

Abbreviations: **L** = Left, **R** = Right, **TL** = Turn Left, **TR** = Turn Right, **AH** = Ahead, **X** = Cross, **Thru** = through, FP = Footpath, BW = Bridleway, KG = Kissing Gate, WP = Waymark Post, CB:320 = Compass Bearing 320, GR = Grid Reference.

**Emergency number during event – 07933 735 338**

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

Leave Barton Village Hall site & **X** road using pedestrian crossing. **TL** & **AH** past **Gale Court** sign & into **Old Road**. In 40yds **TL** & **X** road into park at iron gate. In park go  $\frac{1}{2}$ **R (CB:140)** to far corner of tennis court fence. Continue 20yds to go **thru** KG on L & **AH** on path to road & church. At road **TR** for 110yds to wooden gate (ignoring BW on L). **Thru** gate & **AH** 120yds, with cemetery on R, on path to "Barton Hill Nature Reserve" sign. Here **TR**, past dog poo bin, & in 30yds **X** footbridge & **immediately TL**.

**0.4M 085 301** Continue **AH** with stream on L for 500yds, where **TL thru** gap in hedge & over stream on sleeper bridge. Then **TR**, now with stream on R. At metal gate & Nature Reserve sign go **thru** KG & **AH** with stream on R & scrubland on L. In 165yds, when scrubland & hedge end, **bear L (CB:90)** up rise, with steeply rising hills either side. When steeply rising hill is faced, take rising path to **R (initially CB:130)** with steeply rising hills either side. Continue up valley path to the "top" and a fence, where **TR** to corner.

**1.2M 092 295** Here turn **sharp R**, ignoring KG on L, & **AH** with hedge on L & edge of steep coomb on R. Keep **AH** to find KG in corner of the Nature Reserve. **Thru** KG into small thicket. After 20yds, at WP, **fork L** to a KG. **Thru** KG & **TL** with fence on L. At end of fence keep **AH** on track for 730yds to emerge onto road. **(Caution - fast moving traffic.)**

**2.0M 091 284** Cross road & **TL** for 115yds to signpost "Chiltern Extension" where **TR** onto BW. Continue along track for 1100yds, past WP to pass under pylon wires to reach **X** track. **TR**, with golf course on L, for 350yds - this is the Icknield Way.

**2.9M 092 273** At next **X** track **TL** across golf course - **watch out for flying golf balls**. In 40yds **fork R** at WP & **AH** at 2<sup>nd</sup> WP to gate. **Thru** gate & **AH** on track, uphill at first, to gate. **Thru** gate & **AH** with fence on R. At next corner of field ignore KG & **TL**, with fence on R, to T junction.

***The 26 mile route goes right here***

**3.5M 092 264** **TL** & **AH** over brow of hill. Continue **AH** at next junction with hedge & trees on R for 800yds. At T junction **TR** on wide track between hedges. In 150yds **AH** at **X** track & uphill to pass wood on L. At top of hill follow track round **L & R** bends.

**4.7M 108 269** **AH** for 150yds beyond wood, & where main track goes L, continue **AH** on narrow path between hedges. (WP "A Ride on the Wild Side".) When path reaches house & tarmac continue **AH** up lane with houses on L then pub on R to road. **Bear R** on road, crossing to path on L, to pass church on R. 100yds beyond church **X** road to **Cassel Memorial Hall** on R & into checkpoint.

**CP1 Cassel Memorial Hall - Lilley**  
**Opens 10:00**

**GR: TL 118 262**  
**Closes 13:30**

**5.5 miles**



**11.5M 136 329** Bear  $\frac{1}{2}$ L (**CB:320**) across field aiming just L of large tree to gap in field corner. **Thru** gap & **TL** (hedge & ditch on L) to **TR** at field corner. Follow hedge/ditch on L (later hedge on R) a further 600yds, gradually bearing L. Go **thru** bollards (ignore BW on R) to open grassy area, & **AH** on track. After 300yds, at track end, **bear R** (Bowles Garage opposite) & along pavement for 200yds. **TR** into Village Hall car park & go to rear entrance at back of hall.

**CP 4 Shillington Village Hall GR: TL 127 341 12.6M**  
**Opens 11:30 Closes 16.30**

Leave village hall & return to road & **TL** on pavement. In 60yds **X** road & **TR** into Church Street. Where road bends R continue **AH** up hill (signed "churches") passing church on R. When tarmac ends, continue down earth steps & onto grass track. **AH** on track & over bridge, 30yds to WP.

**13.1M 121 338 TL thru KG.** After crossing field with fence on R, do not cross stream but **TR** at WP on enclosed path to KG. **Thru** KG and **AH** with ditch on L, then also with fence on R. Go **thru** 2 KGs then **AH** with fence on L. **Thru** 2 more KGs to pass between fence and buildings, and along path to road.

**13.4M 119 332** Cross road to track opposite & **AH thru**, or around, gate with hedge & building site on R. At end of track **AH** on FP to walk under power cables around field edge with stream on L. Keep **AH**, back under power cables, & at field boundary & WP keep **AH** with stream on L. At the next WP continue around field edge, still with stream on L, ignoring gap in hedge by short WP, & continue to WP where hedge ends.

**14.2M 112 324 TL** to cross ditch by bridge, &  $\frac{1}{2}$ R (**CB:200**) across field diagonally to wooden bridge. **X** bridge & **TL** on wide track, now with ditch on L. At WP, **AH (CB:210)** on FP across field to WP at corner of copse. Pass L of copse, to WP at far L corner of copse. Continue **AH** on FP (**CB:170**) towards cream house in distance to reach road.

***The 12 mile route joins here.***

**15.2M 107 310** At road **bear R** into Hexton village. At road junction, before Raven PH, **TR** (signposted Higham Gobion). In 125yds **TL** onto track then **immediately**  $\frac{1}{2}$ R (**CB:320**) onto path across field to **X** footbridge.

**15.7M 103 311 AH** on FP, becoming grassy track, with hedge on L & fields on R for 360yds to go **AH thru** gap with log. Continue **AH** for 550yds, with **R** & **L** turns & passing gap on L. At end of hedge **TL** on path & in 70yds **TR** now with hedge on R. Continue **AH** for further 700yds to reach hedge **AH** & **fork L** of hedge - later with barbed wire fence on R.

**16.7M 087 311** At end of fence **TL** with house gardens on R. After 40yds cross footbridge to metalled FP. Follow FP to road & **TL** - then **AH** for 500yds, passing school & letterbox. When pavement starts on R, **X** road & follow path round to **R** into **Hexton Road**. Stay on pavement for 300yds & **TR** into:

**BARTON-LE-CLAY VILLAGE HALL and FINISH Total 17.3 miles**

**WELL DONE**