**Steppingley Step 19th November 2023 18 Mile Route** Updated 10/11/2023

**Emergency number during event – 07810 430 911**

Abbreviations: **L** = Left, **R** = Right, **TL** = Turn Left, **TR** = Turn Right,  **BL** = Bear Left,

**BR** = Bear Right, **AH** = Ahead, **X** = Cross, **thru** = through,

immed = immediately, FP = footpath, BW = bridleway, KG = kissing gate,

WM = waymark post, FB = footbridge , RD = road, jnt = junction, trk = track,

encl = enclosed

CW = Chiltern Way, TBT = The Bunyan Trail, TMHT = Two Moors Heritage trail.

GRW = Greensand Ridge Walk, KW= Katherine’s Walk, CP = checkpoint,

m = metres, KM = kilometres, CB:320 = compass bearing 320

Each paragraph starts with distance (0.5M) in miles and a six figure grid reference.

**0.0M** TL 082 306 **Barton Village Hall**

Leave Barton Village Hallsite and **TR** on pavement. At NO ENTRY RD signs **BR,** pass the Café Goa on your R. At mini roundabout **X** RD and **AH** into Sharpenhoe Road. Follow RD for 600m going over RD bridge to FP sign, **TR** down steps.

**0.5M** TL 076 308 **BR** to culvert and **BL** with stream on R. In 30m enter field at WM and immed **½L** (CB:295) **X** field to WM at drive. **X** drive to go **thru** KG. **BR** (CB:280) pass tree to KG in corner, **thru**. **AH** on narrow path, over cross trk, to field. **X** field (CB:240) aiming just L of 4th electric pole to WM (broken) at FB. **X** FB and **TR** on encl trk to main RD.

**1.1M** TL 067 306 **TR** on grass verge, **X** RD when safe*.* 80m after speed restriction sign, at FP sign(CW), **TL** uphill. At WM in corner **AH** to climb steps. At WM at Y jnt (steps to L) **BR.**  Either skirt woods on narrow path with wire fence on R or use parallel path just inside wood. In 300m **AH** with open area on L to meet grass trk from L. **AH** 20m to WM(CW/TBT) where **TR** down steps. Follow path until WM (CW/TBT) at Tjnt where **TR** on tarmac. **Thru** metal gate, then **thru** 2nd metal gate to reach RD.

**2.0M** TL 065 295 **½L** **X** RD, climb steps and **thru** KG. **½L** (CB:180) **X** field to KG. **Thru** and **BR** pass WM (TBT/CW) **AH** with wire fence on L. At end of fence **TR** and in 5m **BL** on path thru woods. In 330m at WM **TR** (CB:20) down short then long flights of steps. In150m **X** trk, exit wood and enter field**.**

**2.6M** TL 061 292 **AH** hedge on R for 400m to reach and **X** FB on R. **AH** hedge on R for 250m to WM (currently missing) at gap/bridge on R. **X** bridge and immed **TL**. Hedge now on L for 1KM to WM (currently missing) at gap in hedge, **TL** to **X** FB and **TL** with hedge/stream on L. In 400m **X** FB to RD.

**3.9M** TL 046 303 **X** RD and pass gate. **AH** with hedge on R for 150m to WM at gap, **thru** gap, **TL,** hedge now on L. In 250m at field corner **TR**, hedge then trees on L. In 400m **thru** gate to RD, **TL**. In 15m at FP sign **TL** ontoencl path**.** At end of encl path **TR** before litter bin/seats.

At next litter bin **BR** over FB. **X** RD into Lincoln Way opposite. At 2nd RD on L, Monmouth Road, **TL**. At Tjnt **TR** and in 60m, by house number 106, **X** RD.

**4.6M**  TL 040 309 Enter encl path by dog bin(TBT).

**You now follow the TBT until Steppingley**

At end of encl path, **AH** fence on R. At field corner **thru** barrier and immed **TL**. In 240m at WM go **thru** gap. **AH** with hedge on L. When hedge turns L at WM, **BR** (CB:315) **X** field to WM. **Thru** gap in hedge and **AH** (CB:345) to meet hedge on R, **BL**. When hedge ends **AH** across field to WM, thru trees and at field **TL**. At metal fence **TR** to RD.

**5.9M**  TL 036 323 **TL** under railway bridge. **AH** to main RD. Using Pelican crossing on R, **X** into Church Road opposite. **AH** along Church Road. 10m after 2nd RD on L (The Pound) **BR** to cross Village Hall car park to CP 1

**6.3M**  TL 031 326 **CP 1 Westoning Village Hall**

**Opens 09.30 Closes 11.30**

Leave CP and **X** Rd to The Gables & **TR**. At Tjnt **TL**. In 350m at end of RD, with green metal fence ahead, **TL** on concrete drive. In 100m **thru** KG onto encl trk. In 100m **AH** into encl grass path. At end **thru** KG and **TR** wire fence on R. In corner **X** stile and **AH** **thru** wooded area. **X** FB and **TL** with stream on L. **Thru** KG by metal gate. **AH** on L side of field to reach and go **thru** KG by large gate. **AH,** **thru** gate (may be open), **thru** farm and **AH** on lane to go **thru** KG on R to RD.

**7.9M** TL 018 335 **X** RD and stile opposite. **AH** fence on L to stile in corner. **X** stile and **½L** over trk to **X** another stile. Go **½L**(CB:320) up field to stile in far corner. **X** stile and **TL** hedge on L. Follow WMs around field to encl trk. In 175m at BW sign **TR**. At lane **TL**. In 400m **TR** and **TL** with lane. In 50m just before cream house, **TL** up steps and **thru** KG. Follow obvious path(CB:340) to next KG, **thru** and **X** parking area to RD.

**This is Steppingley - You are now leaving the TBT**

**X** RD with care and **TR**. **X** Rectory RD

***Do not follow 26 mile route which goes L here.***

**AH** past French Horn pub into Church End. **BR** with RD and at end of RD **AH** to BW/FP sign.

**9.0M**  TL 012 354 **AH** (KW) on BW with hedge on R. In 300m reach RD where **X** and **TR** on grass bank. In 130m at BW sign **TL**. In 250m at WM **TL** (TBT) on trk. In 700m at WM **TR**(TBT)between fields(CB:135) with trees on L. At Tjnt **TL** on wide path for 300m to RD. **X** with care into Windmill Road opposite. In 280m, immed after shop, **TR** into Chapel Road.

***26 mile route rejoins here.***

In 120m **TL** into The Thinnings. **AH** under railway on cycle trk to reach main RD.

**10.7M** TL 031 355 **X** RD and **TR**. In 50m, **TL** into The Ridgeway. At Catherine Rd on R, **BL** on unmettled RD. At end, at WM, **AH** on encl BW to field. **AH** for 700m passing low WM to RD.

**11.6M** TL 043 360 **X** RD and **AH** along trk. At farm buildings, **BR** with trk. In 150m **TL** with trk. In 100m at WM/Notice Board, **TR** still on trk. In 350m at WM(TMHT) **BR** on gravel path. In corner **TL** and **AH** 20m to pass FB on R*.*

**AH** with river on R for 500m to Jack Crawley Memorial barn on L. **TR** and **X** concrete bridge. In 50m **thru** gap to L of gateand **AH** on lane. In 220m at Tjnt **TR** into CP 3 (Note: no CP 2 on 18 mile route.)

**12.8M**  TL 059 358 **CP 3 Flitton Church Hall**

**Opens 11.30 Closes 16.30**

Leave CP and **TL** to pass pub. In 30m at house No3 **TL** thru broken gate(TMHT) onto encl path. At end **thru** KG and **BR** to KG near field corner. **Thru**, **X** FB and **TL** with hedge/ditch on L. In 300m at WM **X** field(CB:220) to WM by barrier. **Thru** barrier, **X** FB and **TL**.

In 75m **TR** **thru** KG (TMHT). In 100m **X** FB, **thru** KG(TMHT),then **BL** along L side of field, **thru** KG and in 180m at WM, **TL** to **X** large bridge**.** **AH** on trk to RD

**14.0M** TL 051 347 **X** RD and **TL**. In 100m, at FP sign before large cream house, **TR** to **X** stone stile. **AH** on encl path. At end **thru** KG and **TR**. In corner **X** FB. **AH,** initially encl, then **follow** wire fence on L as it bears L to KG on L just before field gate. **Thru** KG and **X** field(CB:135). At top of field by WM **TR**, fence on L. In 180m at WM **BL** and **BR** still following fence. **AH** to pass WM and go **thru** hedge. **BL** uphill **X** field(CB:120). In corner of field **thru** gate to RD where **TR**. At Tjnt **TR** and in 300m **TL** into Blackhill Lane.

***Note Water Tower that is on badge and certificate on R***

***12 mile route rejoins here***

**Pass** to L of barrier and **follow** main trk as it turns L downhill. At trk Tjnt **AH** **thru** gap or KG and **X** field to go **thru** gap by overgrown KG. Pass buildings and pond on your R and **thru** gateway on trk. In 1Km pass WM on your L. In 80m, at WM (broken), **TR** over FB.

**16.5M**  TL 074 325 **Thru** saplings, **X** field (CB:140) to WM (missing) on far side. **AH** to **X** FB, up steps and **BR**. In 200m pass FP on L and **AH** 170m to RD. **TR** on pavement.

**17.1M**  TL 076 316 In 70m **X** RD to FP sign and **X** bridge. **X** field (CB:200) to WM, **thru** trees, **X** FB to field. **AH** with hedge on R. In corner **TL** with hedge on R. In 250m, at corner, **TR** on gravel path. In 200m **TL** over FB and **TR**. In 180m at WM **TR** and in 10m **TL** up steps to RD

**17.9M**  TL 076 307 **TL** on pavement over bridge and in 600m at mini roundabout **X** RD. **TR** and **BL** into one way street. Follow pavement as it BL and in 30m **TL** to Barton Village Hall and finish. **WELL DONE**

**BARTON VILLAGE HALL Total 18.4 miles**