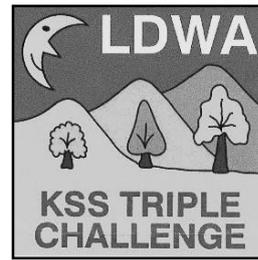


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THE WHITE CLIFFS 53-mile CHALLENGE WALK

Sunday 26th / Monday 27th August 2018

CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE ADHERED TO

TIME LIMIT: ALL TO FINISH BY 08:00 ON MONDAY

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: 07815 453 324

Welcome to the White Cliffs 53-mile Challenge Walk. Please ensure that your check card is marked at each checkpoint, and that your number is recorded. **TAKE CARE CROSSING AND WALKING ON ROADS, ESPECIALLY AFTER DARK.** Entrants who arrive at checkpoints after closing time will be retired. However, if necessary, each checkpoint will remain manned after closing time in an attempt to account for everyone. It is therefore important that anyone wishing to retire does so at a checkpoint. If this is not possible, then the organisers must be notified giving your name and walk number, without delay. Under no circumstances should anyone retire without ensuring that the organisers are informed.

GOOD LUCK!

Compass bearings are figures in brackets, e.g. (230°)

Abbreviations (alphabetically): **BL**—bear left; **BR**—bear right; **bw**—bridleway; **cnr**—corner; **cont**—continue; **CP**—Checkpoint; **ECP**—England Coast Path; **encl**—enclosed; **EVW**—Elham Valley Way; **fb**—footbridge; **FDF**—Folkestone Downs Framed; **fld**—field; **filw**—follow; **FL**—fork left; **fp**—footpath; **f-post**—finger-post; **FR**—fork right; **GR**—grid reference; **immed**—immediately; **jcn**—junction; **kg**—kissing gate; **L**—left; **LH**—left hand; **LHS**—left hand side; **LMG**—large metal gate; **LWG**—large wooden gate; **NDW**—North Downs Way; **opp**—opposite; **R**—right; **rd**—road; **RH**—right hand; **RHS**—right hand side; **SMG**—small metal gate; **SO**—straight on; **SSW**—Saxon Shore Way; **SWG**—small wooden gate; **st**—stile; **thru**—through; **tk**—track; **TL**—turn left; **TR**—turn right; **wmk**—waymark; **X**—cross; **yds**—yards.

NOTE – In this area, stiles are gradually being replaced by kissing gates. It is possible that some of the stiles mentioned in this route description will have been converted since it was written.

START: Walkers at 10:00 and runners at 12:30
from Deal Town Football Club, St Leonard's Road, Deal CT14 9AU. GR TR 366518

DEAL TO LANGDON CLIFFS 8.9 miles

1. From football club clubhouse flw pathway, going L and R, to rd. **TR** and **flw** to T-jcn. **TL** and in 10yds, **TR** to X rd at traffic lights (**care!**). **TR** and **SO**, Xing Charles Road and Leas Road. **TsharpR** and **X** Allenby Avenue (**great care! – look L and R**). **SO** for 500yds, passing Mill Road and Tides Indoor Tennis and Leisure Centre and go under railway bridge. Pass Blenheim Road and **SO** along Gilford Road. **TR** at T-jcn (*Deal Castle across rd on L*) and **SO** for 500yds, passing Gladstone Road, Admiralty Mews and Cheriton Road. At pedestrian lights by Whits of Walmer **TL** to **X** main rd (**great care!**). Immed **TR**, then **TL** at Walmer Green. **TR** on footway and **flw** past bandstand, lifeboat station and Sea Café on the Green, **cont** on tarmac path to T-jcn with promenade. **TR** and in 1500yds, **pass** Walmer Castle. Just beyond castle, and immed before large tree on L, **TR** on fp, and soon **X** rd and **thru** barrier. **SO** between walls, later fences, to reach Hawkshill Common.
GR 374 499

2. **TL**, with hedge on L, to pass Walmer Aerodrome Memorial. At fourth bench (*memorial to Charles Wake – first chairman of the White Cliffs Ramblers*), **SO**. **Flw** fp past barrier, then between hedges, ignoring fp to L. At end of fence, **SO** on fp between flds. At end of flds, **ignore** path bearing R and **cont** over driveway to **flw** fp between hedges. At slanting X-paths, **BL** and in 20yds **over** X-paths. In 25yds, **pass** between wooden posts to **BR** along minor rd. **Cont** between houses and **flw** rd past church on R to T-jcn. **X** rd (**great care!**), **TL** and in 30yds, at SSW sign, **TR** on rd. **Pass** toilets on R then **ahead** for 650yds. Where rd turns R, **cont just ahead** to f-post (SSW) and **TR** up steps. **GR 379 478**

3. At end of steps, **cont** on fp between hedges, coming out at Kingsdown Leas on the cliffs (*Yes, you are now on the famous White Cliffs*).

IMPORTANT: THE ROUTE NOW GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE CLIFF TOP FOR THE NEXT 12 MILES TO CAPEL-LE-FERNE. EXTREME CARE IS NEEDED TO AVOID THE CLIFF EDGE WHICH IS VERY CLOSE IN PLACES.

Flw cliff top path past golf club on R. **SO** on cliff top path, now with houses on R. The path gradually bears to the **R**, past the occasional ECP or SSW wmk-post. **Thru** gap in fence and **flw** path between cliff edge and bushes. **Thru** gap at barrier and **flw** main fp towards monument. **Thru** gap and into car park of Dover Patrol Memorial (*Bluebirds Tea Rooms, now closed, on L*).
GR 373 452

4. In 25yds, opp Dover Patrol monument, **TL** thru kg (*National Trust sign: The Leas*). **BR** on fp, then **BL** on wide strip between fences. **Pass** SSW f-post on L and **keep ahead** to descend (*with fine views ahead of St. Margaret's Bay*). **Thru** kg and **ahead**, ignoring fp descending to L, to rd. **SO** on rd (**care!**) and at sharp LH bend, **BR** (SSW f-post on R). In 40yds, **BL** on Beach Road which soon becomes a rough rd. **Pass** Pines Garden on R, then at sharp LH bend, **SO** thru gate next to cattle grid. **Keep ahead**, now on grass tk, going thru three more gates by cattle grids. After the third, **ahead** over X-tk. In 80yds, **thru** kg to R of gate (*South Foreland Lighthouse to your ½L*). **GR 359 434**

5. **SO** on tarmac tk and in 800yds, where tk joins from L, **SO**. In further 400yds, where another tk joins from L, **SO**. At fence on L, **flw** tk as it curves R. Immed before fence turns L at cnr, **TL** thru kg next to fld-gate. **Ahead** on grass tk with fence on R. **Thru** kg (*sign: Langdon Hole*) and in 180yds, **TR** up steps, fence on L. At top, **SO** with fence on L. **Ignore** next kg on L and **BR** up steps. At top, **thru** kg and **ahead** on man-made tk downhill. At bottom, **thru** gap and **ahead** on rd to **reach** on L

Checkpoint 1 by National Trust Visitor Centre, Langdon Cliffs GR 336 422 8.9 miles

Opens 11.45 Closes 14.30

(There are toilets at the rear of the Visitor Centre)

LANGDON CLIFFS TO CAPEL-LE-FERNE 7.0 miles

6. From CP **cont** along rd (*be aware of visitors' cars and soon use fp to L of wooden posts*). **Pass** National Trust car park entrance kiosk and **SO** to rd. **SO** on gravel pavement and in 30yds, at SSW f-post, **BL** down tarmac fp and steps. **Pass** redbrick wall on R then **down** concrete steps. At bottom of steps **reach** yellow-topped wmk-post on L.

!! Routes split here – follow your route description, not the person in front.

SO under main rd and then on encl fp. At garages on R, **ahead** on rd and in 80yds, **SO** on East Cliff. At rd end, **TL** to **X** main rd at pedestrian Xing (**great care!**). **TR** along promenade on Dover seafront. In 550yds, at statues of swimmers (*Cinque Ports Yacht Club on R*), **TR** away from seafront.

GR 321 411

7. **Pass** to L of roundabout and **SO** along New Bridge. In 40yds, **BslightlyR** down steps. **Thru** underpass and 10yds before uphill slope, **TL** up steps. **SO**, following pavement to R for 100yds to pedestrian lights (*look behind you to see Dover's famous Banksy mural*). **X** rd and, on pavement opp, **TR**. In 80yds, **TL** up Cowgate Hill with hedge on L. At top, by iron gates, **TL** between walls. At NDW f-post, **TR** then **up** steps. **Thru** kg and **up** more steps. Just before next kg, **TR** ignoring fork on L. **Uphill** on fp to **fillw** fence on L (*pause for views of Dover Castle to your R and the Drop Redoubt on your L*). **SO** between fences, later just fence on R, **thru** kg and **down** steps. **Thru** kg and **X** rd. On pavement, **TL** uphill and at brow, **TR** (*sign: Dover Immigration Removal Centre*). **GR 314 408**

8. In 150yds, **FL** at NDW/SSW sign and in 70yds, **FL** past barrier. In 200yds, where tk swings R, **FL** downhill (*Shakespeare Cliff now in view*), **thru** kg and **BR** with path. **Thru** either kg, and **TL** down steps to rd. **BR** and in 200yds, at NDW f-post, **TL** thru King Lear's Way. At T-jcn, **X** rd and **TR**. In 50yds, **BL** down steps and **TL** thru underpass. **Up** steps and **TR** (NDW f-post) on path up Shakespeare Cliff.

! BEWARE – CLIFF EDGE DANGEROUS IN PLACES FOR NEXT 4 MILES.

At end of encl fp, **BR thru** kg. **fillw** signage and keep to R of fence to **fillw** fp for 1000yds to NDW milestone on L. **TR** and **L** thru kgs, then **SO** for steep ascent of Round Down. At top, at metal kg, **DO NOT shortcut on cliff top path ahead (UNSAFE!)**. **Go thru** kg and **TL** with fence on L. **Thru** second kg and **SO** on cliff top path. **GR 296 394**

9. **Keep ahead** on NDW, ignoring all kgs to R. In 1.2 miles, at wmk post, **TR** with NDW and **thru** kg. **Immed TL** with fence on L. **Go around** ventilation installation and **thru** kg in cnr. **TR** to **TL** on gravel tk with fence on R. **Pass** WW1 zeppelin detector dish on L. In 200yds, tk passes between fences. 90yds after start of fences, **TL** (190°) thru gap in fence (*leaving NDW*) to **fillw** line of short posts. In 30yds, **BR** away from posts on path along cliff top (**great care!**). In 60yds, **SO** now with railing on L. At end of railing, **SO** for 100yds and at wmk post on L, **BL** to re-join NDW. **GR 281 388**

10. **Ahead** thru bushes and **SO** on cliff top fp. **Ignore** path descending to L and **fillw** fence of mobile home park on R. **SO** on cliff top fp. At open space with seats, **X** (270°) to **cont** on narrow fp winding thru bushes and later following cliff edge again. **Pass** Lighthouse Inn on R and in 250yds at f-post (30yds before café), **TR** to **X** rd and **ahead** on bw with fences on L. At main rd, **X** (**care!**) and **SO** on bw, soon with flds on R. **Pass** rd end on L and in 180yds, **TL** on tarmac path with recreation ground to L. At rd, **TL** and in 15yds, **TL** again into

CAPEL-LE-FERNE TO ETCHINGHILL 7.0 miles

11. From CP, return to rd, **TR** and in 5yds, **TL** to X rd and **ahead** on tarmac drive. In 40yds, **SO** on grass fp between fences. At end, **X** side rd and **BL** onto joining rd. **X** rd and **cont** on pavement opp. At main rd, **BR** onto RH pavement. In about 800yds (opp Valiant Sailor PH), **X** end of Crete Road East and **thru** kg opp (by NDW f-post). **TR** (NDW) with fence on R and **keep ahead** for 1100yds, passing trig column, then pillbox, and later thru gorse. Where fp appears to end, at kg, **thru** kg and **TL** on rd. In 40yds, **pass** NDW f-post on L. In further 180yds, opp large mast, **thru** kg on L and **TR** with fence on R. **Ahead** on fp with rd parallel on R and **keep ahead**, keeping rd on your R, soon to go downhill. **Thru** kg in cnr and **TL** on rd. **GR 225 382**

12. **Filw** rd downhill to jcn with main rd. **TR** on pavement and in 20yds, **reach** rd Xing point with traffic island. **THIS ROAD CAN BE VERY BUSY SO TAKE GREAT CARE.** **X** rd via island and **TL** on pavement opp. In 10yds, **thru** kg on R. **Ahead** (260°) on fp (NDW). In 100yds, **thru** gap and **BR** at FDF sign on R. **Ahead**, keeping fence, bushes and rd on R. **Thru** kg, **TR** onto path, **thru** kg and **thru** open gateway. **Pass** FDF sign on R to **ascend** Castle Hill. Where fence on R ends, at wmk-post in brambles on R, **FL** (160°) and **filw** this worn 'ledge' path around hill, at first gently ascending. Where path levels, **SO** to pass concrete pillar. Immed after pillar, **SO** (320°) on worn fp downhill with open hillside drop immed to your L. **Join** fence on R, **pass** pylon, and **thru** kg. **Ahead** along edge of bushes, open fld on R, to **reach** wmk-post at rd. **TsharpL** past rd end with metal posts, and **ahead** (290°) on narrow fp immed to L of rd. **Keep ahead** on this fp (NDW) between fence and hedge, with rd parallel on R, and later **thru** kg. **SO**, ignoring gate by wmk-post on R. At Bronze Age Barrow sign on R, **BslightlyR**, gently uphill, and **thru** kg next to LMG. **SO** (260°) on fp with fence and rd parallel on R. **Keep ahead** for 1300yds, passing above figure of a white horse carved in the hillside. **Pass** kg on R, by small parking area, and **descend** with path. In 70yds, **TR** up slope thru bushes and down steps to rd. **GR 197 383**

13. **BR** across rd and **up** steps thru gap in hedge. Immed **TL** along LHS fld. **Keep ahead** on NDW, following this fld-edge path as it goes round several bends. At pillbox, **go L** with path, then **go R**, ignoring st on L. At next fld cnr, **ignore** st on L and in 30yds, **thru** kg. In 10yds, **BR**, descending, soon down steps. **BR** (to 340°) then **thru** gateway and **SO** on clear path. In 330yds at wmk-post on R, **FR** past NDW sign-stone. In 50yds, **thru** kg and **TL** on LHS fld. In 300yds, **TL** thru gap in bushes (concealed NDW f-post) and **down** steps to **X** rd. **Over** barrier opp and **SO** between fences. In 800yds at NDW f-post on L, **TL** thru kg into cnr of fld. **Ahead** with fence on R and in 75yds, **TR** with fence. At cnr of fld, **X** st next to gate. **SO** (270°) on faint path, aiming at st on brow.

14. **X** st and **SO** (NDW) with fence on R. **BR** around fence cnr and **ahead**, slightly downhill. At cnr, by NDW f-post, **TL** with path and fence, heading down into the combe. **Filw** obvious path downhill, staying in the middle of the combe. **Thru** gateway and **SO** with bushes/trees on your R. **BR&L** with path, passing to L of pylon, then downhill to **pass under** disused railway bridge. **X** st and in 20yds, **TR** on path thru trees. **X** fb and later, st. **Cont** on path (300°) up fld. At top, **BL** to **X** st. **TR** on drive and **filw** to rd. **THIS ROAD CAN AT TIMES BE VERY BUSY AND HAS ONLY A NARROW KERB REFUGE ON THE RHS - SO PLEASE TAKE VERY GREAT CARE.** **TR** along RHS of rd and in 250yds, **WITH GREAT CARE**, **TL** across rd and **ahead** into St. Mary's Drive. **Filw** rd as it swings L thru houses to rd end, then **ahead** to

Checkpoint 3, Etchingill Village Hall GR 167 392 22.9 miles

Opens 15.00 Closes 19.00

ETCHINGHILL TO ELHAM 7.3 miles

- 15.** From CP, **retrace** steps along St. Mary's Drive, to return to main rd. **TL** and in 100yds, **TL** into Westfield Lane. In 400yds, **ignore** L fork (*private rd*). **Cont**, gently ascending, for further 600yds to lane end. *You are now at the top of Tolsford Hill, which, at 181 metres, is one of East Kent's best viewpoints.* 15yds before wooden fld gate, at NDW wmk post, **TR** thru metal kg to R of BT station on grass path between fences. **Ignore** st on L, **BR** and **thru** kg. **BL** downhill (300°) gradually converging with fence on L. In bottom cnr, **thru** kg and **BR** to rd. **GR 154 393**
- 16.** **BR** across rd (**care!**) and **thru** kg opp. **TL** with fence/hedge on L, along LHS of fld. At metal gate on L, **BL** still LHS fld. In cnr at wmk post, **TR** gently uphill, still with fence on L. In cnr, **thru** kg and **BL** (270°) on faint fp, gradually ascending. **Pass under** power lines and in top RH cnr, **thru** kg. **TL** along LHS fld with fence and copse on L. In cnr, **thru** kg and **SO** to L of new bench. **Descend steeply**, swinging R past NDW wmk-post. **Cont** on path down thru mounds to next NDW wmk-post. **SO** (20°) on fp which in 40yds, swings L (to 310°) across hillside. **Keep ahead** on established path, soon climbing gently. At NDW wmk-post, **TR** (50°) with path for 180yds, converging with fence on R, to wmk-post in cnr. **GR 144 396**
- 17.** **TsharpL** (250°) down shallow gully. At bottom, at wmk-post, **TR** (320°) with hedge on L. At end of hedge, **thru** gap and **ahead** (340°) passing under power lines. **Cont**, gently ascending and soon swinging L (to 290°) on this broad channel thru the Downs. **Pass under** smaller power lines and **SO** to the top. **Thru** open gates or kg to R and **SO** with fence on R. In cnr, **thru** kg and **SO** RHS fld. At NDW wmk-post at fence cnr, **TR** along RHS fld to rd (*Farthing Common viewpoint to L*). **GR 138 403.**
- 18.** **TR** (*leaving NDW*) to T-jcn. **TR** and in 20yds, at f-post, **TL** across rd and along drive opp. In 30yds, **BL** to st next to metal gate. **X** st and **BR** (60°) to fence cnr. **Maintain** this direction to next fence cnr, then **BR** with fence on R. In 140yds, at lone hawthorn bush in fence-line, **TL** (55°) and **descend** hillside (*with excellent views of the Elham Valley before you*). Aim for fence cnr 80yds to L of large gate by electricity pole. At bottom, **thru** SMG under crossbar in fence (please close) **GR 143 406.** **TL** on broad grass path along LHS fld. **Stay** on this path, later uphill bearing R. At top, at obvious gap in trees on L, **TL** to **X** st to rd. **GR 146 410**
- 19.** **TR** on rd downhill and in 600yds, 20yds after Valley Yard gates on R, **TR** thru kg. **BL** (70°) across fld, passing under power lines and heading for far RH cnr. **Thru** kg, **X** rd and **take** Woodland Road ahead (*sign: Lyminge ½ mile*). **Keep ahead** on rd, ignoring all side turns, for 800yds to X-rds, with Coach and Horses PH on L.
- 20.** **With care**, **SO** on rd, going round RH bend. At end of stone wall on L (at EVW f-post), **TsharpL** around barrier. **X** children's play area (50°), **over** bridge and **X** playing fld (30°). At EVW wmk-post, **BR** onto tarmac path. **X** main rd (**great care!**) and **SO** along rd opp (North Lyminge). At end of tarmac, **SO** and **thru** kg by gate. **SO** on path along LHS narrow fld. Before metal gate at end, **BR** to **X** bridge and LH st (EVW). **Ahead** with fence on R. Towards end of this narrowing fld, **ignore** st on L and at end, **thru** gap by wmk-post. **SO**, fence on L, and at end of fld, **X** st. In 50yds, **BR** to fld cnr. **Thru** kg and **up** steps to rd. **GR 170 422**
- 21.** **TR** and in 30yds, at EVW f-post, **TL** up bank. **Ahead** with fence on R, soon going down three steps (beyond house). **SO**, LHS fld and in cnr, **SO** on fp thru bushes. **X** rd and **SO**, LHS fld. Immed before gate in cnr, **go L** then **R** with path to **cont** in same direction. At rd, **TL** and **keep ahead**,

passing church on R, to **reach** main rd. **TR** on pavement and in 40yds, **TL** to **X** rd (**great care!**) and **ahead** to

Checkpoint 4, St Mary's Church Hall, Elham GR 176 438 30.2 miles

Opens 17.00 Closes 22.00

ELHAM TO BISHOPSBOURNE 7.6 miles

22. From CP, **with care**, **X** rd and **TL** on pavement. In 50yds, **TR** down St. Mary's Rd and **ahead** thru square. **BL** into Cock Lane and **SO** past houses. At lane end, **ahead** on tarmac path and **thru** gate (*mind step!*). **BR** across fld (70°) and **thru** gate in cnr (*mind step!*). **TL** (EVW) along LHS fld. In 500yds, at cnr, **TR** with hedge on L. In 100yds, **BL** then **R**, with hedge still on L. In 10yds, **TL** thru kg by power pole. **Cont** LHS fld and at cnr, **thru** kg to rd. **GR 185 446**

23. **TR** and in 30yds, at EVW f-post, **TL** on drive. **Ahead**, hedge on L, and **thru** gate at end. **BR** (40°), **X** fld and **thru** kg in fence. **BL** to **flw** fp. **Pass** EVW wmk post on R and **thru** gap. **BslightlyR** (25°), diverging from fence on L (*leaving EVW*). **Cont** (25°) to ascend steep bank to L of wood cnr. **Cont** (still 25°) to **find** and **X** st in top fld cnr. **GR 189 455**. **X** fld (90°) to far side and wmk on fence cnr. **SO**, hedge on R and in 50yds, **X** st in cnr to L of buildings, to rd. **GR 192 455**

24. **TL** on rd and in 250yds, **TR** at rd jcn. In 280yds, immed before white house, **TL** on byway. **Thru** gate and **SO** RHS fld, hedge on R. At end of hedge, **SO** (5°) on tk across fld. At hedge cnr ahead, **thru** gate and **SO** on encl tk. **Thru** gate and **cont** RHS fld. In 120yds, where tk joins from R, **keep ahead** thru metal gate. In 30yds, **FL** down sunken tk. At EVW f-post, **BL** thru gate. **SO** down tk, later becoming tarmac, to reach rd. **GR 193 472**

25. *WITH EXTREME CARE*, **TR** for 25yds then **X** rd and **along** encl fp opp (EVW), to R of cream house. **X** fb, **thru** kg and **up** LHS fld. **Thru** kg in cnr and **TR** up RHS of fld. **Thru** kg by gate in cnr into wood. **Ahead** on fp (270°), as it winds its way uphill thru wood. **Flw** path as it bears R (to 300° then to 0°). **Ahead** with fence now on L to **X** st. **Cont** climbing and **thru** kg into fld. **BL** (300°) across fld and at far side, reach fence cnr (EVW wmk). **GR 186 476**. Immed **TL** thru SMG to **flw** grass tk between fences to L of houses. **Pass** (or **thru**) gate and **BR** with drive to reach lane at EVW f-post. **GR 183 474**

26. **TR** on lane (EVW f-post) and **keep ahead** for 1500yds passing thru forestry. Where wood on left ends, at f-post, **GR 190 485**, **BL** thru metal kg and **climb** (35°) steeply up RHS of fld. At top, **thru** kg and **TR** along RHS of fld. In 80yds where fence on R swings R, **BL** (25°) to **X** st in fence **GR 192 488**. **BslightlyL** (20°) across next fld to **reach** wmk-post at far side. **BR** on grass tk along LHS fld. At fld cnr, **TR** then **L**, and **thru** gate (by EVW wmk-post) into wood **GR 195 491**. **Keep ahead** (60°) on tk thru wood to emerge at lane (EVW f-post). **GR 198 494**

27. **TL** for 200yds to T-jcn and **X** st opp. **BslightlyR** downhill (330°) and **thru** kg in cnr. **BR** on encl fp and where fence on R ends, **BL** on grass tk. In 50yds, **TL** on concrete tk. Where concrete ends, **BR** on tk between hedges. In 40yds, tk joins from L then **SO** past black shed on R. In further 30yds, where drive joins from R, **BL** (20°). **SO** on tk for 1000yds to rd. **GR 198 509**

28. **TR** and soon **under** railway arch. In 15yds, at EVW f-post, **TL** down bank and **thru** kg. **X** fld (10°) and **thru** gate (*please close*). **BL** (340°) between trees and **thru** another gate (*please close this one too*). **Ahead** on encl fp. At tarmac, **TR** and in 25yds, **TL** along rd. At T-jcn, **TL** for 80yds. At EVW f-post on R, **TR** on encl fp. At end, **BR** with path, fence on R and in 50yds, **thru** gate in cnr. **X** broad tk, **thru** gate opp and **over** brick fb. **BL** (330°) on grass tk. In 250yds, **pass** cottage on L then **BslightlyR** and **thru** gate to rd. **TR** on rd for 450yds to rd jcn at Bishopsbourne.

!!! QUIET PLEASE THRU VILLAGE

BL on rd thru village and in 200yds, TR to

Checkpoint 5, Bishopsbourne Village Hall GR 190 526 37.8 miles

Opens 18.00 Closes 01.30

BISHOPSBOURNE TO SHEPHERDSWELL 6.5 miles

29. From CP (*Quiet please near hall – thank you*), TR on rd and in 150yds, TR at T-jcn. Ahead on rd for 650yds, ignoring side rd to L, to reach T-jcn. WITH GREAT CARE, BR to X main rd (using central island). SO under rd bridge and in 200yds **at first wooden power pole on L**, TR thru gap (NDW f-post on L) GR 195 531. Ahead (160°) on bw across long fld (with A2 rd over to your R) to reach lane. GR 201 522

30. X lane, thru gate (NDW f-post) and SO (135°) across fld. In 600yds, thru gate in hedge GR 205 519. X concrete tk, thru gap and BslightlyL (125°) across next fld. In 500yds at NDW wmk-post GR 209 516, BR (130°) on broad grass tk on LHS fld (new hedge plantings on L). In 400yds established hedge starts on L. In further 450yds, where tk swings L, SO (! BEWARE STUMPS and ANIMAL BURROWS) on encl bw, paddock and house on R, to reach gravel tk at NDW f-post (*map changes to Explorer 138). GR 215 510

31. TL on tk and in 5yds, SO (80°) on encl grass bw. In 30yds, go round gate and in further 35yds, TR on tk (NDW). Stay ahead on tk, soon between hedges. In 220yds, ignore tk on L. In further 100yds, 15yds after end of hedge on L, reach wmk post on L at start of wire fence. BL off tk (90°) across fld to rd at NDW f-post (*electricity pole beyond rd*) GR 222 509. WITH GREAT CARE, X rd and ahead (120°) on broad bw between flds, following line of power poles. In 300yds, hedge joins from L. In further 150yds, where tk swings R, at end of fld on R, SO (110°) on encl bw. Keep ahead on tk between houses to rd. GR 228 506

32. TL and in 10yds, TR on tk (NDW). In 100yds, swing L thru wide gap and immed TR (wmk post on R). Keep ahead on RHS fld with hedge on R to rd GR 234 503. WITH GREAT CARE, BR to X rd and ahead on fp thru wood. At next rd, TR and in 70yds, TL (NDW f-post) along RHS fld. In 260yds, TR thru gap in hedge (fp wmk). BL (130°) across grass and thru gap in fence. TR, fence on R, and in 30yds, at wmk-post, just before rd, TL along RHS fld. Keep ahead on this fld edge path soon with wood/hedge on R. 50yds after wide gap in hedge on R, TR up bank to X st by NDW f-post. TL and in 50yds, where rd swings L, SO on encl byway (NDW f-post). In 30yds, ignore wide fld entrance on L. Keep ahead on this bw for 1500yds to reach jcn with tk. BR on tk to rd. GR 254 492

33. TL on rd, X railway bridge and in 20yds, TR on Long Lane. In 800yds, at NDW f-post GR 261 489, TR. In 14yds, thru SMG and ahead. In 50yds, BslightlyR on grass tk between fences, sheep fence on R. At end, thru kg. TR on rd and immed TR at T-jcn. Over level Xing and immed TL thru kg (NDW f-post). Pass table on R and in 60yds, BR on mown path ahead. In 15yds, thru kg. BL across drive and ahead (180°) on tk. At end, thru kg by gate. SO between fences and thru small inset gate (*mind step!*). SO (190°) on tk up fld, swinging L by power pole and thru another inset gate (*mind step!*). SO on tk and as it levels, by wooden stables on R, filw encl fp to L of tk. Thru kg and TR (*leaving NDW*). Ahead on tarmac fp, soon passing thru metal barrier. BL with path and in 60yds, TR to

Checkpoint 6, Shepherdsweil Guides Hut GR 260 481 44.3 miles

Opens 19.00 Closes 04.00

SHEPHERDSWELL TO MAYDENSOLE FARM 4.5 miles

34. From CP, **retrace** steps by turning L uphill on gravel, **thru** gap and **TR** on tarmac fp. **Ahead** thru metal barrier and at kg on L, by lamp post, **TR** to re-join NDW. At rd, **TR** for 20yds. **X WITH CARE** and **thru** gate opp (NDW f-post). **Ahead** on encl fp, **thru** kg and **SO** LHS fld. Just before cnr, **thru** kg on L and **TR** along RHS of fld. In cnr, **SO** thru gap in hedge and **BL** (95°) across fld. **Thru** gap in hedge/fence and **BL** (90°) up fld. At far side, **step over** low fence at gap in hedge **GR 271 476** and **BR** (wmk post on R) thru trees. In 30yds, **emerge** and **SO** (130°) across fld. **Thru** kg at gap in hedge and **TL**. In 50yds, **thru** SMG and **SO**, hedge on L. In 40yds, **BR** away from hedge (70°) on mown path across grass and **thru** kg in far RH cnr. **Ahead** to rd and **TR** for 50yds to jcn with main rd. **GR 275 476**

35. **X rd (care!)** and in 5yds, **TL** before postbox. Immed, **BR** (80°) thru wood and in 40yds, **thru** gate. **BR** (75°) across fld and **thru** gate in fence. **SO** on winding path thru trees and in 140yds, **thru** gate. **SO** (70°) on fp across large fld. In 800yds, **go across** X-tk and **pass** wmk-post at LH end of line of trees. **SO** and in 15yds, **reach** open fld. **SO** (60°) on faint fp over grass, passing group of large trees on R. **Keep ahead** (60°) to pass gate **GR 287 481**. **SO** (60°) on faint fp and in 120yds, **X drive**. **Cont** (90°) on faint fp and **thru** gap in fence to L of all buildings. **GR 290 481**

36. **Ahead** and in 10yds, **BR** (130°) down tarmac drive. In 70yds, **swing L** with drive and in 80yds, **thru** white gate. **TR** on drive and in 260yds, **FR** on drive to pass 'Hornsby Groves' noticeboard hidden behind tree on L. In 12yds, **BL** up bank to **TR** thru small black gate. **BL** across fld (75°) and **thru** kg into copse. Soon **exit** thru kg (**! beware projecting stub at top**) and **X fld** (80°). **Thru** gate in cnr, then iron gate, into churchyard. **Ahead** on tarmac path past church. **Thru** lychgate and **BR** on tk to main rd. **GR 298 482**

37. **WITH CARE**, **TR** on rd and in 100yds, **TL** to **X rd (great care!)** and **along** rd opp (*sign: Ashley*). In 150yds, 40yds after end of bridge, **TL** on concrete drive (NDW). In 300yds, **thru** kg on R (to R of metal gates). **BR** (80°) across fld and at far side, **X farm tk** and **ahead** thru kg (NDW wmk). **SO** (80°) up fld and **thru** kg in hedge to rd. **GR 304 485**

38. **TL** along rd thru Ashley. In 450yds, **swing R** along Waldershare Road. In 200yds, at NDW f-post, **TR** on tk (Northdowns Close). In 20yds, **FL** onto encl tk (NDW). **SO** on tk between flds and in 250yds, **join** and **flw** hedge on L. **Cont ahead** LHS fld and at cnr, **thru** gap in hedge. **SO** (150°) across fld and **thru** hedge-gap to rd. **TR** and in 230yds, 30yds before rd jcn, **TL** thru barrier gap (*leaving NDW*). **Ahead** (90°) on fp and in 40yds, **FR** before brick barn to **arrive** at

Checkpoint 7, Maydensole Farm GR 315 476 48.8 miles

Opens 20.00 Closes 05.30

NB. Maydensole Farm is private land.

Supporters are not permitted to take cars onto the property.

MAYDENSOLE FARM TO DEAL 4.6 miles

39. From CP, **retrace** route around brick barn to fp. **TR** (70°) on fp behind barns and in 80yds, **join** tk from R. **Ahead** on tk (70°). In 650yds, in cnr, **swing R** with tk and in 25yds, **TL** to cont LHS fld. In 500yds, **thru** gap in hedge and **SO** LHS of next fld. In 1300yds, **thru** metal gate. In 70yds, **thru** gate. **SO** thru narrow fld (**! beware horses**) and in far LH cnr, **thru** gate. **Ahead** (60°) across paddock (**! more horses**), **thru** metal gate and **SO** between silos. **SO** across farmyard and **cont** along tarmac drive opp. At end of drive, **thru** gate to rd. **GR 336 492**

40. **TR** on rd (**care!**) and in 5yds, **TL thru** gate by house. In 10yds, **thru** next gate and **SO** on encl fp to kg. **BR** (60°) to gate. **SO** past gate on L, and **TR**, passing camping/caravan park, to **flw** encl fp to kg. **TL** on rd, and in 150yds, **X** side rd on R and **BR** up steps in bank to f-post. **BslightlyR** (75°) across large fld, passing close to electricity supply pole in mid-field. At far side, **thru** kg and **SO** (90°) to pass to R of Ripple Village Hall. **GR 346 499**

41. **X** st, then at X-rds, **TR** into Chapel Lane. In 40yds, **TL** onto tarmac fp (*sign: No Cycling*). **TR** with path and **thru** barrier. **X** fld (70°) and at far cnr, **TL** onto rd. **Pass** church and wmk, **ignore** L turn, and **TL** before LWG. **TR** at wmk, pass to L of sign to Solley's Ice Cream Parlour and **SO**, RHS 2 flds, then LHS next fld. **X** minor rd and **SO** on fp to end. **X** rd (**care!**) and **SO** in Rectory Road, Xing (**care!**) to RH pavement. After rd swings R, **TR** into Addelam Road. **Take** RH pavement, then at T-jcn, **TL**. At next T-jcn, **TR** and in 100yds, **TL** to **X** rd (**great care!**) into St Leonard's Road. **SO** for 250yds, then **X** rd (**care!**) into Deal Town Football Club stadium, following pathway L and R to clubhouse and

FINISH at Deal Town Football Club GR 366 518 53.4 miles

All to finish by 08.00 on Monday

WELL DONE!