**Hannington Hike**

**Short route**

TR = turn right, TL = turn left, L=left, R=right, FB=footbridge, BW= bridleway, FP=footpath, CONT=continue, AH=ahead, X=cross, THRU=through, KG=kissing gate, WM=waymarker, TK=track, SLOT=same line of travel, CB xxx=compass bearing xxx, Mts=metres, Km=Kilometres, ST=stile,

**Start: Wellingborough Grammarians Memorial Sports Field GR: SP 856 690**

**A1:** From rear of clubhouse AH up bank alongside of football pitch, AH to small pond. Pass to the right of pond, AH ditch on L, at end of ditch ½ L to trees, AH THRU trees to BW, TR on enclosedBW. AH with ditch/hedge on left for 450 Mts to reach road. (GR 859 697) X road to BW opposite, AH with hedge on L, when hedge ends AH between two fields for 330 Mts (GR 862 699)

**A2**: TL with ditch initially on L AH for 2 Km, to double metal farm gates, pass to L of gate, TL to road (GR 877 710) X road (with care), TL and in 40 Mts TR onto FP. Follow FP (CB 338) X field to X FB, THRU wooden gate AH with hedge on L/wire fence on R, pass THRU small wooden gate onto enclosed path, AH to gravel track, AH to Main Street in Little Harrowden. (GR 872 712).

**A3:** X road (with care) TL and in 30Mts TR into School Lane, THRU squeezer ST to L of metal gate, AH to wooden gate with school on R, pass THRU gate and with metal fence on both side AH to wooden gate. DO NOT go through gate but TR with school on your R, AH to wooden gate, THRU gate TL onto enclosed path to X wooden FB at bottom. (GR 870 721)

**A4:** X field (CB 330 (aiming for barns AH hidden to start), pass to the R of barns, X wooden FB to road. Bear R to X wooden FB, with hedge on your R AH for 430 Mts to WM, TR THRU gap in hedge, TL with hedge on your L AH 350 Mts to WM as hedge turns L, bear R (CB 346 aim for church hidden to start) X field to WM by trees, THRU trees, X stream AH uphill along enclosed TK to road. (GR 859 737).

**A5:** TR and walk on R side of road into Pytchley and in 800 Mts TL into Butcher’s Lane. Follow Butchers Lane to pass the school on R, at end of lane fork L onto High Street (no sign), follow High Street for 60 Mts, TR to NO THROUGH Sign AH up Top End. At barns THRU wooden gate bear R THRU farm yard to BW sign (Broughton 1½). (GR 856 748) TR to follow BW for 1KM to pass to L of metal gate and AH on distinct path (CB 320) to hedge line. BL, AH with hedge/trees on R, in 500 Mts ignore 1st gap on R to take 2nd gap into spinney, THRU trees X wooden FB, up bank to BW sign under powerlines. TL on BW, AH for 320 Mts to pylon, AH to road passing Pocket Park on your L, X RD to pass THRU yellow gate to Broughton Village Hall

**BROUGHTON CHECKPOINT**

**6.3 MILES (10.21 Km) GR 838 758 OPEN 9.45 CLOSE 13.15**

**A6:** Leave checkpoint via yellow gate, TR down Gate Lane.

**LONG AND MIDDLE ROUTES CONTINUE DOWN GATE LANE**

**S27:** At junction TL along Church Street, ignore all turns left and right to reach junction with Northampton Road. With Red Lion pub on your right TL onto Northampton Road, CONT for 750 Mts to FP sign on your L, (GR 831 751). X stile to L of green metal gate, (CB 130) X field to meet hedge, at hedge CONT for 400 Mts hedge on L to X stile (hidden and broken) in hedge on L. TR down right-hand field edge to X FB, CONT with hedge on your R to X stile in field corner. X FB, X stile, up bank to TR for 50 Mts to pass THRU gap in hedge X field (CB 201) to FP sign at road. (GR 833 740).

**S28:** X road to CONT on drive to Top Lodge, ½ R across farm yard to WM. TL pass green/white barrier and CONT for 400 metres to WM on tree. TR (CB 247) X field to tree on other side, X next field (CB 196), X field to abandoned farm. BL with farm on your R CONT for 30 Mts to WM, TL (CB 146) X field to gap in hedge. THRU gap (CB 158) X field towards hedge corner. THRU large gap at hedge corner (WM) TL with hedge on L follow to wood passing THRU 2 gates, TR with path and AH with wood on L CONT around on path to gates. **GR 831 718**

**S29:** Pass THRU small wooden gate to R of metal gate and X road (with care) TL, AH for 1.1 Km to BW sign on R. TR THRU gate and AH across field (CB 196) to wooden FB, X FB, TR to corner of field, TL and with hedge on R AH up field for 330 Mts to WM, TL.

**LONG AND MIDDLE ROUTES JOIN HERE**

**A24:** X field (CB 083) to tree line. At WM AH with hedge on your R to pass THRU gap in field corner, AH with hedge on R, after 540Mts THRU gap in hedge, AH for another 450 Mts to WM, TR X wooden FB, X field (CB 180) to X wooden FB in field, TR for 30 Mts then TL THRU crop on tractor tracks (initially hard to see/find, X field (CB 192). At WM X field to double metal at RD in Hardwick (GR 852 701). THRU gates bear R on RD to village green, fork R along RD, in 30 Mts TL into lane, pass NO THROUGH sign AH to gate, AH THRU single metal gate to R of large metal gate.

**A25:** At FP sign, go AH for a few Mts then TR to pass behind rusty railway goods wagon, TL to X field, X wooden FB, AH X next field. to X ST in corner, TL follow field edge to double metal farm gates on L. THRU single gate AH of you and with hedge on your L AH for 2 fields to road.

**A26;** TL, WITH GREAT CARE X to other side when safe to do so, in 120 Mts at BW sign (just before corner). TR onto enclosed path and in 50 Mts X ST on R to enter sports field. Bear L to pass in front of green portable cabins (cricket pavilions) to join gravel drive. Follow drive around sports field pass cricket square, then a rugby pitch on your R. AH following drive as it bends L to pass tennis courts on your R, at end of tennis courts TR, follow to end of tennis courts TR to pass in front of portable cabins, at end on cabins TL, AH to TR to finish

**14 MILES**