**2022 Hannington Hike Middle route**

TR = turn right, TL = turn left, L=left, R=right, FB=footbridge, BW= bridleway, FP=footpath, CONT=continue, AH=ahead, X=cross, THRU=through, KG=kissing gate, WM=waymarker, TK=track, SLOT=same line of travel, CB xxx=compass bearing xxx, Mts=metres, Km=Kilometres, ST=stile,

**Start: Wellingborough Grammarians Memorial Sports Field GR: SP 856 690**

**A1:** From rear of clubhouse AH up bank alongside of football pitch, AH to small pond with bulrushes. Pass to the R of pond, AH ditch on L, at end of ditch ½ L to trees, AH THRU trees to BW, TR onto enclosedBW. AH with ditch/hedge on L for 450 Mts to reach road. (GR 859 697).

**A2**: X road to BW opposite, AH with hedge on L, when hedge ends AH between two fields for 330 Mts (GR 862 699).TL with ditch on L AH for 2 Km, to double metal farm gates, pass to L of gate, TL to road (GR 877 710) X road (with care), TL and in 40 Mts TR onto FP no sign. Follow FP (CB 330) X field to X FB, THRU wooden gate AH with hedge on L/wire fence on R, pass THRU small wooden gate onto enclosed path, AH to gravel track, AH to Main Street in Little Harrowden. (GR 872 717).

**A3:** X road (with care) TL and in 30Mts TR into School Lane, THRU squeezer ST to L of metal gate, AH to wooden gate with school on R, pass THRU gate and with metal fence on both side AH to wooden gate. DO NOT go through gate but TR with school on your R, AH to wooden gate, THRU gate TL onto enclosed path to X wooden FB at bottom. (GR 870 721)

**A4:** X field (CB 330 (aiming for barns AH hidden to start), pass to the R of barns, X wooden FB to road. Bear R to X wooden FB, with hedge on your R AH for 430 Mts to WM, TR THRU gap in hedge, TL with hedge on your L AH 350 Mts to WM in 2nd field as hedge turns L, bear R (CB 350 aim for church) X field to WM by trees, THRU trees, X stream AH uphill along enclosed TK to road. (GR 859 737).

**A5:** TR and walk on R side of road into Pytchley, AH to TL into Butchers Lane. Follow Butchers Lane around to the R to pass the school on R, at end of lane fork L onto High Street (no sign), follow High Street for 60 Mts, bear R to NO THROUGH Sign AH up Top End. At barns THRU gate AH to BW sign (Broughton 1½). (GR 856 748) TR to follow BW for 1KM to pass to L of metal gate and AH on distinct path (CB 300) to hedge line. AH with hedge/trees on R, in 500 Mts ignore 1st gap on R to take 2nd gap into spinney, THRU trees X wooden FB, up bank to BW sign under powerlines. TL on BW, AH for 320 Mts to pylon, AH to road passing Pocket Park on your L, X RD to pass THRU yellow gate to checkpoint…

**CHECKPOINT 1**

**BROUGHTON Village Hall**

**6.3 MILES (10.21 Km) GR 838 758 OPEN 9.15 CLOSE 12.00**

**A6:** Leave checkpoint via yellow gate, TR down Gate Lane (no road sign).

**SHORT ROUTE TURNS L HERE DO NOT FOLLOW**

**LM7:** At junction AH down Gate Lane. At crossroads X road and AH up Cox’s Lane to end, TR and follow road/footpath downhill, under road bridge, then AH uphill to bus stop in Great Cransley. TL X road to follow Church Lane for 600 Mts to BW sign. (GR 826 765).

**LM8:** Bear L THRU metal gate, AH to metal gate, AH to pass THRU single gate to R of double metal gate, AH on BW with wire fence on L/R, in 220 Mts THRU wooden gate AH with trees on R to gate, (GR 822 761) THRU gate X access track. AH with wire fence on L, follow BW as it meanders through fields for 1.4 Km ignoring all turns L and R. Pass to L of metal gate on to concrete track, (GR 814 752 ). AH on concrete track passing to R of metal gate to road, X road TL follow road **(WITH CARE VERY BUSY ROAD PLEASE WALK ON RHS IN SINGLE FILE)** in 200 Mts as road bends locate metal gate on R (20 Mts after 2 chevron road signs) (GR 815 749).

**LM9:** TR passed gate on path THUR brambles and AH on enclosed BW, in 600 Mts X farm TK, AH after 600Mts locate wooden FB on R (20 Mts before wooden fence) (GR 823 740). X FB, X field (CB 215) X access road AH to WM, X FB, TL, in 60 Mts X earth bridge, TR with ditch on R AH for 1.25 Km to pass to L of metal gate.

**LM10: :** TR and in 100 Mts TL,X RD to FP sign, X ST (GR 813 728). X field (CB 170) X FB halfway across field. Go over/under metal bar (50mts from field corner/tree), X ST to right of metal farm gate, X field (CB 200) aiming for tree. Over ST X field to gate/FB/gate, X field to ST L of metal gates. Over ST AH on farm track to road (GR 807 717), X RD to ST opposite, X ST, AH with hedge on R, at end of hedge X field (CB 200) in 70 Mts at X paths (larger stones on ground) TL (CB 120) AH to X ST.

**LM11:** X byway, X ST, AH to X ST, AH to ST in L hand field corner. X ST, TL on enclosed path, AH to X ST to road, TR AH on road to T-junction, TR AH for 30 Mts, TR (signed Village Hall) AH up School Lane to checkpoint…

**CHECKPOINT 2**

**HANNINGTON Village Hall**

**12.5 MILES (20.0 Km) GR 810 710 OPEN 10.45 CLOSE 16.30**

**LM20:** Exit checkpoint AH down School Lane, at end of lane TL along Main Street. AH along Main Street for 200 Mts, TR X RD into Bridle Road, in 250 Mts pass to L of metal gate onto BW (GR 815 709). AH for 1.2 Km with hedge of L, bending L then R, at end of hedge AH between fields to bear R to pass to L of farm gate.(GR 822 702). ('Do not go across small footbridge').

**LM21:** X road (**WITH CARE**) THRU trees to reach lay-by, TL along lay-by for 100 Mts TR on TK. AH to BW sign by double farm gate ignore single gate ahead. Pass THRU single gate to R of double gates, AH 10 Mts, TL follow field edge for 200 Mts to TK, TR onto TK (GR 824 704). In 800 Mts TR with TK and 50 Mts at WM TL leaving TK to go THRU metal farm gate.

**LM22:** AH down righthand field edge for 150 Mts to treeline, THRU gap, TL, AH with trees on L for100 Mts to field corner, TR for 100 Mts to end of hedge bear L to go THRU wooden farm gate, AH ignoring large wooden gate on L, in 130 Mts pass THRU single wooden gate to gravel TK, AH on gravel TK to small triangle green at road (Hardwick Happy Hens signs). (GR 838 702).

**LM23:** Fork L, in 30 Mts TR THRU gap pass tree stump. AH X field (CB 022), around L side of trees. At far side TL (CB 014) to X field to gap in hedge. AH THRU gap. In 150 Mts at WM.

**SHORT ROUTE JOINS HERE**

**A24:** TL to X field (CB 083) to tree line. At WM AH with hedge on your R to pass THRU large gap in field corner, AH with hedge on R, as track turns L to farm building AH THRU gap in hedge. AH for 600 Mts to WM (lying on in ditch). (FB hidden until level with it), TR X wooden FB, X field (CB 180) to X wooden FB, up bank X field (CB 175) (aim for middle of the 2 telegraph poles AH). At WM X field to double metal gates at RD in Hardwick (GR 852 701). THRU gates bear R on RD to village green, fork R along RD, in 30 Mts TL into lane, pass NO THROUGH sign AH to gate, AH THRU single metal gate to R of large metal gate.

**A25:** At FP sign bear R to pass through gap to L of farm buildings (rubbish heap on L), AH to X field, X wooden FB, AH (CB 265) X next field. to X ST in RH corner, TL follow field edge to gate. THRU single gate AH of you and with hedge on your L AH for 2 fields to road.

**A26;** TL, WITH GREAT CARE X to other side when safe to do so, in 120 Mts at BW sign (just before corner). TR onto enclosed path and in 50 Mts X ST on R to enter sports field. Bear L to pass in front of green portable cabins (cricket pavilions) to join gravel drive. Follow drive around sports field pass cricket square, then a rugby pitch on your R. AH following drive as it bends L to pass tennis courts on your R, at end of tennis courts TR, follow to end of tennis courts TR to pass portable cabins, at end on cabins TL, AH to TR to finish…

**18.5 MILES**

**Congratulations on completing the**

**HANNINGTON HIKE**

**Take a few minutes to rest and have something to eat and drink**

**before making your way home**