerge at the road bridge over the Hodder on driveway to Thorneyholme

Hall. Turn L over the bridge and AH on driveway to reach road. (BEWARE TRAFFIC). (SD661501)

- 9.5 Turn L passing car park and petrol station on your R and cross River Dunsop at bridge. Continue on road to T junction (250yds) and turn R (signposted Lancaster) to reach checkpoint on R just after a new row of terraced houses. (SD 657501)

CP9 Dunsop Bridge

Open Sunday 3.00am Close 3.30pm

SD 657501 63.0 Miles, 8005 ft ascent

Stage 10 Dunsop Bridge – Chipping

7.0 miles, 1096ft

- 10.1 Leave checkpoint and turn R along road. In 1500yds turn L over bridge to Hare-den. At farm, stay on road and go R over stream and in a further 80yds reach a metal gate across the road at further bridge. Please ensure you shut gate behind you. In 25yds over ladder ST on L then L onto bridleway, soon swinging R on B150 aiming for top L corner of field (B150) near plantation. Cross ladder stile do NOT bear L with track but follow B160 and ascend to marker post in 100yds located about 30yds to R of wall on L. Continue AH (B170) ascending with gully on L to almost meet wall on R. Ignore concession FP on R and uphill to reach field cor-

ner with metal gate and ladder stile on L. (SD644497)

- 10.2 Over stile and ahead for 100yds. 20yds after trees on your R, bear R (B210) onto raised path. After 200yds the ground becomes very uneven and the path is indistinct. Continue on B200 for ¼ mile heading towards a ladder stile (which disappears from view in the hollows). Reach ladder ST in wall to L of wide gate. Over ladder stile and bear half left (B190) towards trees. You will be joined by wall on your L and a stony track which should be followed to reach a gate into the woods. In 50yds reach a marker post and bear R as indicated. At next post ignore path on L but continue ahead and path soon becomes enclosed (wall on L, fence on R). Follow enclosed path alongside deciduous woodland to reach gate leading into conifer plantation. (SD642484)
- 10.3 Harvesting and replanting is being undertaken but path through plantation is clear. (There may be some fallen trees to negotiate, take care.) Follow for 700yds to exit woods at wooden gate. Descend a grassy path (B250) to reach a tarmac farm road. Turn L along road for a quarter mile to reach T junction. (SD641475)
- 10.4 Leaving bridleway, turn R on FP (still tarmac) and at entrance to Higher Fence

Fm, bear L through gate (leaving right of way for a short distance to avoid passing through farm yard) following TK to L around farm with buildings on R. Reach farm TK (now back on right of way) turning L to reach gate.

- 10.5 Through and cross bridge over stream and immediately before next gate turn L on signed path. Keep fence on your R and find stile on R in 100yds. Over and cross field (B210) to stile 20yds to R of metal gate. Over and cross field (B170) to reach Dinkling Green Farm (Aim to L of farmhouse – path goes between barn and farmhouse to gate. (SD640470)
- 10.6 Pass farmhouse and a further barn on your R and turn R down track before reaching further residence. In 200yds take signed FP on L through metal gate to next gate. AH following right of way marker posts around edge of field with fence on R to reach top far corner and gap in wall just to R of small hillock. AH (B185), passing further marker posts to stile and descend to bridge over stream (aim for farm buildings). Ascend to road.(SD638460)
- 10.7 Turn R on road (in reality same direction) and ascend to Lickhurst Farm, passing farm on your L. Through gate and in 50yds go L through gate (ignoring FP ahead through gate). In another 20yds go

through left hand metal gate passing the barn on your R. In a quarter mile the track goes through 2 gates and continue with fence on your L. Pass through another gate to reach Park Style. (SD632454)

- 10.8 Immediately after passing building , bear R uphill on enclosed track to metal gate. Through and L through 2 fields to reach Park Royal on your R. Through wooden gate and bearing L passing Park Gate to your R and above you and on to concrete drive . Over stream and ignoring bridleway on your R. Ahead on concrete (now bridleway) for half mile to path junction. Go L on bridleway to reach Laund Farm (Chipping Lawn on OS map). (SD627447)
- 10.9 Bear R with farm road as it passes farmhouse, to reach road in half a mile. Turn R and in 10yds turn R on to concession FP. This runs parallel to the road for 300yds. Rejoin road and turn R and at junction in 300yds, turn R. (SD624434)
- 10.10 Stay on this road and pass Tillotsons Arms and Sun Inn on your L. In a further 250yds reach checkpoint on your R in village hall. (SD621432)

CP10 Chipping St Mary's Church Hall
Open Sunday 4.45am Close 7pm
SD 621432 70 Miles, 9101 ft ascent

Stage 11 Chipping - Hurst Green

6.5 miles, 872ft ascent

- 11.1 Leave village hall and return to road. Go L until you reach Sun Inn on your R. Turn R down Windy St signposted toward Longridge. After quarter of a mile pass Town End Farm on your R and Town End Barn on the L. Just after Town End Barn find FP on your L (SD625429)
- 11.2 Cross bridge and through metal gate. Head diagonally across field (B160) to corner. Over 4 stiles keeping fence on your L to reach wooden footbridge. Now trees on your L and in 350yds bear R with hedge and then L at hedge corner and AH for 20yds to find stile on L. Over and sharp R between henhouse and hedge to pass garage to reach tarmac area next to Pale Farm. (SD628420)
- 11.3 Keep next to wall on your R and in 50yds go R through gate on bridleway. AH, fence on L to corner. Turn R (fence still on L) to reach and go through wooden gate. AH over footbridge, through gate, bearing R to reach further gate where bridleway becomes enclosed between fences. At next gate cross a track on to FP opposite. Ahead with hedge on your R for 2 fields. Continue on same line of travel (B130) to stiles and then continue (B150)

to footbridge. Cross and bear slightly L (initially B130 to skirt water on R, then B140 to stile which is 30yds to L of gate. Over and bear L with wall on to track. At Loud River Barn on your L, track becomes tarmac. Follow for a quarter mile to road. (SD630411)

11.4 Turn L along road for quarter of a mile (ignore bridleway on your R) and opposite Thornley Hall go R through double wooden gates. Path goes R and shortly L keeping fence on your L. NB – OS Map shows path on other side of fence. Ascend keeping fence on your L ignoring cross path. When fence goes L continue AH (no obvious path) uphill on same line of travel (B145) aiming to L of trees ahead to stile. Over and ahead (B145) to stile at road. (If daylight, aim for the tallest post is at the top of the climb by the stile at the top of the climb, behind which is tall wooden sculpture.) (SD639403)

11.5 Cross stile onto road – **TAKE CARE - BLIND BEND TO YOUR R.** Go R along road to junction and go L uphill passing Cardwell House on your R and car park on your L. At end of car park go L along narrow trod to gate (kissing gate on L). Through and in 50yds path forks. Take L fork. In 300yds pass standing stone taking R fork. Continue, passing a pile

of stones, until you reach very marshy ground. Path veers L (ignore path ahead through swamp) down to meet another path. At this path turn R and 50yds later path splits. Take R fork (marker on stone) towards woods. Reaching wall just before woods (ignore stile ahead) go L for 20yds to stone stile and over (SD651406)

11.6 Continue ahead with conifers on your L for 500yds until you reach stile in fence on your R (SD654404). Cross stile and descend through 2 fields & trees to emerge at entrance to Dutton Doghouse. Follow road downhill for 500yds to T jct. Turn L along road and in 300yds take FP on R (ignoring earlier concession path sooner not shown on OS map). Cross field diagonally (B130) to stile in fence just beyond some small trees in a hollow. Over and ahead in same direction over brow of hill to ladder stile (if daylight, aim for gap in trees). Over stile and cross field (B090 but swinging slightly L) for 350yds to metal gate and stile.(SD667391)

11.7 Ahead, deer fence on R initially, for 700yds to reach Greengore. Ahead for 200yds (ignore path on L after 70yds) to small parking area. Main path bears R. Leave main path and fork L keeping wall on your L on bridleway (not signed) through trees. In 500yds path descends

to bridge over stream. Turn R and ahead with stream on your R keeping to main path (ignore minor paths on your R) for a quarter of a mile and path bends L to reach road. (SD684382)

11.8 Turn R to reach checkpoint in village hall on L before you reach Bayley Arms. (SD684382)

CP11 Hurst Green Memorial Hall

Open Sunday 6.30am Close 10.15pm

SD 684382 76.4 Miles, 9973 ft ascent

Stage 12 Hurst Green – Mellor Brook 8.3miles, 551ft

12.1 Leave checkpoint and return to road. Go L and pass Bayley Arms. In 350yds reach war memorial on your L. Pass & reach T junction with Shireburn Arms directly opposite. Turn R and immediately after pub go L down bridleway sign posted Lambing Clough Lane. (SD685379)

12.2 Follow tarmac bridleway for quarter mile and leave tarmac as it bears L into Lambing Clough Farm. Ahead on good track for a further half mile crossing 3 cattle grids to reach Clough House Farm. You are now on the Ribble Way and will remain so for the next 2 miles. Pass through farmyard. Shortly after this the track bears R (ignore FP alongside wood directly ahead – if you shortly reach bridge you have gone wrong way) uphill to field. Across field (B280)

passing large tree. At gates pass Ribble Way sign with fence on L to further gate with stile on L. AH to further gate (stile 5yds to R) and then ahead with hedge on your L and descend to footbridge. (SD681367)

- 12.3 Cross footbridge and across field to corner (B280) to gate in top corner (if dark follow fence on your R to gate in corner). Through gate and turn R at farm road and in 10yds go L through gate (do not cross cattle grid). Go half L across field (B205) to gate. Continue in same direction across next field (you may have to veer L to avoid some marshy ground). At gate veer R following Ribble Way sign uphill (B240). At fence corner rejoin fence and descend towards river with fence on R to reach stile waymarked Ribble Way. (SD674362)
- 12.4 Into woods with river on your L. There are several trods to follow but all lead in same general direction. In 400yds, shortly after river takes a L hand turn reach and cross footbridge to ladder stile. Cross and river soon reappears on your L. After 650yds reach Dewhurst House Farm. At end of wooden fence turn R (fence still on R) to reach farm road. Turn L and follow to Ribchester Bridge. (SD662357)
- 12.5 Leave Ribble Way at this point and turn L over bridge. **PROCEED WITH CARE OVER**

THE BRIDGE, THERE IS NO FOOTPATH.

At end of bridge follow B6245 as it turns R towards Blackburn. 20 yds after Ribchester bridge turn L (SD662355) on drive into housing development, past parking area on the L and follow the FP sign as the track turns R behind the houses (De Tabley Barn). Take FP (sign posted) on L in 30 yds. Up side of field, fence on L to stile 40yds R of field corner. Straight ahead (B 130) through 2 fields via stiles, to reach FB to R of large tree (SD 666351)

- 12.6 Cross footbridge then straight ahead up hill (B 140). Follow faint path and as it levels out and keep 50 yds L of wood heading towards lone tree. Straight ahead (B 160) to stile in deer fence with half gate on top. Straight ahead 100 yds to similar stile in deer fence. Bear R (B150) across field to stile R of metal gate and 50 yds L of field corner by a large tree. Ahead on enclosed path to enter farm yard. Pass the buildings on the L and continue along the farm track to reach a white house (Packgate Fold) and follow the track round to the right to reach lamp post on R near end of row of cottages on R. (SD 675341) (If you reach the main road, you've gone too far!)

SELF CLIP D On Lamp Post (SD 675341)

- 12.7 Turn R at lamp post , (Goose Hillock Cottage to your L) to pass Apple Cottage to

your R Follow the track down and over a bridge and round the grounds of a house (Bolton Hall) to the right. After ¼ mile, when the track turns R into a drive, continue ahead on grass track to reach metal gate. (SD 670340)

12.8 At metal gate over stile and keep fence on R (ignore stile on R). Continue ahead to reach 2 stiles. Take stile on L, fence on R (again ignore stile on R). At end of fence bear R (B 250) to pass back of white house. At horse chestnut tree turn L through metal gate and along enclosed path with side of house now on L. Ahead to small stile in L corner of hedge by the house wall. After crossing stile you will come out on the verge of a BUSY ROAD with a small stone pillar in front of you. (SD 667337)

12.9 Cross road (WITH CARE) turn R and in 130 yds as the road bends R take second turning on the L by chevrons to continue AH on track at Eden Hall Lodge. In 150yds pass Coach House on your R. In another 200yds pass entrance to a farm. Continue AH passing rusty farm machinery on your R. Just after the second (green) machine, where main track turns sharp R, go L along unmarked FP for 200yds to reach gate. Bear R and continue AH for further 100yds to metal gate at entrance to Mire Fold Farm. Go immediately R & in 20yds

through gate. AH to further gate and stile. Over and turn R along fence on R. Cross further stile & cross field (B280). Maintain B280 bearing passing through a field with trees on both sides using a lone tree in a hollow AH as a direction indicator, passing to R of it. From tree, B280 into trees and then for 100yds to reach stile. Over and descend on B280 shortly with fence on R to reach FB on L of path to cross stream. (SD 653332). Cross FB and ascend to R before swinging L uphill to pass between stone gateposts. Continue along enclosed path, ignoring kissing gate on your R, to reach private road at entrance to Oxendale Hall. Go through green metal gate. Ahead on road ignoring L & R turns to reach Park Gate and junction with Osbaldeston Lane. (SD646331)

12.10 Continue ahead and in 50yds where road bends R, take FP on your L. Across field (B250) to stile and continue in same direction to stile to R of hedge corner. Over and ahead with hedge on L. On reaching stile on L in field corner, cross and immediately over footbridge. Turn L (ignore stile on R). Keep hedge on your L passing pool. Path bears R with hedge and in 150yds, halfway up field, take stile on your L just before the trees. Ahead with hedges now on your R for 4 fields to cross footbridge. Cross field

(B210) to road. (SD641320). Cross road to FP opposite. Ignore direction markers (they are wrong!) and ahead with trees on your R for 2 fields. Cross third field (B220) passing pond on your R and cross fourth field with trees again on your R. Cross stile and turn L through gate and in 200yds reach road. (SD640316). Turn R and follow for 300yds going under A59 to reach a T junction in Mellor Brook village. Turn R and checkpoint is 10yds on R (SD641313)

CP12 Mellor Brook Community Centre
Open Sun 8.45am Close Monday 2.30am
SD 641313 84.7 Miles, 10524ft ascent

Stage 13 Mellor Brook – Hoghton, 5.1 miles, 618ft ascent

13.1 Leave checkpoint and turn R. At roundabout at Feilden's Arms go L along Branch Rd. Cross with care and follow this road for half mile to reach A677 at the Windmill. (SD641305). Cross using the pedestrian crossing and go L and then immediately R on signed path across a stile, a small wooden footbridge and a further stile to reach a large field. Cross field (B195) to a stile by an old bathtub which is just to the L of a newish metal gate. Over stile, up enclosed path to reach stone stile and road. (SD640301)

13.2 R along road initially passing Old

Doozeys. Stay on road, as it swings first L and then R, for two thirds of a mile passing Cooks Farm (house) and 50yds after passing entrance to Raven's Wing Farm go L down enclosed FP (5yds before 2nd entrance to Fm). Over stile and follow wall on L. In 200yds wall bears L. Keep straight ahead in same direction to stile next to metal gate. Bear slightly R (B195) across next field to stile by metal gate. (Aim just to L of farm buildings). At farm track turn L and follow this straight track for quarter mile, where the track turns sharp R. (No public access beyond this point)(SD633284)

13.3 Leave the track here, AH through wooden gate (next to metal gate) and descend on good track for 200yds to bridge over river. Over bridge and ascend for quarter mile through trees and a wooden gate to reach property (Alum Scar) on your R. 20yds after entrance to property go R (large wall on your R) along road to pass in front of Close Farm with wall on L to stile. Over stile (following waymarks for WWW) and immediately through gateway on L. Follow (B250) downhill, passing marker post in a dip. Proceed on (B250) with gully developing on L to reach stile. Cross stile and down stone steps. Turn R and keeping wire fence on your R for

quarter mile you will eventually reach River Darwen. (SD629275)

13.4 Follow river for a short distance on clear path before river swings R. Ahead on clear path to reach a stile to L of farm building. Over stile, bend R in front of farm to reach further stile. Over and continue ahead (ignore path to L) to cross footbridge over river. Bear R at Bridge End Cottage and continue up road for 400yds to road junction. (SD626270)

13.5 Go L along Viaduct Rd and in 300yds, just after 2nd metal gate on R and farm on L, go through stile on R and uphill with fence on your L to cross further stile. Now a wall on your R which you will leave in 150yds to aim for stile (uphill). Over stile and ahead to kissing gate. Through and cross TK to KG for railway crossing. **CROSS RAILWAY WITH EXTREME CAUTION** to KG. Through and AH uphill on path to reach FP sign. AH with large wall on your L. Cross 3 stiles to emerge by some houses on your L. In another 100yds you reach approach road for Hoghton Tower. (Where King James 1st knighted the Loin of Beef 'Sir Loin' in 1617 whilst at a banquet in the Tower) (SD617262)

13.6 From here to the checkpoint note the route as you will retrace steps once refreshed.

13.7 Turn R along estate road for 300yds to reach A675. Turn R and in 400yds you will reach checkpoint on the L in Hoghton Village Hall just after Lane Side Farm. **CROSS WITH CARE TO REACH CP (SD613264)**

CP13 Hoghton Village Hall

Open Sun 10am Close Monday 4.45am

SD 613264 84.7 Miles, 11142ft ascent

Stage 14 Hoghton – Brinscall **4.5miles, 475ft ascent**

14.1 Turn R out of checkpoint and return to road (A675). Turn R and in 400yds turn L up drive toward Hoghton Tower. In 300yds at gate and fence do not proceed but turn R & go through metal kissing gate (slightly hidden but to L of wooden gate) and go uphill keeping trees on your L. At gate with stile on R continue into trees on wide track to further gate with stile on the R. (SD618260). Ahead across 2 fields (B150) to field corner (2 prominent trees). Over stile to L of metal gate to reach Green Lane Farm and ahead to Royal Oak pub at Riley Green on A6061. (SD622255)

14.2 Cross road (Care) and turn R for a few yards to reach junction with A675. Go L along Bolton Rd (A675), path on R. In approx ¼ mile with dilapidated building on L, cross road and descend down footpath to the

Leeds/Liverpool canal. On reaching canal turn sharp R (canal on your L) & pass under bridges 91 a, 91 aa (M65) & 91. Leave canal at stile immediately after bridge 90 (Ollerton Bridge No 2 on map) (SD616241)

14.3 Double back over bridge 90, over stone stile and ascend in narrow field to cross stone bridge. Follow fence on R uphill to reach stile to L of metal gate. Cross and go half left and cross track to gap stile in the wall. Straight ahead to stile on the L. Ahead for 100yds and when road bears R at Heathfield, take path directly ahead through gate. Follow well marked path through field passing standing stone to further stile. Cross and aim for R of pile of stones (B105) to footbridge. Cross and bear R (B140) to gap in hedge and stile. Ahead and in same direction to fence corner. Continue with fence on your R to reach road (A674). (SD625236)

14.4 Cross road and L for 20yds and turn R into Bury Lane. Follow for 750yds passing Withnell House then Astley Hall where the footpath changes to the left side to reach farm track for Crossfields. Turn R and follow track for a quarter mile. Just before farm go L (stile and gate to R of metal gates) up to further metal gate. Go ahead ignoring footpath to L and through another metal gate. Cross field (B225) to

corner. Over and ahead for 600yds crossing 4 fields to reach farm (The Shippon). Ahead on track passing farm on your R to reach track junction. Ahead on lesser track behind houses (major track goes R) to reach a road on a housing estate in a further 100yds. (SD624219)

14.5 Go L and in 50yds go R down track between houses. Cross a further road and continue downhill. Track eventually becomes a road and this is followed downhill to reach Brinscall Post Office on your R at junction. Turn L and in 100yds pass Lodge Bank on your R. Continue with main road for a further 100yds and where main road turns sharp L continue on minor road ahead. Take first road on your L (Quarry Road) and checkpoint is in church hall on your R in 100yds. (SD629214)

CP14 Brinscall St Luke's Church Hall
Open Sun 11am Close Monday 6.45am
SD 629214 94.3 Miles, 11617 ft Ascent

Stage 15 Brinscall – Anderton Centre **6.3miles, 545ft ascent**

15.1 Leave CP, turn L and at end of Quarry Road turn R. In 20yds pass GIVE WAY sign then immediately turn L through a stone arch gateway (with butterflies carved on it). (Note: From here simply follow the concession path all the way to the road

SD616179.) Follow a good path through playground and past a small lake on your R to reach kissing gate at bridge. Pass through and straight over TK passing through gap stile (No Cycling). Now with river (Goit) on your L, continue on good path. In ¼ mile pass through 2 kissing gates to cross track at bridge. Pass small lake on R to reach kissing gate at bridge. Through and cross TK and L through kissing gate to stay on concession path and AH for ¼ mile to reach cricket pitch at White Coppice. Through gates and continue AH on broad TK to reach road. (SD616179)

- 15.2 Turn L and in 50yds turn R off road & pass through kissing gate into woods. After 30yds cross footbridge and fork L soon climbing steps. Fence and edge of wood soon appear on L. 50yds after crossing duckboards, go through kissing gate and leave woods. Follow obvious path to reach footbridge and in a further 150yds re-enter woods. Continue ahead on main path and ignore path to left in 150yds. (SD618171)
- 15.3 Ahead to gate with kissing gate on L to reach High Bullough Reservoir. Ahead and then turn L with reservoir on your L to reach road. The road descends and bends sharply L. Continue on road ignoring FP ahead, and you will soon have Anglezarke

reservoir on your R. Stay on road for half mile and ignore any L turns to emerge through metal squeeze stile and car park barriers and continue in same direction to reach road in 50yds. Turn R (in reality straight ahead) **WITH CARE** to next road junction with triangular traffic island. (SD622160)

15.4 Turn R (reservoir on R) and follow road on footpath for 500yds to sharp R bend. Stay on FP to cross the dam between Anglezarke and Upper Rivington reservoirs. At the end of the dam cross road (**WITH CARE**) and take tarmac track on L by building (No Through Road). In ¼ mile pass 'The Street' and keep AH on track with reservoir on L, ignoring all junctions to R to pass through woods and emerge on road. (Horrobin Lane) (SD 621142)

15.5 Cross road (**WITH CARE**) and turn R. (**DO NOT BE TEMPTED TO RETURN USING THE ROUTE AT THE START - THIS IS PRIVATE**). In ½ mile reach T jct and turn L (signposted Horwich) for 500yds until you reach the Anderton Centre on your L. Follow signs to the finish. (SD 621137)

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

End — Anderton Centre SD 621137

Open Sun 12.30pm Close Monday 10am

100.6 Miles

12162 ft Ascent
