

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 – 07775 296 585**

**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 40m **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 20m to go **thru** **KG** on **L** & **AH** on path to road & church. At road **TR** for 100m to gate (ignoring **BW** on **L**). **Thru** **KG** & **AH** 130m, with cemetery on **R**, on path to "Barton Hill Nature Reserve" sign. Here **TR**, past dog poo bin, & in 30m **X** footbridge & **immediately TL**.

**0.4M 085 301** Continue **AH** with stream on **L** for 500m, where **TL thru** gap in hedge & over stream on wide wooden 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 160m, 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** towards corner.

**1.2M 092 294** 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 20m, at **WP**, **fork L** to a **KG**. **Thru** **KG** & **TL** with fence on **L**. At end of fence keep **AH** on track for 730m to emerge onto road. (**Caution - fast moving traffic.**)

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

**2.9M 092 273** At next **X** track **TL** across golf course - **watch out for flying golf balls**. In 40m **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.

***Do not follow Long route which goes right here***

**3.5M 092 264** **TL** & **AH** over brow of hill. Continue **AH** at next junction with hedge & trees on **R** for 800m. At **T** junction **TR** on wide track between hedges. In 150m **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 150m 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**. 100m beyond church **X** road to **Cassel Memorial Hall** on **R** & into checkpoint.

**CP1 Cassel Memorial Hall - Lilley**  
**Opens 9.30**

**GR: TL 118 262**  
**Closes 13.30**

**5.5 miles**

Leave checkpoint and **TR** to road. **X** road & **TL**. After 50m **TR** at FP sign. **AH thru** KG & keep fence on L. At end of fence continue **AH**, just to L of large tree, to KG. Go **thru** KG & **½R** across field to far R hand corner.

At corner, **thru** KG & **AH** uphill with hedge on L.

Continue along field edge until you emerge at lane.

**6.2M 127 268** **TL** & after 15m, when lane turns R, **AH** uphill on stony/grassy track. Continue **AH** on obvious track, which becomes gravel, ignoring any turns to L or R. After 1500m pass midway between two pylons. Ignore permissive path to the L, by WP pointing to Lilley.

**7.1M 122 280** From WP keep **AH** on gravel track, around bends & with hedge on L, for 320m. (Ignore path on R to woods.)

At end of hedge, with large oak tree 15m to L, take **right fork AH** on grassy track (**CB:355**). Cross field & enter wood with holly tree on R.

Follow obvious path **thru** wood & exit **AH** on path to "Telegraph Hill" information board on L, & **AH** to track.

***The short route goes ahead here.***

**7.8M 120 290** **TR** on enclosed track (Icknield Way) with hedges and trees both sides. Continue on track for 1500m to emerge onto road at parking bay.

At road **TR** & walk 250m on verge. (**Caution, this is the B655 – fast moving traffic. Please walk on RH verge**).

**8.9M 134 300** Where overhead cables cross road, **TR** on metalled Lane signed New Wellbury Farm & **AH** on track for 250m to reach WP & Beech tree on L. **TL** into field and **AH (CB:75)**, passing to R of lone tree, to reach tree line. Go **thru** gap in tree line & emerge onto open grassland & **AH (CB:110)** for 200m passing tree stump on R to reach 2<sup>nd</sup> tree stump and WP at **X** track. **TL (CB:0)** & **AH** to pass WP & Spinney on R. At end of Spinney **AH (CB:30)** to road.

**9.5M 141 301** **X** road **with great care (fast moving traffic)** & **TL** on enclosed FP for 50m turning **R** down bank with handrails (be aware of low fallen tree branch). On leaving enclosed FP cont **AH (CB:0)** to top of hill then **1/2L** across track to KG & WP. **Thru** KG & cont across field (**CB:30**). On reaching metal fence, (**High Down house** on R) cont **AH** with fence on R following WPs & passing to L of metal gate to reach KG. **Thru** KG crossing grass track & **TL** onto main track. From WP **AH CB:350** for 220m then bearing **L (CB:310)** for 360m to reach T junct with track. **TR** on track and **AH** for 545m to road.

**10.6M 145 314** **X** road **with care** & **AH** into **Great Green**.

Bear **L** with road to pass Motte & Bailey pub on R. **TR** into **Crab Tree Lane**.

Just before lamp post with FP sign attached **TL** into **Docklands**.

At end of road **TR** between Nos. 4 & 5 and follow path round to checkpoint at side entrance of Village Hall.

**CP2 Pirton Village Hall**  
**Opens 10.30**

**GR: TL 146 317**  
**Closes 13.30**

**11 miles**

**TR** out of side entrance of village hall & **AH** to road where **TL**.

***The long route goes right here.***

In 250m **TL** at road junc. along **Shillington Road**.

Pass **Wrights Farm** on R & in 20m **TR** on FP between wooden barn & conifer hedge. Go **thru** KG & **X** field (**beware horses**) to go **thru** KG just left of far R field corner.

**11.8M 141 321** **TR** with hedge on R to **TL** at field corner – still hedge on R.

After 300m go **R & L** at next 2 corners – still hedge on R.

After 500m **TL** between fields – to reach hedge on R.

After 300m at WP **X** footbridge on R in field corner. *[Note: this is permissive bridge between Herts & Beds.]*

**12.5M 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 600m, gradually bearing **L**. Go **thru** bollards (ignore BW on R) to open grassy area, & **AH** on track.

After 300m, at track end, **bear R** (Bowles Garage opposite) & along pavement for 200m. **TR** into Village Hall car park & go to rear entrance at back of hall.

**CP4 Shillington Village Hall**  
**Opens 11.00**

**GR: TL 127 341**  
**Closes 16.30**

**13.6 miles**

Leave village hall & return to road & **TL** on pavement.

In 60m **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 to WP.

**14.1M 121 338** **TL thru** KG. After crossing field with fence on R, do not cross stream, but **TR** at WP to KG in corner of field.

**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.

**14.4M 119 332** Cross road to track opposite & **AH thru** gate with hedge & new houses on R. At end of track with fence **AH, TL** then follow path round to **R**. **AH** on FP with high fence & later rail fence on R. **X** track & **AH** with fence on R & stream/hedge on L, for 500m. At end of fence **AH thru** gap, past WP, & follow field edge path round to **L & R**. Ignoring 1<sup>st</sup> WP & narrow gap in hedge, **AH** to WP at end of hedge.

**15.2M 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 short route joins here from left.**

**16.2M 107 310** At road **bear R** into Hexton village.

At road junction, before Raven PH, **TR** (signposted Higham Gobion).

In 125m **TL** onto track then **immediately ½R (CB:320)** onto path across field to **X** footbridge.

**16.7M 103 311** **AH** on FP, becoming grassy track, with hedge on L & fields on R for 900m (passing **thru** gap **AH** & with **R** & **L** turns).

At end of hedge **TL** on path & in 70m **TR** now with hedge on R.

Continue **AH** for further 800m to reach hedge **AH** & **fork L** of hedge - later with barbed wire fence on R.

**17.7M 087 311** At end of fence **TL** with house gardens on R.

After 40m cross footbridge to metalled FP.

Follow FP to road & **TL** – then **AH** for 500m, passing school & letterbox. When pavement starts on R, **X** road & follow path round to **R** into **Hexton Road**.

Stay on pavement for 300m & **TR** into:

**BARTON-LE-CLAY VILLAGE HALL and FINISH    Total    18.3 miles**

**WELL DONE**