**Steppingley Step 20th November 2016 26 Mile Route** Updated 07/11/16

**Emergency number during event – 07775 296 585**

**NEW ROUTE FOR 2016 – BEWARE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CHANGES FROM 2013 VERSION**

Abbreviations: **L** = Left, **R** = Right, **TL** = Turn Left, **TR** = Turn Right,  **BL** = Bear Left,

**BR** = Bear Right, **AH** = Ahead, **X** = Cross, **thru** = through,

immed = immediately, FP = footpath, BW = bridleway, KG = kissing gate,

WM = waymark post, FB = footbridge , RD = road, jnt = junction, trk = track,

encl = enclosed

CW = Chiltern Way, JBT = John Bunyan Trail, TMHT = Two Moors Heritage trail.

GRW = Greensand Ridge Walk, MVTT = Marston Vale Timberland Trail, CP = checkpoint,

m = metres, KM = kilometres,

CB:320 = compass bearing 320

Each paragraph starts with distance (0.5M) in miles and a six figure grid reference.

**0.0M** TL 082 306 **Barton Village Hall**

Leave Barton Village Hallsite and **TR** on pavement. At NO ENTRY RD signs **BR** to pass the Café Goa on R. At mini roundabout **X** RD and **AH** into Sharpenhoe Road. Follow RD for 500m to 40mph sign, **TR** down steps.

**0.5M** TL 076 307 **BR** to culvert and **BL** with stream on R. In 30m enter field and immed **½L** (CB:300) **X** field to WM at drive. **X** drive to go **thru** KG. **BR** (CB:280) pass tree to KG in corner, **thru**. **AH** on narrow path, over cross trk, to field. **X** field (CB:240) aiming just L of 4th electric pole to WM at FB. **X** FB and **TR** on encl trk to main RD.

**1.1M** TL 067 306 **TR** on grass verge, **X** RD when safe*.* 80m after speed restriction sign, at FP sign(CW), **TL** uphill. At WM in corner **AH** to climb steps. At Yjnt (steps to L) **BR** to WM(CW) at fence**.**  Skirt woods on narrow path with wire fence on R. In 300m **AH** with open area on L to meet grass trk from L. **AH** 20m to WM(CW/JBT) where **TR** down steps. Follow path until WM (CW/JBT) at Tjnt where **TR** on tarmac. **Thru** metal gate, then **thru** wooden gate to reach RD.

**2.0M** TL 065 295 **½L** **X** RD, climb steps and **thru** KG. **½L** (CB:180) **X** field to KG. **Thru** and **AH** to WM (JBT/CW). **AH** with wire fence on L. At end of fence **TR** and in 5m at WM (JBT/CW) **BL** on path thru woods. In 300m pass WM and in 30m **TR** (CB:20) down short then long flights of steps. In150m **X** trk, exit wood and enter field**.**

**2.6M** TL 061 292 **AH** hedge on R for 400m to reach and **X** FB on R. **AH** hedge on R for 250m to WM at gap/bridge on R. **X** bridge and immed **TL**. Hedge now on L for

1KM to WM at gap in hedge, **TL** to **X** FB and **TL** with hedge/stream on L. In 400m **X** FB to RD.

**3.9M** TL 046 303 **X** RD and pass gate. **AH** with hedge on R for 150m to WM at gap, **thru** gap, **TL,** hedge now on L. In 250m at field corner **TR**, hedge then trees on L. In 400m **thru** gate to road, **TL**. In 15m at FP sign **TL** ontoencl path**.** At end of encl path **TR** before rubbish bin/seats.

At next rubbish bin **BR** over FB. **X** RD into Lincoln Way opposite. At 2nd RD on L, Monmouth Road, **TL**. At Tjnt **TR** and in 60m, by house number 106, **X** RD.

**4.6M**  TL 040 309 Enter encl path by dog bin(JBT).

**You now follow the JBT until Steppingley**

At end of encl path, **AH** fence on R. At field corner **thru** barrier and immed **TL**. In 240m at WM go **thru** gap (JBT signs). **AH** with hedge on L. When hedge turns L at WM **BR** (CB:315) **X** field to WM. **Thru** gap in hedge and **AH** (CB:340) to meet hedge on R, **BL**. When hedge ends **AH** across field to WM, thru trees and at field **BL**. At metal fence **TR** to RD.

**5.9M**  TL 036 323 **TL** under railway bridge. **AH** to main RD. Using Pelican crossing on R, **X** into Church Road opposite. **AH** along Church Road. 10m after 2nd RD on L (The Pound) **TR** before Village Hall Car Park. **Thru** low concrete bollards and **BL** on grass. At RD **TL** on grass verge to reach CP 1 on L.

**6.3M**  TL 031 325 **CP 1 Westoning Village Hall**

**Opens 09.30 Closes 11.30**

Leave CP and **TL** on RD. Ignore all jnts on L. In 350m at end of RD, with white gate ahead, **TL** on concrete drive. In 100m **thru** KG onto encl trk. In 100m **AH** into encl grass path. At end **thru** KG and **TR** wire fence on R. In corner **X** stile and **AH** **thru** wooded area. **X** FB and **TL** with stream on L. **Thru** KG by metal gate. **AH** on L side of field to reach and go **thru** small gate. **AH,** **thru** gate (may be open), **thru** farm and **AH** on lane to go **thru** KG on R to RD.

**7.9M** TL 018 335 **X** RD and stile opposite. **AH** fence on L to stile in corner. **X** stile and **½L** over trk to **X** another stile. Go **½L**(CB:320) up field to stile in far corner. **X** stile and **TL** hedge on L. Follow WMs around field to encl trk. In 175m at FP/BW sign **TR**. At lane **TL**. In 400m **TR** and **TL** with lane. In 50m just before cream house **TL** up steps and **thru** KG. Follow obvious path(CB:340) to next KG, **thru** and **X** parking area to RD. **X** RD with care and **TR**. In 40m **TL** onto Rectory RD.

**This is Steppingley - You are now leaving the JBT**

***Do not follow 18 mile route which goes AH here.***

**8.8M** TL 010 353 Follow minor RD for 800m to Tjnt, **TR**. When RD become byway keep **AH**. In 700m pass metal barrier. In 1.1KM, **TR** to pass black metal barrier onto new BW (not on older maps). In 80m pass WM. Follow BW WMs **thru** wood for 1.2KM. Exit wood and follow tall green metal fence on R. Pass entrance gate and in 100m **BL** between banks of new tress. On reaching wooden fence **TL** and follow fence to Pelican crossing.

**11.8M** TL 014 380 Using pelican crossing **X** road. **TL** along grass verge. In 75m pass BW on R. In 100m at FP sign **TR**. In 400m **X** boardwalk and **AH** to RD, **TL**. In 80m, at end of path, **X** RD to other side. In 20m at FP sign (GRW) **TR** onto encl FP. **Thru** metal barrier and at top of hill **BR** on trk. In 250m over cross trk. At WM (GRW), by entrance to Dellfield Farm, **AH** on encl path. In 300m at WM (GRW) **TL.** At end of encl path **TR** up steps and follow path **thru** woods. Exit woods **thru** KG. **X** field (CB:95) to **X** FB, **Thru** KG and enter Ampthill Park.

**12.9M** TL 021 383 **AH** uphill. **BR** (CB:90) over path and **cont** uphill to WM(JBT/MVTT). **AH** over second path to pass seat, monument off to R and then beacon (now just post). In 300m at green bin **AH** (CB:110). Pass WM off to L and then 2nd WM. **AH** to join path from L at cottage. In 15m at WM(MVTT) **BR** into wood. In 100m **thru** gate onto encl path. At end **AH** on RD. In 80m **TR** into Park Hill. At Tjnt **X** RD using zebra crossing and **TR**. In 150m immed before telegraph pole **TL** to CP 2

**13.8M**  TL 031 381 **CP 2 Parkside Hall**

**Opens 11.00 Closes 13.30**

Return to RD and **TR**. In 145m at green bin **BR** and in 15m **TR** thru small gate onto tree lined avenue. In 500m at WM **TR** on BW, playing fields on R. In 300m at Y jnt **BL**. At Tjnt **TL** (CB:210) uphill on sandy trk. In 400m at WM **AH**. In 80m at Y jnt **BR**. Follow path to FP sign at RD. **X** RD and **BR** into Meadow Way. At end **AH** on encl FP. At RD **BR** to encl FP between houses no 75 and 88. At RD **TL**. At Tjnt (Tavistock Ave) **TR**. At end **TL** on encl tarmac path. In 40m at FP sign (Steppingley 1 ¾) **BR**.

**You now follow the Red Route until Steppingley Road**

**X** estate Rd and **AH** hedge on R. At WM in corner **TR** thru KG.

**15.2M**  TL 026 369 **X** RD with EXTREME CARE to encl FP. **TL** and at WM **TR**. **AH** to **X** FB and reach RD. **AH** to Tjnt, **TR**. In 50m, at WM on R, **TL** and **X** bridge over railway. **TR** and **thru** gate. **AH** following WMs, with field boundary on R, for 800m to RD. **TL** and at end of white railings on R, **TR** (broken FP sign). **X** FB and **BL** X field (CB:220) to WM at high bank. Follow bank and in 80m **BL** (CB:220) away from bank along edge of ploughed area towards WM. **X** FB and **TL** on trk. **AH** for 600m with hedge on R to BW/FP sign in corner.

***18 mile route rejoins here.***

**16.7M**  TL 012 354 **TL** (Flitwick 1¾) on BW with hedge on R. In 300m reach RD where **X** and **TR** on grass bank. In 130m at BW sign **TL**. In 250m at WM **TL** (JBT) on trk. In 700m at WM **TR**(JBT)between fields(CB:135). At Tjnt **TL** on wide path for 300m to RD.

**End of Red Route**

**X** with care into Windmill Road opposite. In 280m, immed after shop, **TR** into Chapel Road. In 120m **TL** into The Thinnings. **AH** under railway on cycle trk to reach main RD.

**18.4M** TL 031 355 **X** RD and **TR**. In 50m with HAINES/WATTS on corner **TL** into The Ridgeway. At Catherine Rd on R **BL** on unmettled RD. At end, at WM, **AH** on BW. In 350m, at low WM on R, **AH** to RD.

**19.3M** TL 043 361 **X** RD and **AH** along trk. At Ruxox farm **BR** with trk. In 150m **TL** with trk. In 100m at WM/Notice Board **TR** still on trk. In 350m at WM(TMHT) **AH** with hedge on R. In corner **TL** and **AH** 20m to pass FB on R*.*

**AH** for 330m with river on R to reach low WM. **AH** now with ditch on L. Path becomes concrete. At WM by bench, **AH** to **X** concrete bridge and in 15m at next WM **TR and X** another concrete bridge. In 50m **thru** KGand **AH** on lane. In 220m at Tjnt **TR** into CP 3

**20.5M**  TL 059 358 **CP 3 Flitton Church Hall**

**Opens 11.30 Closes 16.30**

Leave CP and **TL** to pass pub. In 30m at FP sign **TL** thru gate(TMHT) onto encl path. At end **thru** KG and **BR** to KG near field corner. **Thru**, **X** FB and **TL** with hedge/ditch on L. In 300m at WM **X** field(CB:220) to WM by KG. **Thru** KG, **X** FB and **TL**.

In 75m **TR** **thru** KG (TMHT). In 100m **X** FB, **thru** KG(TMHT), then **BL** along L side of field, **thru** 2 more KGs and in 180m reach large bridge by WM where **TL.** **AH** on trk to RD

**21.7M** TL 051 347 **X** RD and **TL**. In 100m at FP sign **TR** to **X** stone stile. **AH** on encl path. At end **thru** KG and **TR**. In corner **X** FB, then follow wire fence on L to KG on L just before field gate. **Thru** KG and **X** field(CB:135). At top of field by WM **TR**, fence on L. In 180m at WM **BL** and **BR** still following fence.

**AH** to pass WM and go **thru** hedge. **BL** uphill **X** field(CB:120). In corner of field **thru** gate to RD where **TR**. At Tjnt **TR** and in 300m **TL** into Blackhill Lane.

***12 mile route rejoins here***

Pass to L of barrier and follow main trk as it turns L downhill. At trk Tjnt **AH** thru KG and **X** field to go **thru** 2nd KG. Pass buildings on R and **thru** gate on trk. In 1.1Km at WM and low parish stone on R, **TR** over FB.

**24.1M**  TL 074 325 **X** field (CB:140) to WM on far side. **AH** to **X** FB and **TR**. In 200m pass FP on L and **AH** 170m to RD. **TR** on pavement.

**24.8M**  TL 076 316 In 70m **X** road to FP sign and **thru** gap in hedge, **X** bridge, **thru** barrier. **X** field (CB:200) to WM, **thru** trees, **X** FB to field. **AH** with hedge on R. In corner **TL** with hedge on R. In 250m, at corner ,**TR** on gravel path. In 200m **TL** over FB and **TR**. In 180m at WM **TR** and in 10m **TL** up steps to RD

**25.6M**  TL 076 307 **TL** on pavement over bridge and in 500m at mini roundabout **X** RD. **TR** and **BL** into one way street. Follow pavement as it BL and in 30m **TL** to Barton Village Hall and finish. **WELL DONE**

**BARTON VILLAGE HALL Total 26.1 miles**