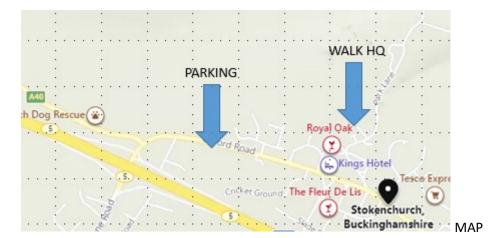
## OXON 20 2022 Important Information.

#### We hope you enjoy this year's Oxon 20 at - Longburrow Hall in Stokenchurch.

Parking is available from 06:15, approx 750yds from the Walk HQ, please allow sufficient time to arrive and register AT THE HALL **BEFORE** proceeding (allow 10 mins) to the start at the hall (see map and directions below): 20 mile runners walkers 09:00. Please note the CP opening times, entrants arriving early will not be allowed in. If you expect to complete the course at over 6mph please inform the Help desk at registration.

#### Car Parking.

As spaces are limited so please car share if possible. We have the use of two car parks, both off the M40/A40 from junction 5 into Stokenchurch, please park as directed by the marshals. For directions use HP14 3SX on your SatNav or GR SU756964 on your OS map.



#### Registration.

YOU MUST REGISTER AT THE HALL BEFORE STARTING . Ensure we have the correct course and details recorded. Start at 09:00 for runners walkers. Any last minute information or changes to the route will be notified at the briefing a few minutes before the start

#### For the event.

Please ensure that you have printed out, and brought with you, a copy of the route description as there will not be any available on the day. Also you must have the required maps (ideally EXP 171 and 172), a mug, suitable clothing, a basic first aid kit, a mask, a charged and switched on mobile phone and sufficient food and drink to allow you to get between the checkpoints.

#### Food

There will be food (e.g. sandwiches) at CPs 3 and 4. You do not visit CPs 1 and 2 on this route.

Emergency Phone on the event No: 07572 954265

# OXON 20-2022 Route Description

<u>Place names:</u> *Italics* = name or path number can be seen from route CAPITALS = name appears on O.S.maps <u>Abbreviations:</u> **ahd**=ahead: **B**=bear: **bld**=building: **BW**=bridleway: **CB**=compass bearing (magnetic): **cont**=continue: **CW**=Chiltern Way: **encl**=enclosed: **F**=fork: **fld**=field: **fllw(ing)**=follow(ing): **FP**=footpath: **FPS**=FP sign: **GT**=gate: **GR**=O.S. grid ref: **immed**=immediately: **junc**=junction: **K/G**=kissing GT: **L**=left: **LHS/RHS**=L/R hand side: **m**=mile: **opp**=opposite: **OW**=Oxfordshire Way: **R**=right: **RD**=road: **RW**=Ridgeway: **sli**=slight: **SP**=Signpost(ed): **ST**=stile: **TK**=track: **thru**=through: **T**=turn: **wd**=wood: **WM**=waymark(ed) (often white arrows): **X**=cross/across: **yds**=yards. **All GRs are SU xxxxxx unless stated** 

**1.** Leave hall and back thru car park. TL on lane. Ahd 550 yds ignoring paths to R and L, including *CW*, then BL thru gateway for *Halbottom Farm*. As lane swings sharply L into trees, ahd thru K/G onto encl FP. Descend steeply on encl FP, thru GT, then BL between fences. X ST at bottom and ahd X fld, climbing to steps and ST (*Sheep*). X ST and B1/2R X and down field to ST. X ST and ahd to X TK. Ahd for 650 yds, initially uphill, eventually descending into next valley. At junct in valley bottom, TR down valley on LHS of wood. Eventually join and BR on TK as houses come into view to L. Along TK to join Lane. Follow Lane past several entrances to *Colliers Farm Buildings*. **GR 776 974** 

**2.** Soon after last entrance, with grey silo, TL to X ST (*CW*). Ascend under wires to top of field, then BL along top to go thru 2 GTs, then between fences. Thru 2 further GTs to reach Lane. TR to pass *Andridge Farm* (*Private Road*). And at end of lane, X ST and BL along LHS of field to far LH corner. X ST, go behind house and X ST to RD. TL for 125 yds, then L again at RD junct. TR (CW) at *Church Stile*, thru GT at bend, then X fld to go thru gate to RD junct. And up lane opp to *St Mary the Virgin Church*. **GR 786 979** 

**3.** Enter churchyard and ahd thru graveyard. BR thru 2 GTs and fields, then BL on *CW* after 3<sup>rd</sup> GT in dip. Up and thru GT at *Nature Reserve* sign, where T sharp L (leaving CW), on path on open ground, climbing diagonally up ridge. At WM post at end, after noticeboard, TR and climb on narrow path to K/G. Thru and along RHS of fld and K/G to RD. TR for 40 yds, X RD, to end of *Chapel Lane* **GR 791 984** 

**4.** Ahd down *Chapel Lane*. Ahd ignoring Xing *CW*, then thru K/G and ahd downhill on grassy path. At bottom, thru K/G and TL along LHS of fld to reach Lane at *Lodge Hill Farm*. TR on Lane then BR to reach T junct. TL on Lane, (SP: *The Granary Barn*). After 60 yds, BR on TK, keeping to LHS of fld, therafter ignoring path Xing field to R. After 500 yds, swing R still on LHS of fld. Ahd at next path junct on RHS of bushes, eventually through grey GT (*Farm Livestock*) and ahd on grass. After 400 yards, at path junction by gate, TR downhill. Thru GT, now on *Ridgeway* and follow on RHS of field, BL then BR to go under wires, descend to RD at *Longwood* **GR SP 801003** 

**5.** X RD and ahd on *RW* opp. Ahd on TK then RHS of wooden fence onto encl FP. Thru GT and ahd with bushes and golf course to L and R. **TAKE OFF EARPHONES** 

as now you will X railway with GREAT CARE (**LISTEN BEFORE CROSSING**). And thru K/G and up grassy path (*RW*) to go thru K/G. After next GT, on entering fld, T immed R on *CW*, leaving RW. Along RHS of fld for 500yds, then swing L to X fld and go past end of hedgerow. X fld to reach BUSY RD, where X WITH CARE. **DANGEROUS ROAD CROSSING GR SP 808 008** 

**6.** Ahd on CW opp. Ahd at Xing TK. On reaching house, BL back into trees and after 80 yds, reach and ahd on TK. Pass stables on L. BL on concrete TK and immed before gateway, TR on stony climbing FP. On reaching RD, TR. Ahd to 4 way junct, where ahd on *Lower Road*. In 300 yds, at *Hillside*, TL at FPS on rising encl FP. After 420yds, X Lane and ahead to reach end of RD at *Casa Mia*. Ahd up RD. On reaching main RD, X RD, and TR on pavement for 100 yds to reach

### CP3 LACEY GREEN AND LOOSELY ROW MILLENIUM HALL GR SP 823002, Opens 10:10, Closes 12:30, 7.6mls, Sandwiches etc

**7.** Leave hall and return to main RD. TL for 200 yds, passing pub. X RD and turn down *Church Lane*. Ignore first FP on R. Between *Lane Farm* and *Trillium*, TR (FPS). Thru small wooden GT. X ST into fld, X fld, GT (trip hazard) and another fld to go thru GT in bottom of valley. Ahd Xing concrete TK and uphill on yellow WMs. Soon TL on wider encl FP. After 320yds, thru wooden K/G into fld, along LHS and X ST to join wider path on which TL. Thru gateway or ST and BR of trees to follow grassy path with views. Thru GT and along LHS of next fld, keeping ahd on ridge. Thru another gap, passing thru gateway or thru *Ronnies Gate*. Ahd LHS of next 2 flds, descend towards farm and BR in front of hedge to reach Lane **GR 820 988** 

**8.** TL on lane for 100 yds. T sharp R at *FPS* between black buildings of farm. Ahd on FP to emerge in fld (SP: `*Welcome to Our Farm*'). TL and follow LHS of fld for 130yds until you see a K/G ahd. **Do not** go thru K/G but turn R with hedge on L. Ahd thru gap in trees, TL thru hedge gap. Keep L of `*Whats Living in the Hedge'* sign. Swing R , ignoring FPs leading uphill at bend. Keep to LHS of flds, paralleling line of valley. At end of fld, TL on TK and follow as it swings L then R (ignore FPs to L). Ahd LHS of next fld to reach multi-layer picnic bench, where X TK and ahd on RHS of next fld. Ahd, eventually thru 2GTs to RD. TR to descend to BRADENHAM Village, to reach *Red Lion* and main RD. **GR 824 970** 

**9.** TR on main RD for 50 yds, then X RD **WITH CARE** to FP sign opp (partially hidden in trees). Go thru rusty side K/G, and BL on stony TK, which then swings R to go thru GT and under tunnel. After tunnel, ahd (ignore track swinging left) keep to RHS of fld, then R thru GT and along top (LHS) of field for 100 yds. BL into bushes and thru GT. BR twice at path juncts to X fld and climb diagonally with views (do not take LH path straight up hill). At far end, thru GT into woods and keep on WM to eventually reach Lane at top of ridge at 4 way FPS. **GR 814 974** 

**10.** T sharp L on Lane. Follow along ridge to *Nobles Farm*, where and on TK between fences. Thru K/G and cont between fences. At end of fence, and on TK thru woods for 1200 yds. Eventually as TK swings L, BR into Car Park with church tower visible and. At end of Car Park, TL to follow edge of and swing R round trees (*Caves* arrow) and and passing L of the mausoleum. Immed after this, TL downhill to pass FP sign (*Hellfire Caves*). At next *Caves* sign, TR steeply downhill (may be slippy) to reach entrance to *Hellfire Caves*. **GR 829 948** 

**11.** And on FP in trees. Keep bearing L ,eventually emerging on lane and TR opp school entrance. Follow down to busy A40 junct. X side roads on R with care, passing black sign with multiple directions, and head up RH pavement of *Oxford Rd* NW out of village on A40. After 200 yds, X busy A40 **WITH EXTREME CARE**, and climb up *Toweridge Lane* opp. to reach junct at the top of the hill, **GR 827 939** 

**12.** BR on metalled lane (*Private Rd*). And to pass *Towerage Farm*, as lane becomes TK. And for 600yds, ignoring first FP and then horse path to R. Immed after TK becomes paved, TR on next FP, taking yellow WMs. And as path contours and then descends to valley to X TK and and up valley on WMs, paralleling TK to L. On reaching sunken TK, TR then swing R at following path junct. Cont on TK for 700 yds on blue WMs to pass and reach lane at *Bullocks Farm*. **GR 817 938** 

**13.** TL on lane for 30 yds to reach FPS at field corner on R. Ignore ST, taking LH signed FP around chain and posts. After 50 yds TR and descend to BR near edge of wood and thru GT into fld. Keep ahd downhill in field (ignore path to L) to X ST to RD. TL on RD into village. Take 2nd RD on L (*King St*) then T first R to reach **CP4 PIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL. GR 810 941 Open 11:15 Closes 16:20 16.3 mls, Sandwiches etc** 

**14.** Leave hall and TL on *Queen St*. At end TR in front of white house to follow RD as it turns L and R. TL at the end of *Princes St*, eventually passing *Dashwood Roadhouse*. X side RD then X BUSY A40 **WITH GREAT CARE**. Take signed *FP* opp and thru *Ham Farm*. Ahd on TK . BR to stay on TK after 400 yds (*Dogs on Leads*). Ahd into woods (*West Wycombe Estate*) keeping on TK along valley bottom for 1.15mls, passing two *Bottom Wood Nature Reserve* boards close together and a 3<sup>rd</sup> later on. At the fourth such board at a 4 way junct (with maps), ahead on encl FP between flds, still up valley bottom. Ahd 400 yds to village **GR 787 955** 

**15.** Ahd ignoring Lane to L then TR on *FP* at *Hilltop Farm*. Thru *Harry Cox's gate* onto encl FP. Ahd at path junct and thru K/G onto LHS of electric fence. Thru K/G and cont on encl TK between electric fences. Soon thru grey GT to end of lane. Ignore FPs to R and L and ahd up lane, passing *Eton Lodge* into village (RADNAGE/THE CITY). At top of climb, TL on *Green Lane*, passing village hall to your R. At end of *Green Lane*, TL on *City Rd* for 70 yards to reach war memorial, where TR on FP next to white house. Descend on encl FP into valley eventually swinging L into trees. Join another FP descending to reach TK, which swings R and descends to RD junct in bottom of valley **GR 783 972** 

**16.** TL on *Grange Farm Road* and ahd along valley bottom. After 600 yds, ahd on TK as main lane swings R for *Pophleys Farm* (ignore any walkers you see on hillside to R). Pass *No Unauthorised Vehicles* sign. After 200yds BL on *CW*, (crossing electric fences if present) rising to hedge. X TK, thru hedge gap then ahd on *CW* on LHS of 2 flds for 600yds. In middle of second fld, BL onto TK at WM and TR. Follow TK for 300yds, BL before grey GT over fld. Cont through bushes, K/G then fld for 300yds, to emerge at lane. TL on lane for 100yds then TR to *Longburrow Hall* and register at the **FINISH** 

## WELL DONE!21.3miles (2800 ft ascent)