

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 & 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 just 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.

At top end of coomb **TR** on path to pass yellow bowser on L.

**Do not follow 18 mile route which continues ahead to fence here.**

**3.4M 051 287** With bowser on L, keep **AH** (CB:280) towards end of tree filled coomb, with fence on R. **Bear R** to pass post on L & follow path with fence on R, avoiding large holes. **Thru** KG beside field gate, pass WP with kite, & **AH** towards WP.

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Just before WP & seat, **TL** down steps into quarry. Follow grassy path **thru** base of quarry to exit by red topped WP (JBT). **AH** down steps to **bear L** on path & in 60m, at red topped WP, **TR** on winding path **thru** scrub to KG. **Thru** KG & **AH** down permissive path for 280m. **Thru** KG to L of field gate & **TL** on lane to T-junc.

**3.9M** 047 292 **TR** on **Sundon Road with great care – blind bend.**

In 15m **TL** at BW sign (IW) & **AH** on wide path. In 50m **TL thru** gap in hedge & **TL** again on permissive BW. At field corner **TR** uphill, with hedge & road on L. **Bear R** at corner, still hedge on L, & continue on track over brow to **bear R** downhill. At bottom **T sharp L** - with fence on L. After 180m **fork R**, cutting across un-cropped corner of field, to rejoin main track & **AH** for 140m.

**[Do not follow walkers returning on short course coming down!]**

**4.7M** 041 287 At gap in fence on L, by tyres, **TL** up path between trees. In 400m, at open area by WP, **bear R** on faint path (CB:170) to WP & **thru** gap beside old gate.

**18 mile route re-joins from left here.**

**5.1M** 043 281 **TL** on track, becoming enclosed, for 400m to road. **X road with care & TL** on pavement. Pass post box, & at road junc **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**

**5.6 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.

**5.9M** 045 275 **X road with care thru** KG & **AH X** field (CB:230) to gap in hedge. **X** lane **½R** & 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.

**6.4M** 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.**

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**6.8M** 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. 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.

**7.7M** 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.

**8.4M** 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.

**8.9M** 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.

**9.5M** 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.

**10.3M** 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**  
**Opens 10.30**

**GR: SP 990 268**  
**Closes 13.30**

**10.7 miles**

***The 18 mile route goes down The Lane here – do not follow!***

From CP **X The Lane ½R** to grass triangle, & **AH** on pavement with houses on R.

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**X** end of lane & drive & continue **AH** on pavement. In 180m **TR thru** gap beside FP sign. **AH** downhill with hedge on R, passing **thru** wide gap, for 600m.

**11.2M 985 270** At field corner **TL** & in 60m **TR** over stile. **AH X** field (CB:310) to stile 10m R of corner. **X** stile & FB & **AH** with hedge on R. At field corner with WP **AH X** field (CB:310) to **X** FB. [Chalgrave parish sign on L] **AH**, slightly **R**, **X** field (CB:330) aiming for R hand house **AH**, & **thru** green gate (may be open). **Bear ½L X** field (CB:290) to go between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> tree cages. Aim to pass R of 1<sup>st</sup> isolated tree & just L of larger tree, to stile – 30m L of house. **X** stile, **X** drive & **AH X** stile to road.

**12.0M 976 277** **X** road ½L with great care (A4012) & **thru** gap in hedge & **thru** KG. **TL** to field corner, where **TR** along field edge with fence on L. At WP **AH thru** KG & **AH** with fence on L for 280m. **TL thru** KG, **X** field corner & **thru** 2<sup>nd</sup> KG. **Bear ½L X** field (CB:270) to far corner in hollow. **Thru** KG **X** FB & **thru** KG. **Bear L** (CB:290) away from fence on R, up to crest. Keep left of muddy area on R then descend to KG in fence line. **Thru** KG & **AH** (CB:300) down pasture to WP at fence.

**12.8M 966 284** **TR X** bridge & along enclosed path to follow track to field gate. **Thru** gate & **AH** up drive. At junc (Battlesden sign on L) **bear L** up lane. **AH** on lane & in 900m, after **X**ing valley, reach church **AH** on L. **Bear R thru** small gate - to R of green gate. **AH** on enclosed path & in 100m **TL** & **thru** gate.

**13.6M 959 292** **AH** on wide track (*Battlesden Avenue*) & in 300m, at WP & before gates, **bear L** down track. **AH thru** gate down into valley, following track. **Thru** 2<sup>nd</sup> gate, **X** valley bottom & **AH thru** wooden gate to **R** of field gate. **AH** up track to reach lane with church on R. **TR** & **AH** along winding lane for 800m to cattle grid.

**15.0M 949 305** Pass **L** of cattle grid & ½L **X** road & **AH** down field (CB:350), passing scrub on L, to FB in far corner. **X** bridge & **TR** with ditch & hedge on R. At WP continue **AH** with hedge on R for 180m to WP where **TR**. **X** ditch & **TL**, now with hedge on L to WP. 20m after WP, **bear R** away from hedge to WP at hedge end. **AH X** field (CB:350), parallel to hedge on L, for 380m to **X** ditch at WP.

**15.9M 948 319** **Bear** slightly **R** up field (CB:20) aiming just R of lone treetop, for 400m to **X** track. At WP **T sharp R** on track, over brow of hill & around bend. At next WP **TL thru** gap in holly hedge & **AH** on path with bank on L. At corner by power pole **bear R** on path with hedge on L. At bottom of field **bear L** between power poles, **X** FB & **thru** gap in hedge. **AH** down drive with garages on R, to main road. **X** road with **great care** (A4012) to go **thru** iron KG to left of lodge.

**16.6M 952 326** **AH** between fences to go **thru** 2<sup>nd</sup> iron KG into Woburn Park. [You now follow the Greensand Ridge Walk thru the park for 1½ miles. **Take great care if near any deer stags, as this is still the rutting season.**] **AH**, slightly **L**, (CB:80) to follow small WP's with muntjac waymark disc - with view of Abbey to R. Pass between lakes, with row of trees to L, & **AH X** drive to follow sign 'footpath to Abbey'. At top of rise follow curving drive from R, & **AH** to pass car park on L, with Abbey entrance & toilets on R.

**17.5M 966 327** **AH** along drive, to pass beside or **thru** gate. Continue **AH** up or beside drive. At 'No Entry' signs **bear L** away from main drive (CB:90). Follow WP's to pass immed R of large tree & **AH** to deer gate in tree-line. **Thru** gate & **bear R** on

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path **thru** trees. At end of wood, **AH** between fields & down steps.  
**X** stream & **bear L** to WP by trees. **X** stream & **bear L** with FP sign on R.

**18.3 M** 978 322 **AH** (CB:100) to **X** FB & **thru** gate beside 3 trees.  
**AH** (CB:100) to WP & **bear R**, between scrub, to deer gate. **Thru** gate & **TL** on road  
(*take care*) for 250m. At X roads **TL** between houses to pass school on L.  
**Thru** gate & **AH** into churchyard. Follow path, bearing **R** & **L**, passing church on R,  
& down **thru** gate. **AH** & **TL thru** gate at 30 sign to checkpoint.

**CP 3 Eversholt Cricket Pavilion GR: SP 982 325 18.8m**  
**Opens 12:00 Closes 15:30**

Retrace route **thru** churchyard & exit **thru** gate onto narrow lane.  
**AH X** cross roads (*with great care – blind bends*) & **TR** immed **thru** KG.  
**AH** diagonally **X** field (CB:170) & **thru** gap at top corner. **Bear R thru** KG at WP.  
**Bear L X** field (CB:130) to pass 1<sup>st</sup> oak tree on R & 2<sup>nd</sup> oak on L.  
**AH** with oaks on L, until you can see wire fence & marsh **AH**.  
**Bear R** (*ignoring 1<sup>st</sup> KG in fence*) & follow fence on L to **TL thru** KG in field corner.  
**AH** with wood on R to KG in corner. **X** FB **thru** KG, **TR** & **thru** KG.

**19.5M** 986 317 **TL** & immed **bear R** up narrow path **thru** wood. At X path with  
WP, keep **AH** uphill to pass old fencing & exit wood at WP in field corner. **AH** on path  
**thru** crop (CB:150) for 400m, passing lone tree on R, to hedge with wide gap on L.  
By hedge end, with gap to L, keep **AH** to stile in hedge.  
**X** stile & **AH** (CB:140) to gate in field corner, just L of farm buildings.  
**Thru** gate, **X** FB & **thru** gate. **Bear L** (CB:70) **X** field to stile in hedge.

**20.3M** 995 308 **X** stile & **bear** slightly **L X** field (CB:100) to pass just R of tree on  
spur [*extensive views from here*]. From tree **bear** slightly **L** (CB:80) down field to WP.  
**X** track  $\frac{1}{2}$ **L** & **AH X** FB & up steps. **TL** then **bear R thru** corn, **X**ing corner of field to  
**X** track. At WP **AH** on path **thru** wood. At end of wood **bear L** with fence on L, & near  
field corner **bear**  $\frac{1}{2}$ **R** to WP. **X** FB & **AH X** gravel area, with building on L, to farm  
drive. **Bear L** on drive & **AH** for 450m to road.

**21.3M** 009 313 **X** road with care & **AH** (CB:60) **X** field, passing power pole on L,  
to WP in far corner. At WP **TL thru** gap, & **AH** with fence & M1 on R.  
At next WP **TR** over M1. At end of bridge **AH** (CB:100), to pass wooded pond on L,  
where **bear R** to farm drive. **AH** on drive to farm buildings to **bear R** at 2<sup>nd</sup> FP sign.  
At end of fence on L, & before gate to **Wadelow Grange**, **TL thru** wide gap.  
**AH** with fence on L to **bear** slightly **R**, away from fence, & **X** field (CB:130) - aiming for  
WP to L of gap in hedge.

**22.2M** 018 313 With WP on L, **AH** up track between hedges. At end of hedges  
keep **AH** to **X** wide grassy area, with new trees on R. Keep **AH** joining track, then  
**bear R** with track. **Bear L** at WP (with FB on R) between hedges to gate.  
10m before gate **TL thru** gap & **AH** along field edge.  
In 80m **bear R thru** gap in hedge onto end of lay-by.  
**Bear L** on verge for 40m until opposite FP sign & **X** road with great care (**A5120**).

**22.8M** 025 311 **AH thru** KG & **AH** on path **X** small field. **X** FB [*over river Flit*] & **AH**,  
slightly **L**, **X** field (CB:120) to WP by gap in hedge – aiming for church on horizon.  
**Thru** gap & **bear** slightly **R** (CB:150) [*or TR following field edge to same point*],

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gradually closing on power lines on R, to reach double power pole - to R of house.  
At WP **bear R thru** gap in hedge to road & **TL** on pavement uphill into **Harlington**.  
At railway bridge **X road with great care** to opposite pavement & **AH**. Then **X** back again when convenient & **AH** with wall on L. Just before X roads **X** back to R pavement. **Bear R X Sundon Road with care** to pass **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**

**23.8M**

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.

**24.3M 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 & ditch on R for 460m. **Bear L** with path to pass WP beside small FB, & **TR** over large new bridge & **thru** hedge gap.

**24.8M 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 (*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.

**25.5M 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: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.

**26.3M 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.

**26.8M 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 27.5 miles**

**WELL DONE**

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