

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, CW = Chiltern Way, IW = Icknield Way, CB:320 = Compass Bearing 320.

Emergency number during event – 07775 296585

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 500yds, over the bridge with A6 Dual Carriageway below. 80yds beyond bridge **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 culvert **bear L** with path to follow permissive path waymarks. In 20yds **bear R** on track between trees for 180yds to WP. **AH** on narrow path between trees, with ditch on R & steep bank on L, for 400yds. On reaching barrier & road **T sharp R** (*not tarmac path*) to continue on permissive path **thru** trees - later with fence on R & bank on L. In 500yds, 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 120yds. 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 2nd set of steps where **bear R** on path. In 100yds **bear L** up 3rd set of steps & **AH** up steps & **thru KG**. **AH** up field boundary to KG. **Thru KG** & **bear R** on path between fences. At WP **AH thru** gap to **TL thru KG** & **AH** uphill between hedge on L & fence on R. In 500yds go **thru KG** beside field gate.

2.1M 066 293 **X road ½L with care**, to go **thru KG** & **AH** with trees on L & track on R. In 80yds (ignore KG on R) **bear L**, with WP on L, on track between fence & trees. In 250yds at path junction (with wooden gate AH) **bear R** by WP & then **bear L thru** trees. In 300yds, after short descent, pass WP on L, ignore L fork, & **AH** to T junction at WP with CW disc. **TR** down 4 steps & **fork L** (*do not continue down steps to R*) on winding path **thru** trees, with steep bank on R. In 200yds reach X path – with KG to L. [*This is Sundon Hills Country Park.*] **TR** with WP on L, down path **thru** trees. Keep **AH** down L of open area (with large anthills) & **AH** down steps.

2.7M 058 292 At X path, with gate AH, (*do not go thru gate*) but **TL** on enclosed path. **AH** for 650yds, 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. In 80yds, near brow of hill, **bear ½L** (CB:190) away from fence - aiming to L of 3 trees on skyline. At crest keep **AH** to top edge of coomb to pass yellow bowser on R.

Other routes bear right here – do not follow.

3.4M 051 287 At top of coomb keep **AH** to WP at fence AH, in front of tallest tree, where **TR** with fence on L. At next (multicoloured) WP **bear** slightly **R** (CB:280) away from fence, passing post on R in dip, & **AH** to KG in 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 FP sign. **TL thru** gap beside gate (IW&CW) & **bear L** up field with hedge on L. In 450yds at WP **AH thru** L hand gap to pass end of fence on L. **Bear** slightly **L** (CB:200) down grassy slope to join obvious path & go **thru** gap beside gate at WP.

Other routes join from right here.

4.1M 043 281 **TL** on track, becoming enclosed, for 450yds to road. **X road with care** & **TL** on pavement. Pass phone box, & at road junction **TR** on pavement – signed **Streatley**. In 50yds **TL** & **X road with care**, to Village Hall.

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 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** to go **thru** gap in fence. 10yds after gap **TR** with fence on R to KG. **Thru** KG & **TL** along edge of playing field, with hedge on L, to corner. **Thru** KG, then **TR** & **L** on pavement. Pass garages on L & **AH** on pavement - between tree on L & sign (**Church Road**) on R. **AH** on alley between houses to road.

5.1M 045 275 **TL** on pavement for 40yds & **TR X road with care** & along lane, **thru** gap beside gate. In 80yds **TL** at FP sign up steps [*stop to admire view*] to descend steps into Sundon quarry. [Follow red/white tapes thru quarry.] At bottom of steps, ignore minor path to L, & follow obvious path curving **R** to path junction. At **X** path **TR** for 100yds to next path junction (fork AH) where **T sharp L**. In 20yds **fork R** on minor path, with ponds below on R. **Take care round steep hole** on R, to **bear R** on joining main path. 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 bottom **AH** to open area, where **TR** on stony track. Continue **AH** on chalky track with steep scrubby banks either side, ignoring any paths L or R, for 400yds. At open area, with concrete base & low wall on R, **TR** in front of wall, then **TL** on grassy track. In 70yds, where main track goes uphill, **bear R** on path between scrub. In 40yds **bear R X** open area to ascend concrete steps. **AH** onto tarmac where **bear R** 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 narrow path **thru** trees. Up steps to **X** railway [*note graffiti on bridge*]. 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 30yds **bear L** on grassy track under power lines for 350yds. Pass fenced pylon on R & at WP, with FB on R, keep **AH** on path. In 180yds **X** FB & **TL** to field corner where **TR**. **AH**, passing FB on L, & **AH** 140yds 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, to FB – ignoring KG on L. **X** FB, **thru** gate & **AH** with hedge on R to go **thru** gate to road. **X road ½R with care**, to FP sign & **thru** gap & 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** - 25yds R of field corner. **Thru** KG & **X road with care** to **TR** on pavement for 60yds.

7.5M 016 279 Pass 1st FP sign & **TL thru** gate by 2nd sign (IW public BW). **AH** with hedge on L for 240yds to **TR** in field corner. At WP **TL** over FB & **AH** for 120yds to WP. **TL thru** gap in hedge & **TR** on FP between trees. In 100yds [At Chalgrave parish sign] **X** FB & **AH thru** gap in wire fence. **AH X** field to R corner of barn & **AH** with farm buildings on L. At WP with fence **AH**, **bear L** for 15yds & **TR** on track. **AH** on track for 180yds 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 40yds on L - to **X** track (main drive). **Bear** slightly **R** then **L** 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 2 WP's & keep **AH** on grassy track, with ditch & hedge on R, to gap between hedges. **Thru** gap & **TR** to field corner where **TL** for 170yds to stile in hedge on R. **X** stile & FB & **TL** to corner & **TR** to FB. **TL X** bridge & **TR** with hedge & ditch on R for 300yds to WP at wide gap in hedge.

9.5M 996 268 Ignoring path to R, keep **AH** with wood on R, towards gate. 10yds before gate **bear L** up field edge path with hedge & road on R. At field corner **bear L** then **TR thru** gap to L of wooden gate. **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**

From CP continue down **The Lane** to pass **Forge Cottage** on L. Keep **AH** along lane for 400yds to FP sign on R by power pole.

Note - the 27 mile route goes left over previous stile.

TR X FB, **thru** KG & **AH X** field, with hedge on R & power lines to L. Pass peaty circle on L & at field corner, ignore KG on R, **bear L** with hedge on R. In 25yds, at WP before pylon, **bear ½L X** field (CB:340) to field gate at R of hedge.

10.4M 988 274 **Thru** gate & **AH** over cattle grid, & **AH** on tarmac track. In 80yds **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 & stile & **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 170yds to X path - 1/3rd 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 & **X** corner of field (same CB) to go **thru** gap in hedge by WP. **Bear ½R** (CB:80) & up **X** corner of field - keeping mast on horizon to R. In 350yds **bear R X** FB under tree & **thru** KG. **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 by WP, in middle of hedge. **Thru** KG, under electric wire, & **AH thru** paddock (CB:50) to pass spoil heap on R, to KG in R corner. Under electric wire & **thru** KG to **bear L & R** on farm track & **bear L** to WP & KG between bales. **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 ½L & **AH** along **Cheney Close**. At end of close ½L on enclosed path, between school fields, & at junction keep **AH** to road. **TL & TR X** road at crossing, to **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 pump & church on L, to corner of **Oddfellows Arms**.

12.5M 010 288 At L of pub, **bear R** down lane (Conger Lane) for 30yds. [*Note Long Distance FP sign AH on R at rear entrance to library.*] 10yds beyond white house no.3 on L, **TL thru** iron KG at FP sign beside garage. **AH** with wall on L & grassy mound on R (Conger Hill). 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 **TL thru** trees & over FB. **AH X** 2nd FB & **thru** KG's downhill on enclosed path. Exit **thru** KG & **AH** in open field, with hedge on L, for 300yds & **thru** 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 150yds **thru** gap to R of gate, to **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 & **AH** on track to WP. **Bear L** on track, with fence on L, to T junction. At WP **AH up** field, with tree on R, to track at WP. **TR** on track & **AH** over brow, passing gates on R, to **TL** at end of track.

14.1M 030 297 At WP **TR** down bank & **AH** (CB:60) under power lines to WP. **AH X** field (CB:50), with circular copse on R, to WP & **thru** gap between fences. **X** track & **AH thru** bridge under railway & **AH** towards FP sign at road. Just before FP sign **TL X** grass to go L of house, between wood & metal fences. **AH** up enclosed path with houses on R. In 200yds 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. 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 C P.

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 keep **AH** for 30yds, then **bear L X** green (CB:50) 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 30yds **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 250yds to WP at path junction.

Short route joins here on FP from R.

15.2M 042 302 Continue **AH**, along field edge to corner, with WP on R, where **bear L** with trees & ditch on R. In 300yds, at next WP **bear R**, now with hedge & ditch on L. **AH** 150yds to go **thru** gap on R of gate to lane. **X lane with care, X** FB & **AH** with hedge & ditch on R. In 480yds **bear L** with path to WP beside small FB. **AH** 15yds to **TR** over large new bridge & **thru** hedge gap.

15.8M 050 304 At WP **TL** on grassy path with hedge on L, & follow to **R & L** at next 2 WPs. In 150yds at field corner **bear L thru** narrow gap, to L of tree, to pass between FB & WP. At open field **bear L & R** with path. Continue **AH** along field edge with hedge on L for 600yds. At field corner with WP (*do not exit onto road*) but **TR** - still hedge on left. In 80yds **TL thru** small gap in hedge - 7yds before 3rd power pole.

16.5M 056 312 **X road with great care (blind bends both ways)** to pass **R** of digger & **thru** scrub on path, with stone edging on R. In 40yds, at X path, **TR** over stone edging, on obvious path (CB:90) to gap in hedge. **Thru** gap & **AH** (same CB) **X** field to WP at corner of wood. Continue **AH**, with wood on R, for 250yds to power pole in field corner, where **AH thru** gap & **X** FB. **TL** on track & in 20yds **TR** on FP with hedge on R. At WP at end of hedge, continue **AH** (CB:90) **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 400yds. [*Note WW2 bunker on L by power pole.*] At hedge end **AH** to WP where **bear L** on grassy track. In 10yds **TR thru** KG & **AH X** field under power lines to KG by field gate. **Thru** KG & **AH**, with hedge on L, to KG. **Thru** KG & **X** FB to follow winding path **AH thru** spinney. At end of spinney **AH**, with hedge on R, for 250yds.

17.9M 076 312 At field corner, with conifers **AH**, **TR** on gravel path, with fence on R & trees on L. In 200yds **TL** over FB & **TR**, with ditch on R & trees on L. In 180yds at WP **TR** over culvert & in 10yds **TL** up steps to road. **TL** on pavement over bridge & continue on pavement for 500yds to the mini roundabout. Here **X** road **with care** and **TR** along the one way street, passing the Café Goa on L. Follow pavement as it **bears L** & shortly **TL** to the Village Hall and the end.

BARTON-LE-CLAY VILLAGE HALL and FINISH Total 18.6 miles

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