

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.

Do not follow 18 mile route which continues ahead here.

3.4M 051 287 At yellow bowser **bear R** (CB:280) towards fence, to pass between post on L & tree filled coomb on R. Follow path with fence R, avoiding large holes. **Thru** KG beside field gate, at WP with kite, & **AH** towards WP & seat. Just before WP **TL** down steps into quarry. Follow grassy path **thru** base of quarry to exit by red topped WP. **AH** down steps to **bear L** on path & in 60yds, at red topped WP, **TR** on winding path **thru** scrub to KG. **Thru** KG & **AH** down permissive path for 300yds. **Thru** KG to L of field gate & **TL** on lane to road - *memorial on R.*

3.9M 047 292 **X Sundon Road with great care**, to go **thru** gap in hedge & **TL** up permissive BW, with hedge & road on L. Continue **AH** over brow to **bear R** with track downhill, then **sharp L** at bottom - with fence on L. After 170yds **fork R**, cutting across edge of cropped field, to rejoin main track & **AH** for 150yds.

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

4.6M 041 287 At gap in fence on L, by tyres, **TL** up path between trees - signed 'A walk on the Wild Side'. Continue **AH** up path for 450yds to open area at WP. **Bear R** on faint path (CB:170) to WP & **thru** gap beside old gate.

18 mile route re-joins from left here.

5.0M 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

5.5 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.

5.9M 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*] then 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.

6.4M 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.

6.8M 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.

7.7M 025 279 At WP **TL X** concrete bridge [*over infant river Flit*] & **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.

8.4M 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.

8.9M 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 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.

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 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.

10.3M 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
Opens 10.30

GR: SP 990 268
Closes 13.30

10.7 miles

From CP continue down **The Lane** to pass **Forge Cottage** on L. **AH** along lane for 150yds where **TL** over stile at FP signpost.

The 18 mile route goes AH here – do not follow!

Go **½R X** field (CB:280), passing hollow on R, to **X 2** stiles. **AH X** field (CB:250) to **X** stile 20yds R of corner. **½R X** field (CB:290) to **X 2** stiles, & **TR** with hedge on R to pass under power lines.

11.1M 985 270 At corner **TL** & in 60yds **TR** over stile. **AH X** field (CB:310) to stile 12yds R of corner. **X** stile & **FB** & **AH** with hedge on R. At 2nd WP **AH X** field to **X** **FB**. **AH X** field (CB:330) aiming for house **AH**, & **thru** green gate. **Bear ½L X** field (CB:290) to go between 2nd & 3rd tree cages, & aim to pass L of larger isolated tree, to stile – 30yds L of house. **X** stile, **X** drive & **AH X** stile to road.

11.9M 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. **Thru** wooden gate & **AH** with fence on L for 300yds. **TL thru** field gate & **TR thru** next field gate. **Bear ½L X** field (CB:270) to far corner in hollow. **Thru** **KG X** **FB** & **thru** **KG**. **Bear** slightly **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.

12.7M 966 284 **TR X** bridge & along enclosed path to follow track to field gate. **Thru** gate & **AH** up drive. At junction (Battlesden sign on L) **bear L** up lane. **AH** on lane & in 1000yds, after Xing valley, reach church on L. At church **bear R thru** small gate to R of green gate. **AH** on enclosed path & in 100yds **bear L thru** gate.

13.5M 959 292 **AH** on wide track (*Battlesden Avenue*) & in 350yds, at WP & before gates, **bear L** down track. **AH** down into valley & **thru** gate. **X** valley bottom & **AH thru** 2nd gate. **AH** up track to reach lane with church on R. **TR** & **AH** along winding lane for 900yds to cattle grid.

14.9M 949 305 **X** 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 180yds to small gap in hedge - before hedge bends L. **TR thru** gap & **TL**, now with hedge on L. In 40yds **bear R** with path away from hedge, to gap between hedge on L & tree on R. **AH X** field (CB:350), parallel to hedge on L, for 400yds to **X** ditch on earth bridge.

15.8M 948 319 **Bear** slightly **R X** field (CB:15) uphill for 400yds to WP at **X** track. **T sharp R** on track & over brow of hill. 50yds after track bends L, **TL thru** gap in holly hedge & **AH** on path with bank on L. At corner by power pole **bear R** with path & hedge on L. At bottom of field **bear L** between power poles, **X** **FB** & **thru** gap in hedge. **AH** down drive with houses on R, to main road. **X** road with **great care** (A4012) to go **thru** iron **KG** to left of lodge.

16.4M 952 326 **AH** between fences to go **thru** second iron **KG** into Woburn park. [*You now follow the Greensand Ridge Walk thru the park for 1½ miles. Take great care if any deer stags are near 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 hill follow curving drive from R, & **AH** to pass car park on L, with Abbey entrance & toilets on R.

17.3M 966 327 **AH** between car park & drive, to pass L of gate & **AH** with drive on R. At crest **X** gravel drive & **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 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.

18.1 M 978 322 **AH** (CB:90) to **X** FB & **thru** gate beside 3 trees. **AH** (CB:100) to WP & **bear R** to deer gate. **Thru** gate & **TL** on road (*take care*) for 260yds. 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 18.6m
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 between 2 oak trees. Bear away from oaks on L, & approaching fence **bear R**. Ignore 1st KG on L, & follow fence on L to go **thru** KG in field corner. **AH** with wood on R to KG in corner. **X** FB **thru** KG, **TR** & **thru** KG.

19.3M 986 317 **TL** with old fence on R & **AH** 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 X** field (CB:150) for 500yds, passing tree on R & 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.

20.1M 995 308 **X** stile & **bear** slightly **L X** field (CB:100) to pass just L of tree on spur [*extensive views from here*]. From tree **bear** slightly **L** (CB:80) down field to WP at **X** track. *Do not go AH* but **TL** on track. At corner follow track round to **R** & in 70yds **TL** at WP on path **thru** wood (*arboretum*). At end of wood **bear L**, with fence on L, for 70yds then **bear R** to WP. **X** FB & **AH X** gravel area, with hut on L, to farm drive. **Bear L** on drive & **AH** for 550yds to road.

21.1M 009 313 **X** road with care & **AH** (CB:60) **X** field, passing power pole on L, to WP in far corner. At WP **TL** with fence & M1 on R. At next WP **TR** over M1. At end of bridge **AH** (CB:100), to pass wooded pond on L & **bear R** to farm drive. **AH** on drive to farm buildings to **bear R** at 2nd FP sign. At end of fence on L, & gate to **Wadelow Grange** **AH**, **TL thru** wide gap. **AH** with fence on L to fence corner. **Bear** slightly **R X** field (CB:140) aiming for WP beside gap in hedge.

21.9M 018 313 At WP **AH** up track between hedges. At end of hedges keep **AH** to pass open area with new trees on R. Keep **AH** then **bear R** with track, then **L** at WP (with FB on R) between hedges to gate. 10yds before gate **bear L** off track on path round field edge with hedge on R. In 80yds **bear R thru** gap in hedge onto end of lay-by. **Bear L** on verge for 40yds until opposite FP sign & **X road with great care (A5120)**.

22.5M 025 311 **AH thru** KG & **AH X** small field. **X** FB [*over river Flit*] & **AH X** field (CB:120) to WP by gap in hedge. **Thru** gap & **bear** slightly **R** (CB:150), 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

23.5M

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.

23.9M 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.

24.5M 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 L.

In 80yds **TL thru** small gap in hedge - 7yds before 3rd power pole.

25.2M 056 312 **X road with great care (blind bends)** 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 X** FB & **TR** on enclosed FP.

At end of trees by WP, **TL thru** open area directly under power lines.

25.9M 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.

26.4M 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 27.3 miles

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