

Abbreviations: **L** = Left, **R** = Right, **TL** = Turn Left, **TR** = Turn Right, **AH** = Ahead, **X** = Cross, **Thru** = through, Immed = immediately, FP = Footpath, BW = Bridleway, KG = Kissing Gate, FB = footbridge, WP = Waymark Post, Junc = junction, CW = Chiltern Way, IW = Icknield Way, JBT = John Bunyan Trail, CB:320 = Compass Bearing 320, GR = Grid Reference, **M** = miles, m = metres. Each paragraph starts with distance (0.6M) then next number is 6 figure grid reference.

**Start – Barton Village Hall: GR: TL 082 306**

Leave Barton Village Hall site & **TR** on pavement and soon **bear R** at NO ENTRY road signs to pass the Café Goa on R. At mini roundabout **X road with care** & **AH** into Sharpenhoe Road on R hand pavement.

Continue for 500m, over the bridge with A6 Dual Carriageway below.

15m beyond 40 sign **X road with care** to FP sign on opposite side.

Descend steps & at bottom **TL**, & then follow track round to **R**.

**0.6M** 075 306 At WP by open area **bear L** with path to follow permissive path waymarks. Immed **bear R** on track between trees for 200m to WP. **AH** on path, with ditch on R & steep bank on L, for 450m. On reaching barrier & road **T sharp R** (*not tarmac path*) to continue on permissive path **thru** trees - later with fence on R. In 450m, at end of fence, **AH** into scrubby area with ditch on R.

On reaching open steep bank on L, **AH** with ditch on R for 110m.

At WP with permissive path sign **TR, X FB** & **thru** KG.

**1.4M** 075 294 **AH X** field (CB:320) to KG on hillside. **Thru** KG & **AH** up steps to follow path up 2<sup>nd</sup> set of steps where **bear R** on path. In 120m **bear L** up 3<sup>rd</sup> set of steps & **AH** up steps & **thru** KG. **AH** up field edge to KG. **Thru** KG & **bear R** on path between fence/hedges. At WP **TL** before gap & **AH** uphill with hedge on R.

In 450m go **thru** gate & **X road with care**.

**2.1M** 066 293 Go **thru** KG & **AH** on track. In 75m, with WP on L, **bear L** on track between fence & trees. In 250m at path junc (with wooden gate AH) **bear R** by WP & then **bear L thru** trees. In 250m, after short descent, pass WP on L, ignore L fork, & **AH** to T-junc at WP with CW disc. **TR** down 4 of 6 steps & **fork L** (*do not continue down path to R*) on winding path **thru** trees, with steep bank on R.

In 160m, near crest of slope, reach X path. [This is Sundon Hills Country Park.]

Here **TR** with WP on L (JBT), down path **thru** trees.

Keep **AH** down L of open area & **AH** down steps.

**2.7M** 058 292 At X path, with gate AH, (*do not go thru gate*) but **TL** (JBT) on enclosed path. **AH** for 600m, passing butterfly marker post on R, to KG beside field gate. **Thru** KG & **AH** to immed **fork L** uphill away from hedge on R.

**Bear L** on ridge uphill, passing seat on L, to KG. **Thru** KG & **AH** with fence on R.

Continue over brow of hill, following fence, to **bear L** with coomb edge on R.

***Other routes bear right here – do not follow.***

**3.4M** 051 287 At top end of comb, with yellow bowser to R, **bear ½R** up to WP at fence AH - in front of tallest tree. Here **TR** with fence on L, to next (multicoloured) WP.

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30m beyond WP **bear R** (CB:290) away from fence, down into dip, & head for KG in middle of fence. **Thru** KG & **bear R**, away from fence, to WP between 2 KG's.  
**Thru L** hand KG to road.

**3.7M** 046 286 **X road with great care**, & **TR** on verge to track. **TL thru** gap beside gate (IW&CW) & **bear L** up field with hedge on L. In 450m at field corner **AH thru** L hand gap to pass end of fence on L. **AH** (CB:200) down grassy slope to join obvious path from R & go **thru** gap beside gate at WP.

***Other routes join from right here.***

**4.1M** 043 281 **TL** on track, becoming enclosed, for 400m to road. **X road with care** & **TL** on pavement. Pass post box, & at road junction **TR** on pavement – signed **Streatley**. In 70m **TL** & **X road with care**, to checkpoint.

**CP1 Sundon Village Hall**  
**Opens 9:00**

**GR: TL 048 278**  
**Closes 13:00**

**4.6 miles**

Leave checkpoint & **return** to road (over grass in **L** corner of car park) where **TL** on pavement. At end of pavement **TR**, **X road with care** & down drive, to pass front of White Hart pub, to FP sign. At sign **bear R** to go **thru** gap on L of garages. **Thru** KG & **AH** for 80m to go **thru** gap in fence. At WP on L, **AH** up field (CB:260) to just R of power pole, then **slightly R** to field corner. **AH thru** gap & **thru** KG, then **TR** & **L** on pavement. Pass garages on L & **AH** on pavement to lamp-post, then between tree on L & sign (**Church Road**) on R. **AH thru** alley between houses to road.

**5.1M** 045 275 **X road with care**, **thru** KG & **AH X** field (CB:230) to gap in hedge. **X** lane **1/2R** & at FP sign up steps [*stop to admire view*] then descend steps into Sundon quarry. [Follow red/white tapes thru quarry as guide – but still read route.] At bottom of steps **fork R** & follow obvious path, curving **R** to path junction. At **X** path **TR** for 90m to next path junction (with fork **AH**) where **T sharp L**. In 20m **fork R** on minor path, with ponds below on R. **Take care round steep hole** on R, & on joining main path **bear R**. Approaching hedgeline **AH**, **bear R thru** gap with vertical drop on R; then **AH thru** gap in scrub to descend on gravelly path.

**5.6M** 040 272 At WP **fork R**, & at **X** track **TR** on stony track. **AH** for 100m to just before concrete blocks on L, where **TR** up grassy/chalky track. At wide **X** track **TL** & in 20m **TR** down minor track (steep descent) then **TL** at bottom. Keep **AH** where track joins from L (with very steep track on R) & **AH thru** grassy basin for 30m, where **fork L** (CB:300). Keep **AH** for 250m **thru** open areas, to reach base of orange cliff on R. Where track rises **AH**, **fork R** on grassy path between scrub. In 35m **bear R X** open area to far R corner & ascend concrete steps. **AH** onto tarmac where **TR** between posts to lane.

***12 mile route turns R here - do not follow.***

**6.0M** 036 277 Do not X lane, but **T sharp L** up bank by FP sign & **AH** on path **thru** trees. Up steps to **X** railway. At bottom of steps **AH X** open area & **bear R** between fences to **X** over M1. Ignore KG on R & **bear L** down concrete track. At bottom of track **T sharp R** to go around field edge, with fence on R. In 30m **bear L** on grassy track under power lines for 350m. Pass fenced pylon on R to **bear L** with track.

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In 160m **X** FB & **TL** to field corner, ignore FB at WP, & **TR**.  
**AH** along field edge for 150m to pass FB on L, & **AH** 150m to WP.

**6.9M 025 279** At WP **TL X** concrete bridge [*over infant river Flit*] to **bear R** (CB:290) **X** field, away from hedge on R. At **X** field path **AH** to FB. **X** FB, **thru** gate & **AH** with hedge on R to go **thru** gate to road. **X road ½R with care**, to FP sign & **thru** KG. **Bear** slightly **R X** field (CB:310) to WP to L of power pole. **Thru** gate & **AH** to WP (same CB) where **X** FB & **thru** gate. *Ignore gates on R & AH* & **TL** with hedge on L. **Bear** away from hedge (CB:230) to KG in hedge **AH** – 25m R of field corner. **Thru** KG & **X road with care** to **TR** on pavement for 60m.

**7.5M 016 279** Pass 1<sup>st</sup> FP sign & **TL thru** gate by 2<sup>nd</sup> sign (IW public BW). **AH** with hedge on L for 220m to **TR** in field corner. At WP **TL** over FB & **AH** for 100m to WP. **TL thru** gap in hedge & **TR** on FP between trees. In 90m [with Chalgrave parish sign on L] **X** FB & **AH** at 'No Bikes' sign. **AH X** field to R corner of barn & **AH** with farm buildings on L. At WP with fence **AH**, **bear L** for 15m & **TR** on track. **AH** on track for 180m to KG in fence on R.

**8.1M 015 271** **TR thru** KG & **AH** with fence on L. At field corner **thru** KG onto golf course (*beware flying golf balls as you cross several fairways*). **X** track & **AH** with wood on L. **X** end of next track & **AH** with trees on L. Follow yellow WPs carefully **X** golf course (CB:240) – passing clubhouse 40m on L. Pass between Pampas Grass on L & green on R, then lone tree on R. Pass between small trees to **X** drive. **Bear** slightly **R** to pass edge of 2 tees on L, then down fairway to **X** FB. **Bear R** up bank to go **thru** gap in scrub to L of power pole. After gap **bear** slightly **R** to WP & **AH** to gap in bank - with fence **AH**. **Bear R** in front of fence & **thru** KG to road.

**8.7M 007 267** **X road ½L with care (A5120)** to gap in hedge on L of FP sign. **Thru** gap & **TR**, with hedge on R, to **TL** at field corner. Pass WP & keep **AH** on grassy track, with ditch & hedge on R, to WP at gap between hedges. **Thru** gap & **TR** to field corner where **TL** for 150m to stile in hedge on R. **X** stile & FB & **TL** to corner, where **TR** to FB. **TL X** bridge & **TR** with hedge & ditch on R for 300m to WP at wide gap in hedge.

**9.5M 996 268** Ignoring path to R, keep **AH** with wood on R, towards gate. 10m before gate **bear L** up field edge path with hedge & road on R. In 270m at field corner **bear L** & in 10m **TR thru** gap at L of wooden gates. **Bear R** on drive to road. **X Chalgrave Road ½L with care** to corner & **X next road with care** & **TL** on pavement. Pass pond on R & follow pavement round to **R** to checkpoint.

**CP 2 Queens Head - Tebworth GR: SP 990 268 9.9 miles**  
**Opens 10.30 Closes 13.30**

***Do not follow long route which goes opposite from CP.***

From CP continue down **The Lane** to pass grass triangle on L. Keep **AH** along lane for 400m to FP sign on R by power pole. **TR X** FB, **thru** KG & **AH X** field, with hedge on R & power lines to L. Where hedge bears L at KG, before pylon, **TL** (CB:340) **X** field, to metal gate to L of barns.

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**10.4M 988 274** **Thru** gate & **AH** over cattle grid, & **AH** on tarmac track. In 80m **bear L** off track to **X** stile, FB & stile. **TR** in field with hedge on R to **X** FB with barriers each end. **AH X** field to WP & continue **AH** with ditch & hedge on L to field corner. **X** FB & **AH X** field (CB:340) to gap in hedge by WP. **AH X** next field, to pass hedge on R, to WP at gap in corner. [*Exiting Chalgrave parish.*] **Bear ½R** (CB:20), towards copse on horizon, on path **thru** crops for 120m to X path - 1/3<sup>rd</sup> way across field.

**11.0M 987 283** At X path **bear R** (CB:80) to follow line of path **thru** crops **AH**, aiming for wide gap **AH**, (with phone mast on horizon to R). At WP **AH X** grass & **TL** on track & in 80m **TR** up field edge with hedge on L. In 150m **TL thru** gap in hedge **X** ditch, & **TR** with hedge on R. In 350m **TR X** FB **thru** KG & under tree. **Bear L** with fence on L & **thru** further KG beyond power pole. **X** FB, **thru** KG & **AH** with fence on R. At fence corner keep **AH X** field (CB:50) to KG, in middle of hedge - in front of L hand barn. **Thru** KG, under electric wire, & **AH thru** paddock (CB:50). Pass spoil heap on R, to KG in R corner. Pass under electric wire & **thru** KG to **bear L & R** on farm track & **TL** between bales to WP & KG. **Thru** KG & **AH X** field (CB:50) (ignoring 2 KG's in fence on R) to WP by KG in far R corner.

**12.1M 004 289** **TR thru** KG & **AH** on enclosed FP. At junction **TL thru** barriers on tarmac path. **X** road ½**L** & **AH** along **Cheney Close**. At end of close ½**L** on enclosed path, between school fields, & at junction keep **AH** to road. **TL & TR X** road at crossing, & **TL** on pavement to village green. **X** end of 2 roads onto green & **bear R** to pass seat on L & **Toddington** sign on R. **X main road with care** at wheelchair crossing point & **bear L X** green, with church on L, to corner of **Oddfellows Arms**.

**12.5M 010 288** At L of pub, **bear R** down lane (Conger Lane) for 25m. [*Note Long Distance FP sign AH on R at rear entrance to library.*] Immed past Griffin Farm sign on L, **TL thru** iron KG at FP sign. **AH** with wall on L & grassy mound on R (Conger Hill) & **AH thru** gate. At WP **bear R**, still with hill & moat on R, to pass between stables on L & fence on R. **AH** to WP by lamp post where **TL** along track with hedge on L & paddocks on R. **TR** in front of gate & **AH** between fences – later hedge on L. At WP (IW) **TL thru** trees & over FB. **AH X** 2<sup>nd</sup> FB & **thru** KG's downhill on enclosed path – **beware of fallen trees**. Exit **thru** KG & **AH** in open field, with hedge on L, for 300m & pass beside KG to road.

**13.3M 020 292** **X road with care** (B530) & **thru** KG. **AH** with fence on R, & wildlife garden on L, to KG. **Thru** KG, **X** FB & **TL** on track. In 150m **TR** on road. **AH** under power lines & over M1 [*note plaque on L of bridge to Bedford Civil Engineering Society*] to **fork L** – signed **Old Park Farm**. At BW sign (IW) before house, **bear R thru** gate next to fence on R. **AH** & follow track with fence on L, passing gate on R, to T junction. Here **TL** with fence, & at next track junction **TR**. **AH** on track, passing gates on R, over brow to **TL** at field corner.

**14.1M 030 297** In 50m at gap in hedge **TR** down bank, & **AH** (CB:60) under power lines to WP in tree-line. **AH X** next field (CB:50), with circular copse on R, & **thru** gap between fences. **X** track & **AH thru** bridge under railway & **AH** to FP sign at road. Just before FP sign **TL** on grass to go L of house, between wood & metal fences. **AH** up enclosed path with houses on R. In 200m at WP, **TR** with fence on L to road. **Bear ½L & AH** up **Oak Close** & **TL**. At lamp post by house no.7 **TR** on tarmac path.  
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Follow enclosed path to exit at road with Carpenters Arms on L.  
**X road with care, TL & TR thru** car park. At end of village hall **bear R** to checkpoint.

**CP 4 Harlington Scout Hut**  
**Opens 12:00**

**GR: TL 037 303**  
**Closes 17:00**

**14.8M**

Leave hut & **TR**. At end of hollow on L **bear L X** green (CB:40) to pass L of 3 posts. Exit green at end of fence on R, with dog poo bin on L, on tarmac path. **Bear R** on pavement & in 25m **TR** at FP sign **thru** gate & **AH** downhill, with hedge then trees on R. [*View of Sharpenhoe Clappers to L.*] At end of trees **AH** for 250m, around bends to **L & R**, to field corner with WP on R.

**Short route joins here on FP from R.**

**15.2M 043 302** Here **bear L** with trees on R. In 280m, at next WP **bear R**, now with hedge on L. **AH** 130m to go **thru** gap on R of gate to lane. **X lane with care, & X FB. AH** with hedge on R for 460m. **Bear L** with path to pass WP beside small FB, & **TR** over large bridge & **thru** hedge gap.

**15.8M 050 304** **TL** on grassy path with hedge on L, & follow to **R & L** at 2 WP's. In 150m, at field corner, **bear L thru** gap to pass FB on L. At open field **bear L & R** with path. Continue **AH** along field edge, with hedge on L, for 570m. At field corner with WP on (*do not exit onto road*) but **TR**, still with hedge on L. In 60m to **TL thru** small gap in hedge – just before 3<sup>rd</sup> power pole.

**16.5M 056 312** **X road with great care (blind bend to L)** to pass **R** of digger & **thru** scrub on path, with stone edging on R. In 35m, at X path, **TR** over stone edging, on obvious path (CB:90) to gap in hedge. **Thru** gap & **AH** (CB:90) up field to WP at corner of wood. Continue **AH**, with wood on R, for 230m to **X FB** in field corner. **TL** on track & in 20m **TR** on FP with hedge on R. At WP at end of hedge, continue **AH** (CB:100) **X** field to WP on R of large tree. **AH** over FB & **TR** on enclosed FP. At end of trees by WP, **TL thru** open area directly under power lines.

**17.3M 066 312** **AH thru** gap in hedge, following power lines, between hedges for 400m. [*Note WW2 bunker on L by power pole.*] At hedge end **AH** to WP where **bear L** on grassy track. In 10m **TR thru** KG & **AH X** field under power lines to KG. **Thru** KG & **bear L**, with hedge on L, to KG. **Thru** KG & **X FB** to follow winding path **AH thru** spinney. At end of trees **AH**, with hedge on R & between power lines, for 230m.

**17.9M 076 312** At field corner, with conifers **AH**, **TR** on enclosed gravel path. In 180m **TL** over FB & **TR**, with stream on R & trees on L. In 180m at WP **TR** over culvert & in 15m **TL** up steps to road. **TL** on pavement over bridge & continue on pavement for 500m to the mini roundabout. Here **X road with care & TR** along the one way street, passing the Café Goa on L. Follow pavement as it **bears L** & shortly **TL** to the Village Hall & **the end**.

**BARTON-LE-CLAY VILLAGE HALL and FINISH**

**Total: 18.6 miles**

**WELL DONE**

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