

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 2nd **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 & $\frac{1}{2}$ **R** 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.

Longer routes go right here – do not follow!

7.8M 120 290 Cross track **AH** (Ikniel Way) & go **AH** thru gap in hedge. **TL** with fence & open field on R. At Pegsdon Hills info board **TR** with fence on R - downhill after 100m. At path junction, with 2nd info board, **TR** on enclosed FP & continue up then downhill for 1100m to metal gate. Pass L of gate & **TR** onto narrow path parallel to road. **TL** at finger post to cross road. **This is the B655, Barton to Hitchin road. Cross with great care –fast moving traffic.**

8.7M 118 301 Continue **AH**, passing parking bay, to road Junction. **Bear L** on minor road & **AH** to pass **Pegsdon Way** on R & phone box on L. In 200m **TL** at 'No Through Road' sign towards houses, to pass between farms. At end of tarmac **AH** on track for 400m. At wood corner, with finger post on R, **TL** along BW. At WP **bear R** passing mill house on R & old mill sluice on L. Continue **AH** along lane for 700m to T junction with track to R, & **TL**.

Longer routes join here at FP on R.

9.9M 107 310 At road, **AH** into Hexton village. At road junction, before Raven PH, **TR** (signposted Higham Gobion). In 125m **TL** onto track then **immediately $\frac{1}{2}$ R** (**CB:320**) onto path across field to **X** footbridge.

10.4M 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.

11.5M 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 12.1 miles

WELL DONE