

AH Ahead	BL Bear left	BR Bear right	BVCW Brit Valley Circular Walk
BW Bridleway	CB Compass bearing	CP Checkpoint	E East
FB Field boundary	FP Footpath	GR Grid reference	Immed. Immediately
JT Jubilee Trail	KG Kissing gate	L Left	LH Left-hand
LHS Left-hand side (yours)	LMG Large metal gate	LWG Large wooden gate	Mon W Monarch's Way
N North	NT National Trust	R Right	RD Road
RH Right-hand	RHS Right-hand side (yours)	S South	SDR South Dorset Ridgeway
SLOT same line of travel	SMG Small metal gate	SP Signpost	ST Stile
SWG Small wooden gate	T-jct. T-junction	Thru through	TK Track
TL Turn Left	TR Turn Right	W West	WM Waymark
WR Wessex Ridgeway	WVW Wey Valley Walk	X Cross / across	YDS Yards

SP followed by another abbreviation or words indicates where the signpost is pointing e.g. SP FP or SP Milton Abbas. WM followed by another abbreviation or words indicates what sort of waymark e.g. WM FP or WM WR. Please note that FB stands for field boundary, **not** footbridge.

Leg 1. Wey Valley School to Crossways

9.8 miles

Height ascent – 1044 feet

Height descent – 938 feet

1.1 Leave from outside school playing field grounds in front of LMG. (GR SY 669 828). (**DO NOT** trespass on school grounds.) TR on enclosed tarmac path for 130 YDS to narrow tarmac lane. TR and after 250 YDS X railway bridge and TL on cycleway. AH with main road on right passing under bridge. AH with high fence on R, under power lines to pass under 2nd bridge. BL on cycleway for 75 YDS to cycleway T-jct. TR (SP Dorchester 5). After 800 YDS TR on BW over bridge over main rd. AH to SWG. (GR SY 673 843).

1.2 Go thru gate. AH on BW passing red wooden posts. After 400 YDS pass to left of SP ($\frac{3}{4}$ Bincombe WVW). After 150 YDS go thru SWG beside LMG. Downhill on enclosed BW. After 450 YDS X bridge over stream and BL on BW with ditch on L to RD. TL on RD passing *Bincombe please drive carefully* sign. At bend in RD by Royal Mail post box in stone wall (GR SY 685 846) TR on track passing church and thru LMG. After 40 YDS TL on track uphill (SP Osmington $3\frac{1}{4}$). At power lines BL off TK (CB 90) to go thru SMG. AH with FB on R for 85 YDS to go thru LMG. AH on path (initially CB 75) downhill. After 75 YDS TR at WM (WVW) to RD. X RD (**CARE**), X ST (SP Osmington 3 WVW). AH on FP

bearing L with bank on L to X ST. After 10 YDS X ST onto RD. X RD (**EXTREME CARE** as blind corner) onto raised verge. TL and after 40 YDS TR thru LMG. (GR SY 697 843).

1.3 AH on BW (SP SDR Osmington 2¾) with FB on L. In 300 YDS go thru LMG (ignore LMG on L). AH with FB on L for 350 YDS to go thru SMG by LMG. AH thru LMG. AH (CB 45) for 30 YDS to fence corner. AH (CB 80) passing to R of first mound to SMG by SP. Thru gate and in 10 YDS at SP TL (SP Broadmayne 1¾) (GR SY 709 847) and immediately TR. AH on enclosed TK (initially CB 60). After 1100 YDS ignore BW at SP on L and continue for further 300 YDS. TL thru SWG onto BW (GR SY 723 852). AH (CB 15) across field under power lines to go thru gap. AH for 1000 YDS on enclosed BW, later wide TK, to RD at Broadmayne. AH 80 YDS on RD. TL along Cowleaze Road. (GR SY 730 864).

1.4 At T-jct TR to X RDS. X RD SLOT using pedestrian crossing (SP W. Knighton ¾). Just after 2 large green cabinets on RHS TR (WM) and go thru KG. AH thru LMG. At fence corner BL onto raised bank. AH with FB on LHS. Thru KG. AH FB on RHS passing chain link fence on R. Thru KG. AH FB on LHS. Thru KG and AH thru wood to TK opposite house with number 28 on gate. TR on TK for 300 YDS. At junction (SP JT) TR on BW and immediately over 2 bridges. BR. After 10 YDS TL on TK. At T-jct TL on TK for 750 YDS to reach X TK at wooden SP. (GR SY 749 871).

1.5 TL and in 100 YDS pass large sign The Watercress Company, Warmwell Farm. AH between buildings. At end of large dilapidated building on LHS TL up TK (CB 310). After 120 YDS at corrugated iron barn continue AH uphill (CB 350). After 100 YDS ignore LMG on RHS and continue AH on FP. After 40 YDS reach large Aggregate Industries sign. TR on enclosed grass TK for 1¼ miles to pass two Aggregate Industries signs on LHS. In 35 YDS after second sign, X RD. AH on enclosed FP. After 60 YDS at X path continue AH (CB 100) on enclosed FP for 600 YDS to RD. X RD (**CARE**) and TR on grass verge. AH on verge with houses on LHS, crossing road junction, to T-jct B3390. TL on pavement and after 80 YDS at 2nd large green cabinet on the pavement TR and X RD (**CARE**) (SP Moigne Combe). AH on minor RD. After 140 YDS TL to arrive at Crossways Village Hall and checkpoint. (GR SY 767 880).

CHECKPOINT 1 - CROSSWAYS VILLAGE HALL

TOTAL MILEAGE – 9.8 MILES

Open Sat 1220 Hrs – Close Sat 1700 Hrs

Leg 2. Crossways to Briantspuddle

6.9 miles

Height ascent – 477 feet

Height descent – 541 feet

2.1 From CP TL and continue on minor RD which becomes TK. After 500 YDS at wooden SP on R, TL on BW (SP JT) (CB170). AH on TK which narrows thru wood for ½ mile to RD. TL on RD. After 60 YDS TR on BW (SP JT). AH on TK which becomes enclosed FP. Thru SMG (JT). AH thru SMG. X field (CB 90). Thru SMG and immediately thru SWG into field. AH with barbed wire fence on RHS. Towards end of fence BL to go thru SMG. Immediately thru 2nd SMG. BL (CB 60) X field to SWG. Thru gate. BR on enclosed path to RD. (GR SY 791 875).

2.2 TL on RD for 1100 YDS to T-jct at Redbridge Road street name plate. TR over railway bridge. AH on TK (JT) (CB 90) for 1.35 miles to RD. TL on RD (**CARE**) for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to pass 30 mph signs and Moreton village sign. Continue on RD passing small cemetery on LHS. (Lawrence of Arabia buried here.) At RD junction BR SP Moreton Church. (GR SY 804 893).

2.3 Continue on RD (JT) which becomes TK across long footbridge over river. After crossing river continue AH on TK (SP JT). BL where TK joins from R and X bridge over river. After 150 YDS AH at TK junction (SP Clouds Hill). After a further 450 YDS and just before the TK begins to rise, TL on FP between rocks (GR SY 813 903), and in 100 YDS BL onto TK and continue for 500 YDS to reach offset rocks. Continue on FP to RD. X RD (**GREAT CARE**). AH (WM JT) thru wood following JT WMs for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to SWG. Thru gate and continue AH on TK to go under plastic piping. At 2nd overhead plastic piping continue on TK for 230 YDS to wooden WM post on LHS. (GR SY 814 922).

2.4 Fork L (SP JT) (CB 340). X gravel TK and AH (SP JT) which becomes uphill, to SWG. Thru gate to RD and X RD (**CARE**). AH on FP thru wood to reach SP at X TK. TR (SP Briantspuddle $\frac{1}{4}$ JT). At staggered crosstracks SLOT (SP Briantspuddle JT). 20 YDS before thatched house AH at cross-path (SP), then at hedge to thatched house at T-jct TL downhill (SP JT) to RD. TL on RD downhill. Just after red telephone box TR at crossroads. AH on RD passing between thatched properties for 210 YDS to arrive at Briantspuddle Village Hall and checkpoint. (GR SY 818 931).

CHECKPOINT 2 – BRIANTSPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL

TOTAL MILEAGE – 16.8 MILES

Open Sat 1400 Hrs – Close Sat 1900 Hrs

Leg 3. Briantspuddle to Dewlish

5.6 miles

Height Ascent – 551 feet

Height Descent – 391 feet

3.1 From CP TL along RD. After 50 YDS TL (SP JT Gully Road $\frac{1}{4}$). AH to X ST (JT). AH X field to footbridge. X bridge and AH X field. Go thru LMG and TL (leaving JT) along TK to RD. X RD (**CARE**) and AH on FP (SP). X tarmac lane and over ST into field (SP). AH with FB on RHS. At corner of field TR up bank to X ST and TL with FB on LHS. X ST into copse and AH on path to X ST into field. AH with FB on LHS to X ST. AH to X ST in hedge that emerges directly onto the road (**GREAT CARE**). X RD and TL along raised grass verge. After 40 YDS at village sign for Affpuddle, TR and X ST. AH on worn TK. Just after field corner BL (CB 300) across field. Just after corrugated barn ignore LMG and continue AH (CB 290) with FB on RHS. X ST by old LMG. AH around field boundary with FB on LHS, passing gardens of houses after field corner. Thru SMG to RD. (GR SY 800 944).

3.2 TL on pavement passing village sign for Tolpuddle. Continue AH on pavement to reach The Martyrs Inn. X RD (**CARE**) and TL to continue on pavement on RHS of road crossing Central Farm Lane. 100 YDS after passing church on LHS, TR on BW (WM BW) between houses by Jude's Cottage. After 160 YDS, BR on enclosed BW (CB 340). Thru

SMG and AH on tarred BW. At T-jct TL on A35 underpass. Immediately after underpass TL on tarred BW. Continue on BW as it turns right into field (SP Dewlish), then AH X field (CB 330). Thru gap in FB and AH with FB on RHS. Thru gap into next field and SLOT. 20 YDS before field corner BR on enclosed BW. AH, ignoring turn to R, to emerge at RD A354. (GR SY 784 966).

3.3 X RD (**EXTREME CARE !!!**) and TL. After 20 YDS TR on BW. AH with FB on LHS. After 220 YDS at field corner (do not BR) SLOT for 800 YDS on enclosed BW and then with FB on LHS. Ignore turns to left and right. Thru SMG beside LMG on to RD. AH downhill on RD. At bottom of hill BL continuing on RD. After 40 YDS leave RD and continue AH on tarred path between houses to emerge opposite a grain store where TL on RD (GR SY 776 984). At crossroads TL and in 25 YDS arrive at CP. (GR SY 775 982).

CHECKPOINT 3 – DEWLISH VILLAGE HALL
TOTAL MILEAGE – 22.4 MILES
Open Sat 1520 Hrs – Close Sat 2100 Hrs

Leg 4. Dewlish to Ansty
10.2 miles
Height Ascent – 1471 feet
Height Descent – 1346 feet

4.1 From CP TL and follow road downhill. 20 YDS after Old Parsonage Farmhouse, BL on tarmac FP over stream. TL on RD which becomes wide track. Go thru SWG beside LMG. After 20 YDS ignore turn to left and in 10 YDS fork right uphill on TK. At brow by LMG BL with FB on RHS. After 180 YDS ignore TR thru LMG into field and SLOT with FB on RHS. After 130 YDS BL at field corner and in 20 YDS TR thru SWG. In 10 YDS TR with FB on RHS. Ignore SMG on RHS. At end of field go thru SMG on LHS and TR (CB 25) thru dilapidated SMG on to BW. In 10 YDS thru SMG, X TK and thru SMG. AH on enclosed BW, thru SMG, X TK, thru SMG and SLOT to reach 5 way junction at Gallows Corner. (GR ST 787 005).

4.2 AH (SP Milton Abbas 1½) (CB 40). At RD junction TR on RD (**CARE - blind bend**). (GR ST 791 009). After 250 YDS opposite house on RHS turn sharp left uphill on TK. Thru LMG and X field (CB 30). Thru RH LMG and AH with FB on LHS. Thru LMG SLOT. Thru SMG and AH on enclosed BW to RD. TR downhill. At T-jct X RD and TL on pavement. At RD junction at Milton Abbas, BR uphill between thatched houses and after 330 YDS X RD by church to drinks stop. (GR ST 806 018).

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4.3 Leave drinks stop and TR. AH (retracing your steps) down main street and in 330 YDS reach road junction. X RD to pavement and TR on pavement to reach thatched house. TL on FP before house (SP Milton Abbey) and AH (lake on L) to reach X-TK with Abbey ahead. TL on TK to reach X-TK. TR on TK (SP Hilton Road) and AH with Abbey and golf course on RHS and in 740 YDS reach minor RD. (GR ST 796 026).

4.4 X RD and TL and in 50 YDS TR on BW initially uphill thru wood. In 1000 YDS ignore narrow path on L. AH thru wood (path becoming narrow) to reach open area and gate into nature reserve. AH thru gate with FB on L to reach notice board on L. AH (CB 340) with FB on L to reach gates. Thru SWG and AH with FB on L (leaving nature reserve) to reach LMG in LH corner by trough (ignore previous gate on L). AH still with FB on L and in 650 YDS go thru LMG and pass Hill Barn Shelter on LHS. AH on enclosed TK thru LMG (which may be open) to reach house set back on RHS and barns on LHS. AH on tarmac TK thru wood to reach minor RD. TR with timber yard on RHS to reach staggered crossroads. TL (SP Stoke Wake) to reach Woolland Hill Nature Reserve notice board on RHS. (GR ST 781 058).

4.5 AH on RD (**CARE**) and in 760 YDS reach junction. AH (**CARE**) and in 450 YDS (ignoring RD on RHS) reach SMG on LHS and SP. Thru gate and BR (CB 260) (SP Dorset Gap) to reach fork below hill (Rawlsbury Camp). BL (CB 220) to go thru SMG (WM WR). AH on raised grassy path (ditch on R). BL (CB 220) on path as it bears L away from bank. Continue on faint grassy path (CB 250) downhill aiming to L of trees to go thru LMG (WM WR). BL (CB 220) downhill curving L towards LMG with trees now on both sides. Go thru LMG to X field (CB 160) and go thru LMG in LH corner. X concrete bridge and AH on TK and in 380 YDS reach farm buildings. AH between buildings and thru LMG (which may be open) to reach house on LHS (**Quiet Please**). (GR ST 766 045).

4.6 AH thru LMG (which may be open) onto lane which soon bears L and then R and in 620 YDS reach T-jct. TR to reach junction. AH (SP Hazelbury Bryan). In 110 YDS, after Moonfleet Farmhouse on LHS, reach TK entrance on L (SP Moonfleet Camping). **DO NOT** go down TK, but X ST to R of TK entrance (SP FP) and AH to SWG. AH to go thru LMG (which may be open) and SLOT to go thru KG on R of LWG. BL (CB 160) in field to X ST and SLOT to X another field (CB 160) to X ST in hedge. Diagonally X next field (CB 190) to X ST in hedge to TR on RD (**CARE – look both ways, drivers cannot see ST or gap**). AH on RD to pass pub (sadly) on LHS and 110 YDS after pub reach CP on RHS. (GR ST 764 031).

CHECKPOINT 4 – ANSTY VILLAGE HALL (Old Brewery Hall)

TOTAL MILEAGE – 32.6 MILES

Open Sat 1800 Hrs – Close Sun 0150 Hrs

Leg 5. Ansty – Buckland Newton

6.2 miles

Height ascent – 1072 feet

Height descent – 1050 feet

5.1 On leaving CP TL and in 15 YDS TL over ST beside bungalow. (**Quiet Please**). Cross second stile and follow RH edge of field thru SMGs to descend to X ST next to LMG. Follow enclosed FP to X ST onto RD (Cothayes Drove). X RD and thru LMG opposite to X field (CB 240) to X double stile in hedge. X field (CB 290) to far corner of field. Thru LMG, and AH (CB 310) with hedge on L to LMG (which may be open) in LH corner. AH and as TK levels out BR (CB 300) aiming to R of house to pass thru SWG with SP. Thru and TL up farm track (SP Dorset Gap) (rejoining Wessex Ridgeway). BR in front of house and AH between house and farm buildings to go thru two LMGs. AH on stony TK to reach a line of

three LMGs. Thru RH LMG (SP Dorset Gap). TR and AH (CB 250), FB on R, to corner of field. Thru two SWGs and AH (CB 270) along top of ridge. At end of ridge descend between banks to LMG. Thru LMG to descend to the multiple track junction called Dorsetshire Gap. (Box with visitor's book on right). (GR ST 743 031).

5.2 From junction of paths TL uphill (SP Folly) (CB 210) (**NOT** sharp TL) between banks. Follow sunken TK uphill (CB 220) to reach SP. AH (CB 190) to reach T-jct. (SP Folly). TR to go thru LMG. AH uphill to SWG on R of dew pond (may be dry) and immed thru another SWG. AH (CB 230) to water tank on horizon. SLOT to reach LMG. **DO NOT** go thru but TR thru SWG (SP BW) on enclosed path. Descend (CB 310) to reach LWG. AH down enclosed path to reach T-jct. TR down TK and in 440 YDS reach minor RD at Folly. (GR ST 728 031).

5.3 X RD (**CARE**) and AH (SP Ball Hill) thru or past LMG and ascend on TK (**GREAT CARE – large holes in track**) to go thru LMG (WM WR). SLOT through gorse bushes to further LMG. Go thru gate and SLOT with FB on R. At field corner, AH through either gate. SLOT on TK thru wood to LMG (with access land sign and WMs). AH across field (CB 270) to join FB on R. (Do not go to field corner). AH down field (CB 250) with FB on R, and before field corner, reach notice board "Harvey's Farm" on R. (GR ST 711 035).

5.4 X ST next to notice board (WM WR Farm Walks). X field (CB 0) to reach SWG in fence (WM FP). Thru gate and descend wooden steps (**GREAT CARE – SOME DEEP STEPS**). AH downhill on sunken path (**fallen tree across path – GREAT CARE**) (CB 0) (DO NOT BL with bank) to reach further wooden steps (**CARE**) down to SWG. Thru gate (Alton Common information board on your L) and TL. X field (CB 280) gradually moving away from the wood, to reach lane. (GR ST 708 038).

5.5 TL on lane soon crossing cattle grid and in 330 YDS, TR with lane. AH on lane to reach T-jct. TL and 55 YDS after barn on R, TR (SP Sharnhill Green). X field (CB 10) aiming to L of trough to join FB on R. Follow FB to LMG. Thru gate and AH with bushes on L and thru LMG (WM WR Farm Walks). Follow FB on L (CB 0) for 540 YDS to LMG in LH field corner (ignore previous gate on LHS.) Thru LMG and TR (CB 20) steeply down field following FB on R to X ST on R, and AH very steeply down enclosed path which may be slippery (**EXTREME CARE**). At end of wooden handrail, TL continuing downhill. In 15 YDS TR over ST. AH with FB on LHS (**beware** of concealed pit and holes on RHS). In 20 YDS at field corner, X field (CB 0) to X ST and reach RD. (GR ST 704 052).

5.6 TL on RD and in 1200 YDS (**CARE**) reach crossroads in Buckland Newton. X RD (**CARE**) and TL. In 70 YDS reach CP on R. (GR ST 693 052).

CHECKPOINT 5 – BUCKLAND NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

TOTAL MILEAGE – 38.8 MILES

Open Sat 1950 Hrs – Close Sun 0410 Hrs

Leg 6. Buckland Newton – Wardon Hill

7.5 miles

Height ascent – 1328 feet

Height descent – 952 feet

6.1 Leave checkpoint to TL on RD to reach crossroads. TL and in 260 YDS continue AH (ignore road junction on LHS). In 230 YDS near end of raised path on LHS, TL up steps and TR to gate into churchyard. Follow path thru churchyard to KG. Thru KG and TL on RD. At grass triangle (with notice board behind tree "Buckland Newton village pound") AH on TK with houses on RHS (**Quiet Please**). AH through LMG into field. Follow FB on L (**CARE - possible tape across route**) to go thru LMG. TR uphill on wide metalled farm road. Road bends to L and in 870 YDS, after road levels (and just before the main road) TL onto grass towards metal gates (CB 190). Through either gate and AH (CB 230) in field following FB on R. In 220 YDS, TR through SMG (BW sign) to RD (Gales Hill). (GR ST 675 045).

6.2 Cross RD half L (**EXTREME CARE !!!**) aiming at start of TK opposite. AH on TK and in 550 YDS pass SP (Minterne Magna $\frac{3}{4}$) on LHS. BR on TK, and in 55 YDS TL to go thru LMG. (GR ST 668 043).

6.3 Follow enclosed/sunken TK downhill passing thru SWG next to LMG to reach cross-tracks. Continue AH (SP Up Cerne) on good track, then metalled road, passing barns and houses (Minterne Parva). Continue AH on RD and just before reaching main RD A352 TL (SP Up Cerne) into small wood. (GR ST 662 032).

6.4 AH on path through wood and in 160 YDS meet main road opposite a junction with minor road. Cross main road (**GREAT CARE**) onto minor road and AH uphill, then downhill on metalled road to cross stream just before minor road junction at Up Cerne. (GR ST 658 028).

6.5 Continue AH on road and in 440 YDS at end of avenue of trees TR onto TK. In 75 YDS TK turns L and forks. Take right fork uphill on TK. As TK levels out, 80 YDS past end of copse on L, TL through hedge (SP BW). AH (CB 250) to meet TK. AH on TK (WM BW) (CB 280) between hedge (on R) and scrub (on L) until track turns L and after hedge ends, when continue AH (WM BW) to X field (CB 240) to reach huge stone block (to R of tree) in gap in hedge. AH thru SMG opposite to X field (CB 265) and go through SMG onto farm track (WM BW). (GR ST 638 022).

6.6 TL and continue on TK, eventually downhill between hedges, bearing R when another TK comes in from L. Continue downhill and AH to meet metalled RD. Pass Up Sydling Farm (GR ST 632 012) on your RHS (DO NOT turn right here) and continue AH downhill to ford over Sydling Brook. Do not cross ford but TR with stream on your L and in 440 YDS TL on TK, initially tarmac. AH, passing Upper Sydling House on RHS, and in 400 YDS reach T-jct. TR to cross cattle grid or LWG and AH to go thru double LMGs (which may be open) (**CARE: FINGERS**) and BL on TK. In 210 YDS BR on TK and in 330 YDS cross cattle grid or LWG and continue AH. In 750 YDS X cattle grid or LMG. AH on TK which bends R past building on LHS to pass LWG on LHS. AH and in 500 YDS reach checkpoint on your R. (GR ST 611 029).

CHECKPOINT 6 – WARDON HILL (barn)
TOTAL MILEAGE – 46.4 MILES
Open Sat 2200 Hrs – Close Sun 0730 Hrs

Leg 7. Wardon Hill - Evershot
3.1 miles
Height ascent – 297 feet
Height descent – 581 feet

7.1 On leaving CP, TR to minor RD. TL and AH on RD passing Clay Pigeon Raceway on your L to reach main RD (A37). X wide RD with **EXTREME CARE** to TK entrance opposite and AH to LMG. Thru gate (which may be difficult to open **but must be secured**) and AH (CB 260) on TK with trees on R to go thru LMG. AH on TK which becomes enclosed to reach LMG at bend. Thru gate (which may be difficult to open **but must be secured**) (ignore gate on R) and down field with hedge on L to SWG in LH corner. AH with hedge on R. In 20 YDS reach SWG on R into churchyard. Do not go thru but X field diagonally (CB 230) to go thru LMG and reach minor RD in Frome St Quintin. (GR ST 597 025).

7.2 TR on RD uphill and in 800 YDS (**Quiet Please**) (**GREAT CARE ON BENDS**) reach RH bend crossed by TKs, and seat on RHS. BL along TK (CB 330). In 650 YDS reach LMG at end of TK. Thru gate and AH down field with FB on R. X ST to X single track railway line with steps **on each side** (with **CARE**). (GR ST 590 037).

7.3 AH to X ST and X plank footbridge (**GREAT CARE**). AH along boggy path which becomes ill-defined as it passes thru reeds. Keep close to FB on R, and then TR 5 YDS before trees. In 9 YDS thru gap in wooden fence (re-fasten rope). Immed TL up bank under trees veering R to TL out of trees just before the top. BL to go thru gap past possibly broken LMG (**CARE**). Immediately BL to SMG by barbed wire fence. Thru gate and TR (CB 265) (**CARE – embedded concrete pieces on ground**) to X field to go thru SMG. X field (CB 300) between outer trees uphill to LMG. (Aim to L of large tree in FB). Thru, and AH (CB 320) with FB on L to LMG in field corner. Thru, to TK. Follow TK which later becomes grassy (CB 280) for 400 YDS with FB on L to reach LMG at end. Thru, and X field (CB 280) to gap with wooden barrier (WM FP). X small ST at its side, and AH to X field (CB 305) to SWG (WM FP). Thru, and X next large field diagonally (CB 280) downhill to reach ST in treeline. **DO NOT** go over, but BR along FB to the LH corner of field. Go thru LMG to TK. When TK reaches RD, TL for 20 YDS (**CARE**) and X RD to village map sign. TL on pavement passing Back Lane on RHS, and in 30 YDS X RD (**CARE**) to CP at village hall. (GR ST 575 045).

CHECKPOINT 7 – EVERSNOT VILLAGE HALL
TOTAL MILEAGE – 49.5 MILES
Open Sat 2245 Hrs – Close Sun 0900 Hrs

Leg 8a. Evershot – Beaminster (Baggage Stop)
8.1 miles
Height ascent – 966 feet
Height descent – 1279 feet

8.1 Leave hall, X RD (**CARE**) and TL on pavement. AH through village (**Quiet Please**) passing church, continue climb on RD (West Hill) and after 600 YDS ignore minor RDs L and R. In 900 YDS TR onto minor RD (SP Chelborough) and in 500 YDS X staggered

junction into lane opposite (SP West Chelborough). In 400 YDS, 40 YDS after Hemlock Farm, TL onto drive (SP Bridleway). In 10 YDS BR up sunken path to SWG (GR ST 547 047). AH (CB 250) to join FB and wood on R to LMG. As FB bends R, AH (CB 255) to pass through SMG followed by SWG, continue AH with FB now on L to X stony TK. AH keeping FB on L to pass through 3 LMGs and onto enclosed TK. At TK T-jct, AH through LMG and X field (CB 280) (ignore LWG on RHS) to ST. AH with FB on R (**CARE – SLOPE ON RHS**) to LMG and RD. (GR ST 526 048).

8.2 AH/BR on RD and in 350 YDS at T-jct by pub TL and in 150 YDS TR into lane (SP Unsuitable for HGVs). Continue for 330 YDS to T-jct in Corscombe, and TR through village (**Quiet Please**) and in 600 YDS just after the Chilterns on L, TL into Barrow Lane. In 80 YDS AH on enclosed path (Beckham's Coppice) and as path climbs swing R with main path to join drive to RD (GR ST 512 051). TL on RD (**CARE**) and in 50 YDS TR through LWG. BL (CB 250) to X field. In 80 YDS climb bank on grassy TK, continue AH on TK with wood and drop on R to traverse the hill for 300 YDS to LMG. Continue AH soon uphill to FB. Swing R with FB on L, do not pass through gates on left but continue to LMG. TL on enclosed rutted TK (Ryam Lane) to RD A356. (GR ST 504 046).

8.3 (Fast Traffic **EXTREME CARE**). TL on verge for 25 YDS and X road to BW sign and SMG. Continue AH for 250 YDS with FB on L. At start of mature hedge on L, BR (CB 260) to leave FB to X field to SWG (Mon W and BVCW), AH on enclosed TK for 300 YDS, at WM FP post AH and in 200 YDS AH over TK junction through two LMGs and AH on grassy BW. In 80 YDS BR and follow TK to drive. TL on drive and in 20 YDS TR through LMG (SP West Axnoller Farm). Continue with FB on R (ignore all FPs on R) and continue to end of field to pass through small gap onto RD. (GR ST 491 034).

8.4 TR and in 30 YDS, X RD and TL onto TK. Descend steeply on TK and after 200 YDS pass through LWG with stables on the L, continue to descend now on metalled lane. In 400 YDS swing R and L on lane with stream on L, and when lane bends sharply R (Meerhay Manor and cattle grid on L) AH on path (SP Byway BVCW). Path soon becomes lane. 150 YDS after large house on R, AH at junction (SP Whatley). 50 YDS after pond on your R, BR through gap between wooden garage and hedge with tennis court now on your R to KG (BVCW). BR to join FB (CB 200) and in 150 YDS pass through SMG (strong spring on gate). TL on TK and in 200 YDS at junction BR on RD. (**Quiet Please**). At T-jct TL on RD, and in 100 YDS just after house called Over Barton on R, TR to KG. (**Quiet Please**). AH on path to pavilion. (GR ST 479 015).

CHECKPOINT 8a – BEAMINSTER (Pavilion – Baggage)

TOTAL MILEAGE – 57.6 MILES

Open Sun 0040 Hrs – Close Sun 1200 Hrs

Leg 8b. Beaminster (Pavilion) – Beaminster (School)

0.2 miles

Height ascent – 6 feet

Height descent – 6 feet

*Leg 8b is not included in this version of the route description as it is the private route to the school (breakfast stop). Please do not visit during recces. (**DO NOT** trespass on school grounds.)*

*[CHECKPOINT 8b – BEAMINSTER SCHOOL
TOTAL MILEAGE – 57.8 MILES
Open 0045 Hrs – Close 1245 Hrs]*

Leg 9. Beaminster – Blackdown
6.6 miles
Height ascent – 1315 feet
Height descent – 959 feet

9.1 Leave pavilion and TR (N) on path. In 50 YDS up steps and TL on enclosed path, follow path as it swings R across open ground to fence and SWG (views of breakfast stop on R), and TL through gate. (**Quiet Please**). AH onto RD and continue to main RD (A3066). TR and after 80 YDS TL. X road island (**GREAT CARE**) onto minor RD (The Beeches). After 130 YDS TL into cul-de-sac and at far end BR to bin and onto enclosed FP to RD. TL with School on R and at T-Jct TR. After 50 YDS TL on RD (SP Stoke Abbott) after 50 YDS TR on Halfacre Lane (SP FP). (GR ST 473 014).

9.2 In 100 YDS TL onto FP between fence and garage (WR), X ST, BR (CB 250) to X field to SMG by farm buildings. At end of building TL on enclosed path. Ignore gates on L, at end of field TR to SWG and continue down through wood. AH to X footbridge and BR to ST, keep AH (CB 280) to X another ST before climbing to ST under lone tree. BR (CB 300) and continue uphill to LMG, X (possibly loose) ST and TK. X ST. AH on FP with FB on R at first, to climb to trees. (GR ST 460 012).

9.3 AH to R of trees to descend with FB on R to LWG. AH to X ST. Immediately X 2nd ST and BL down on path (house and FB on L) and up to SWG. TR on FP (SP Stoke Knapp) and in 50 YDS AH as TK joins from L. In 100 YDS pass through LWG and keep AH (CB 300). Thru LMG (WM WR). AH across field with FB on R. AH across 2nd field under power lines with FB on R to LMG. BL down TK thru field towards farmyard, through LMG into farmyard (Stoke Knapp Farm), AH to X LMGs (may be open) to RD. (GR ST 444 015).

9.4 X RD, AH on TK opposite (SP Lewesdon Hill) for 800 YDS. As TK levels keep AH on TK (SP Pilsdon Pen) to pass 1st NT SP on LHS. At 2nd NT SP on LHS, TL uphill on TK, and at the brow of the hill continue AH for 110 YDS to summit at Lewesdon Hill. (GR ST 438 012).

9.5 From summit, TR (CB 310) on FP around top of hill. In 400 YDS pass metal fence, then BR downhill, for 100 YDS (CB 290), on one of several paths passing through bracken. Just before bank BR onto sunken TK/path and TL. Follow path meandering through trees, and continue along TK (SP Pilsdon Pen) for 900 YDS to meet RD (B3164). X RD and TL (**EXTREME CARE**). (GR ST 424 017). **EXTREME CARE ON BUSY NARROW ROAD WITH BLIND BENDS. SINGLE FILE. POSITION YOURSELF WHERE YOU CAN BE SEEN.** In 800 YDS and just after first house on R TR. Continue on for 1.2 miles to T-jct. TL onto busy RD (**CARE**) and in 40 YDS TL into CP. (GR ST 397 023).

CHECKPOINT 9 – BLACKDOWN VILLAGE HALL
TOTAL MILEAGE – 64.4 MILES
Open Sun 0330 Hrs – Close Sun 1610 Hrs

Leg 10. Blackdown - Netherbury

7.5 miles

Height ascent – 795 feet

Height descent – 1235 feet

10.1 Leave the CP and TL on RD (**CARE – KEEP INTO VERGE**). In 100 YDS BL onto TK (SP Public Route to Public Path) to LMG and BR with FB on R. At end of field pass thru LMG and in 10 YDS TL to SWG (SP Specket Cottage). AH on TK with FB on L, and as TK swings R, AH thru SWG. TR with FB and trees on R to SWG at end of field. AH (SP Permissive path to WR) (CB 100) (stay 40 YDS left of track that passes through hedge) to broken metal gate (WM Permissive Path on post). AH, FB on R, to go thru SWG and over wooden barrier at far end. AH (CB 140) (towards gap in earth bank on horizon) to LWG. Follow TK thru ramparts and once on top BR and follow the rim of Pilsdon Pen to Trig Point. BL from Trig Point and in 15 YDS TR to descend on path later steps to ST. X RD (**GREAT CARE** – blind bend) and TL. (GR ST 414 009).

10.2 In 30 YDS TR (SP Pilsdon) in 200 YDS and immed before drive, TR through garden gate (WM on R). (**EXTREME Quiet Please**). BL and in 20 YDS BR to pass through gap in hedge onto lower garden. TL to pass unicorn and in 30 YDS up bank by LMG, TR to ST. AH with FB on R and in 200 YDS BR through 2nd LMG. Continue downhill (CB 200) to pass thru gateway to X 2nd field to LMG to L of barn to RD at Pilsdon. BR on RD and in 280 YDS at road junction BL (SP Pilsdon Community). 50 YDS after church BR at junction and when lane bends L, AH to X corner of field to LMG. AH X field (CB 130) on faint TK to LMG, and follow enclosed TK to go thru LMG into field. BL (CB 80) to LMG in far L corner of field, TL on lane to RD junction. TR through LMG and BL (CB 130) across field to concrete pipes, TR over bridge and in 30 YDS TL over (possibly broken) STs (replace temporary metal fence). AH, FB on L, to far corner of field to pass a small barn to LMG and 2nd LMG to RD. (GR SY 428 986).

10.3 TL on RD for 600 YDS. TR onto drive (SP BW) to X cattle grid and just before farm buildings TL thru twin LWGs (SP BW) (CB 20). In 40 YDS pass through R of two field gates (SP BW). TR to descend with FB on R and large gully on L to wood to go thru SWG. AH to X ford to SMG. AH uphill with FB on R to pass through LMG in top corner. TL uphill on rough TK to LMG at top of field, continue to climb on enclosed TK to RD. (GR SY 444 992).

10.4 X with **EXTREME CARE** (fast traffic, blind track exit onto RD) into lane opposite. In 600 YDS pass through farm (North Bowood Dairy) through two gates (maybe open) and continue on lane as it bends L and R past silage area on L. AH on metalled TK and in 500 YDS where TK bends R AH on stony TK. In 200 YDS as TK starts to bend L, TR (SP BW) 5 YDS to **concealed** LMG under large holly tree. Descend on enclosed path (**CARE – uneven ground**) to enter wood. BL onto TK, and continue uphill on main TK to RD. (GR SY 462 993).

10.5 X RD (**CARE**) onto TK opposite, and in 30 YDS TR thru opening. TL with FB on L. Follow FB as it swings R to LMG in bottom of field. TL on RD and at T-jct TL thru Netherbury. At crossroads AH to CP on L. (GR SY 470 993).

CHECKPOINT 10 – NETHERBURY VILLAGE HALL

TOTAL MILEAGE – 71.9 MILES

Open Sun 0515 Hrs – Close 1950 Hrs

Leg 11. Netherbury - Powerstock

4.6 miles

Height ascent – 762 feet

Height descent – 710 feet

11.1 Leave the CP and TR on lane, and in 50 YDS TL at crossroads (SP Beaminster). In 200 YDS, just after white railings on R, TR onto TK (BVCW, Oxbridge 1 on post). In 650 YDS AH thru LMG (ignore walker's gate and FP on R). AH, gradually moving away from FB on R. In 400 YDS pass under power line to SMG (BVCW). AH FB on L through 2 SMGs to drive, pass houses to lane. TL (ignore 1st FP on L) and in 250 YDS as lane bends right, TL at post box and **immed** TR to ST. AH on enclosed path to X ST, BR and L around barn to fence corner. AH, fence on R, conifers on L on narrow enclosed path. At end BL to X ST by gate. AH, FB on L, to X wobbly ST into wood. BR with path thru wood to gap in fence, and AH to X field (CB 90) to gate. Continue to main RD at Melplash. (GR SY 484 975).

11.2 TR past pub (The Half Moon) to church. X RD A3066 (**GREAT CARE**) to TK opposite (BVCW). In 10 YDS BL to X ST to SMG, and AH uphill (CB 150) to ST by gate. AH to soon join FB on R (ignore gates on R) to far RH corner. X ST and TK (BVCW) to descend steps (**GREAT CARE – slippery, deep and uneven**). TR on sunken path to ST. TL X drive, and BL to SMG. X field to LMG at same level (CB 60). AH on path thru scrub, and after 200 YDS AH as path descends thru gap in fence to LMG. BR to SMG. TL onto RD and in 80 YDS after bridge as RD bears R, TL thru LMG onto TK. In 50 YDS TR uphill (CB 130) passing wooden power pole on LHS to LMG (WM Ant Hill Trail). AH on TK and at top of hill pass to L of water trough. AH on raised bank with FB on R to ST in RH corner (WM Ant Hill Trail), and AH on enclosed path to ST. TR on lane to crossroads. (GR SY 499 971).

11.3 AH (**CARE**) onto drive opposite. In 220 YDS follow drive as it bends R (ignore blue WM on bend) and in 25 YDS TL through gap in hedge, AH thru garden and BR and then BL. AH to gate passing to L of wooden building with staircase. AH (CB 165) and slowly descend to join trees and FB on L to LMG (WM). Descend (CB 200) to small gap in hedge and hidden SWG (**CARE** - slippery and uneven steps) and path to lane at West Milton. (GR SY 501 964).

11.4 TL and at end BR on enclosed path (ignore SWG on RHS). X lane to SWG, up steps (**CARE** - slippery and uneven steps), thru SMG to X churchyard and AH over ST. X field (CB 100) to SWG and footbridge. AH on path and BL onto TK to pass thru LMG. AH keeping power poles on L and follow TK along valley to pass through LMG in trees. Do not follow TK as it climbs into field but AH under trees with power poles on L (CB 100), and in 220 YDS pass under power pole to SMG. AH 50 YDS to go thru LMG. AH, FB on L, in 60

YDS continue to follow FB on L to climb small bank in a further 110 YDS. AH and immediately before LMG, TL to join enclosed path (**CARE** - holes in path), thru LMG and at end BR past barrier. AH to RD junction, TR downhill to school and CP on RHS. (**Do not enter the school grounds**). (GR SY 515 961).

CHECKPOINT 11 – POWERSTOCK VILLAGE HALL (The Hut)

TOTAL MILEAGE – 76.5 MILES

Open Sun 0620 Hrs – Close Sun 2200 Hrs

Leg 12. Powerstock – Loders

6.4 miles

Height ascent – 979 feet

Height descent – 1027 feet

12.1 Continue down RD (**CARE**) to X road bridge. In 50 YDS TL on FP over footbridge into long narrow field, keeping fence on L (eventually stream on R), and continue to X ST by SMG. TR on FP next to stream over footbridge and TL in front of house. (**Quiet Please.**) (GR SY 520 957).

12.2 In 10 YDS fork R up FP and in 20 YDS fork L (onto slightly lower path). At top X ST and AH into field (CB 132 initially), Eggardon Hill can be seen ahead. Keeping hedge on L X ST over disused railway bridge, AH to X another field (CB 90). X ST on L into next field (CB 90) and then uphill through 3rd field, over ST halfway up, over another ST down enclosed path, over ST then AH on TK for 1000 YDS through 3 LWGs to RD. (GR SY 535 952).

12.3 AH up RD for 440 YDS to reach LMG on R (just before top of RD). AH for further 750 YDS to reach SMG on R. Thru gate to X field (CB 250) to go thru SMG. TR to reach LWG and ST on Eggardon Hill. (GR SY 544 945).

12.4 Ignore LMG on R and go thru LWG or over ST and down chalky TK with fence on L (Golden Cap ahead), up rise with large grassy mounds on L then swing L with TK. AH through SWG onto BW down R side of field (CB 240), trees on R. Into 2nd field, hedge on R to drive, with farm building in front. (GR SY 534 942).

12.5 TL, then around bend, TL again in front of wood/brick building and down TK, house on L to LWG. Through gate and BR (CB 160) through boggy field to SWG (BW) and continue to next SWG. AH (FB on R) through boggy field for 165 YDS to TR through SWG in trees (after gap in FB on R). AH on enclosed path (may be muddy) with wire fence on each side, and TL at end and up grassy strip with tall wire fence on L. Through SWG (BW) into field exiting onto drive via SWG. (GR SY 534 936).

12.6 TR along metalled drive (CB 270) for 800 YDS passing under power lines to RD (GR SY 529 932). TR passing the Spyway Inn on the L and continue down RD for 750 YDS to pass T-jct on L. (**GREAT CARE ON NARROW ROAD WITH BLIND BENDS. SINGLE FILE. POSITION YOURSELF WHERE YOU CAN BE SEEN**). SLOT on RD (SP Loders) for further 750 YDS (**CARE**) and TR (SP Loders) with RD as it bends. In 200 YDS RD bends L.

Continue AH (SP No Through Road) for 220 YDS over concrete bridge and into farm yard (GR SY 514 935). Pass buildings and TL behind last building (CB 270) for 200 YDS on grassy TK. Take L fork for 15 YDS then TR on track (CB 300) (ignore 1st TR) to go thru LMG and follow FB on L for 550 YDS thru LMG. (GR SY 506 938).

12.7 AH on gravel TK / path, which eventually becomes a RD with houses on L, for 1100 YDS, to reach disused railway bridge (GR SY 497 941). Under bridge to reach T-jct. TR to pass school sign, BL and pass school. X RD onto pavement on RHS and AH to pass the Loders Arms and in 50 YDS TR (SP Village Hall) up drive and follow round to the L to CP. (GR SY 493 942).

CHECKPOINT 12 – LODERS VILLAGE HALL
TOTAL MILEAGE – 82.9 MILES
Open Sun 0800 Hrs – Close Mon 0100 Hrs

Leg 13. Loders – Long Bredy
7.8 miles
Height ascent – 1342 feet
Height descent – 1272 feet

13.1 Leave CP and down drive to RD. TL past the Loders Arms and school on the R, ignore 2 L turns to go under disused railway bridge. Continue on RD (**CARE**) as it turns sharp L and continue for 170 YDS past house named Laudana on R, to TR (SP BW) uphill on sunken TK. In 440 YDS pass barn on L, and stay on TK for 660 YDS to RD. (GR SY 497 928).

13.2 TL along and down RD for 800 YDS (CARE) to reach RD junction and TR under concrete road bridge. Continue up minor RD (CB 200) for 700 YDS (CARE) passing house on R to brow of hill (GR SY 502 922). TL (CB 90) thru SWG on FP that ascends thru a strip of woodland (**CARE - low branch**) to squeeze between a wooden and concrete posts. AH (CB 160) for 40 YDS on then TR on faint path (CB 230) for 70 YDS. TL uphill (CB 120) on narrow path, then TL (CB 60) continuing uphill on minor path enclosed by gorse veering R for 70 YDS to the top of the hill, then AH (CB 80) for 70 YDS to reach the trig point on Shipton Hill. (GR SY 507 921).

13.3 Continue (CB 80) on path for 40 YDS over wooden rail and wire fence (**CARE**) then BL (CB 60) for 100 YDS to descend hill (CB 90) (**CARE - animal burrows**). Continue AH (CB 90) for a further 50 YDS to X ST next to LMG. AH down field (CB 90) hedge on R for 250 YDS, thru LMG on R to RD. (GR SY 512 921).

13.4 TR down RD for 550 YDS passing Higher Sturthill Farm and Penfold on the R. At bottom of hill opposite Nutmeg House TL on BW (SP Chilcombe) thru SWG. Follow FB (CB 90) with hedge and trees on R for 330 YDS then descend to LMG (can be boggy). Though gate and into rough field (CB 120) trees on R for 460 YDS. Thru SWG, veer R (CB 150) 60 YDS to go thru SWG on R into enclosed passage (can be boggy) for 35 YDS to SMG, then 15 YDS to TK. (GR SY 516 913).

13.5 TL (CB 100) on TK staying with it as it bends L then R and ascends for 250 YDS. TL with TK and continue uphill for 440 YDS to Lower Sturthill Farm. Just before building ahead turn sharp R on TK (CB 155) for 50 YDS and thru LMG. TL into field (CB 125), trees on L for 200 YDS, then TR (CB 160), fence on L, for 100 YDS. X ST on L for 35 YDS (CB 140) to X 2 STs, then TL to follow hedge on L (CB 140) for 250 YDS to X ST by LMG. Continue thru field, hedge on L (CB 180) for a further 220 YDS, thru LMG and X another field (CB 130) for 160 YDS to LMG (barn on L). Thru gate and up TK for 35 YDS to TK junction, TR for 35 YDS to go thru LMG to RD at Chilcombe Farm. (GR SY 527 908).

13.6 TL for 15 YDS then TR thru LMG onto BW and descend a short field (CB 106) followed by a longer field (CB 110) (path indistinct) to X footbridge to R of LMG in tree-line at the bottom. X stream and go thru 2nd LMG to continue up field (CB 110) to reach hedge corner after 100 YDS. Follow hedge on R and round to the L at top of field to go thru LMG on R (BW). BL (CB 80) uphill between hedge on LHS and power pole on RHS, continue uphill keeping hedge on L to go thru LMG at the top (Pins Knoll). (GR SY 536 907). Continue AH along ridge with wire fence on L to pass bench on R after 200 YDS (Hardy Monument straight AH) and go thru LMG after further 200 YDS. Along TK for 100 YDS to RD at Coombefield Farm. (GR SY 541 905).

13.7 AH down RD for 450 YDS (**CARE**) to pass Litton Cheney sign then continue AH for 520 YDS to RD junction (**CARE**) in Litton Cheney by thatched shelter. TR in front of house thru ornate LWG onto FP (SP School House Lane ¼ m) (CB 150) for 200 YDS, then thru LWG. X field (CB 150) for 100 YDS to RH corner to go thru SMG over stream. AH (CB 200) for 100 YDS though KG and AH on faint path (CB 180) for 120 YDS. Thru LMG to RD (GR SY 552 902). TL and continue up RD for 160 YDS to T-jct. (GR SY 553 902).

13.8 [Most of this paragraph heads eastwards across multiple fields for just under a mile]. TL for 10 YDS, then TR between houses and X ST into field. AH thru field (CB 100) for 400 YDS to hedge-line, then X double STs. Cross 2nd field SLOT for 300 YDS. Cross 3rd field for 300 YDS dropping down to SMG in hedge-line at the bottom. X footbridge and AH up field (CB 115) for 100 YDS to X double STs. X next field uphill (CB 100) for 275 YDS and X ST in hedge. X next field (CB 100) and pass thru gap in hedge. Now with hedge on L continue for 80 YDS and go thru KG. AH keep fence on R for 60 YDS, thru SWG, AH for 20 YDS and thru LWG by house, down drive to RD (GR SY 568 901). TR and AH on RD for 550 YDS (**CARE**), ignoring TR and passing playground sign on RHS, to reach CP at Long Bredy on LHS. (GR SY 567 896).

CHECKPOINT 13 – LONG BREDY VILLAGE HALL

TOTAL MILEAGE – 90.7 MILES

Open Sun 0950 Hrs – Close Mon 0440 Hrs

Leg 14. Long Bredy - Portesham

4.5 miles

Height ascent – 624 feet

Height descent – 634 feet

14.1 Leave CP and TL on RD, and after 200 YDS pass Lower Farm on RHS. As RD bends L AH up TK (CB 190). AH for 600 YDS until TK comes in from the L then AH for a further 720 YDS to TK T-jct. (GR SY 567 882).

14.2 TL on TK (CB 140) with fence on R after 60 YDS and pit on L. Follow this TK along the ridge for 1.6 miles (mostly enclosed by fences and hedges going thru several LMGs and passing stone circle on LHS after 1300 YDS). Thru LMG (**beware metal projection on ground**) onto stony TK and AH for 25 YDS to RD. TL and follow RD for 130 YDS to T-jct. (GR SY 589 866).

14.3 TR and follow RD for 180 YDS and TL onto FP (CB 80) (SP Hardy Mon.) (GR SY 588 866). AH and contour round near top of Portesham Hill with wire fence on L and head of dry valley on R. Ignore ST on L (SP SDR) and continue on path through gorse. At end of gorse, BR (CB 190) downhill (path at first indistinct) (**CARE - BADGER SETTS**) to meet wire fence corner on L with WM. Descend with fence on L (**GREAT CARE LARGE HOLES – KEEP CLOSE TO FENCE**) to SP (Portesham 1ml) and TR. AH along wide grassy track to flat bottom of hillside (CB 0). Turn sharply L (CB 190) towards trees and after 100 YDS go thru LMG. Follow path (can be very muddy) keeping woods on R to go thru LMG (ignoring rusty LMG on R) (SP Portesham). (GR SY 593 858).

14.4 AH thru field (CB 70) for 330 YDS with fence and hedge on R, thru LMG (SP Portesham ¼ m) onto farm TK and thru 2nd LMG and continue for 100 YDS (CB 60). TR thru SMG and AH on narrow path for 280 YDS to reach ST on R. X ST and descend path between houses (**Quiet Please**) to RD. TR for 60 YDS then TL into brick-lined alley to RD. TR and downhill for 120 YDS, just before main RD TR onto parallel lane for 80 YDS to reach Malthouse Meadows and CP Portesham Village Hall. (GR SY 599 855).

CHECKPOINT 14 – PORTESHAM VILLAGE HALL

TOTAL MILEAGE – 95.2 MILES

Open Sun 1100 Hrs – Close Mon 0700 Hrs

Leg 15. Portesham – Finish

6.5 miles

Height ascent – 762 feet

Height descent – 870 feet

15.1 Leave CP and TR. (**Quiet Please**). Immed TL on lane parallel to main RD. Continue for 200 YDS (later on pavement) to RD junction at the King's Arms. AH (pub on R), after 150 YDS pass church on L (**CARE**: no pavement). AH for 200 YDS, TR at RD corner and AH for 75 YDS then TR (SP: Hardy Monument 1¼ m). (GR SY 603 860).

15.2 Up TK between houses (**Quiet Please**) for 175 YDS and TR onto enclosed FP just before LMG (CB 120). X ST and veer R uphill in an S direction on an obvious raised grass path which veers L (E) after 200 YDS (approx), and after further 250 YDS X ST. TR (fence on R, quarry on L) onto grassy vehicle track for 20 YDS then continue with it as it veers L (CB 110) for 240 YDS to meet metalled TK. (GR SY 610 858).

15.3 TL and, passing information board for Portesham Quarry on LHS, follow TK uphill. TR though LMG at top (before cattle grid and farm). AH (CB 100) along grassy ridge with wire fence on LHS for 500 YDS towards fence corner, then keep fence on L for 30 YDS to further fence corner. BR to X vaulted ST. AH (CB 100) with broken stone wall on L for 300 YDS to X ST. AH (CB 108) for 400 YDS (wire fence 10 YDS on L at start) to LMG in stone wall. (**CARE – large pit on RHS.**) **Do not** go thru but TR for 10 YDS then TL (CB 108) with wire fence on L for 250 YDS to fence corner, TR for 10 YDS then X double STs on L. BR (CB 150) to descend steeply down terraced hillside (no path) (CB 150) to X (near bottom) line of small trees. X line of trees and BR to X ST (**CARE – drop onto lane**). (GR SY 628 855). TL and along lane for 200 YDS to T-jct. (GR SY 629 855).

15.4 AH to X stone ST (JT), AH (CB 120) taking upper path passing stout wooden post (JT) towards pylon (CB 80) (**CARE – holes in ground on both sides**). Reach fence corner (JT) and continue (CB 90) with wire fence on R for 260 YDS then descend towards chapel (CB 88) for 225 YDS. Go thru SWG to R of chapel. (GR SY 635 854).

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15.5 TR out of chapel and retrace steps to go thru SWG. TR with fence and in 8 YDS at fence corner BR steeply uphill (CB 50) to go thru KG. AH on path to concrete TK and TL uphill to junction with RD at top. TR for 5 YDS and TR over ST and AH (CB 110) uphill to pass under power lines to follow the ridge of Friar Waddon Hill (CB 95). Reach wire fence on L and AH for 225 YDS to X ST and AH (CB 95) for 260 YDS to go thru double LMGs or over ST, X TK and X ST (SP Upwey 1m). (GR SY 645 854).

15.6 AH (CB 98) for 360 YDS (still on ridge) to X two STs. AH (CB 100) with wire fence on L and in 600 YDS to go thru LMG, AH (CB 90) for 300 YDS, wire fence on L, to X ST into woods. Descend stony path (JT) thru trees (wire fence on L) past back of house to X ST (SP Upwey). (**Quiet Please**). Down drive for 60 YDS to reach RD at Upwey. (GR SY 661 852).

15.7 TR on pavement for 250 YDS, then X RD to LH pavement and continue for 330 YDS until pavement ends. AH on RD (**CARE: no pavement**), passing the Riverhouse B & B, for 500 YDS to reach pavement (SP WWV) opposite Westbrook Farm. Continue 60 YDS and X RD before LH bend onto Church Street. (GR SY 666 842).

15.8 AH with stream on R and continue into Watery Lane for 300 YDS passing a LH bend followed by a RH bend (**GREAT CARE – BLIND BENDS – POSITION YOURSELF SO YOU CAN BE SEEN**) and under old railway bridge. AH for further 200 YDS where the RD bends L. Continue on RD (passing under wooden structure linking houses on either side) to reach main RD. (GR SY 668 835).

15.9 TR and continue for 800 YDS to reach 2nd pelican crossing. X RD here, TR for 5 YDS to the entrance to Wey Valley School. (**DO NOT** trespass on school grounds.) (GR SY 667 827).

FINISH – WEY VALLEY SCHOOL
TOTAL MILEAGE – 101.7 MILES
Open Sun 1230 Hrs – Close Mon 1000 Hrs