**2022 Hannington Hike**

**Short 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.

**LONG AND MIDDLE ROUTES CONTINUE DOWN GATE LANE**

**S27:** At junction TL along Church Street, ignore all turns left and right to reach junction with Northampton Road. With Red Lion pub on your right TL onto Northampton Road, CONT for 750 Mts to FP sign on your L, (GR 831 751). X stile to L of green metal gate, (CB 130) X field to meet hedge, at hedge CONT for 400 Mts hedge on L to redundant ST in hedge on L.TL,TR down right-hand field edge to X FB, CONT with hedge on your R to X stile in field corner. X FB, up bank to TR for 50 Mts to pass THRU gap in hedge X field (CB 195) passing to the L of small coppice, AH to FP sign at road. (GR 833 740).

**S28:** X road to CONT on drive to Top Lodge, ½ R across farmyard to WM. TL pass green/white barrier and CONT for 400 metres to WM on tree. TR (CB 240) X field to tree on other side, X next field (CB 196), X field to abandoned farm. BL with farm on your R CONT for 30 Mts to WM, TL (CB 146) X field to gap in hedge. THRU gap (CB 158) X field towards hedge corner. THRU large gap at hedge corner (WM) TL with hedge on L follow to wood passing THRU 2 gates, TR with path and AH with wood on L CONT around on path to gates. **GR 831 718**

**S29:** Pass THRU small wooden gate to R of metal gate and X road (with care) TL, AH for 1.1 Km to BW sign on R. TR THRU gate and AH across field (CB 196) to wooden FB, X FB, TR to corner of field, TL and with hedge on R AH up field for 330 Mts to WM,

**LONG AND MIDDLE ROUTES JOIN 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…

**14 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**