**HERTS HOBBLE**  **SHORT ROUTE** **26 Jun 2022**  **17.00 Miles (Final 22/05/2022**)

**Emergency Telephone No**. **07815 779201**

If you need to **retire from the walk** please do **so at a checkpoint** and transport will be arranged to take you to Buntingford Scout Hut. **Do not miss out a checkpoint or go home without informing a marshal** as we have wasted much time in the past searching for people who were not genuinely lost.

**All participants should aim to be back by 6.00 pm.**

**Abbreviations**. TR turn right; TL turn left; FL/FR, fork Left/Right; X cross; TK track; RD road, WM Way mark; ST stile; KG kissing gate; CP checkpoint; AH ahead; thru through; junc. junction; GD Grid reference; immed. immediately, BW Bridleway; PF/FP Footpath; M, metre. **All bearings in degrees**

I. Exit car and AH on concrete TK to **R** of hedge to reach pavement. X RD and **TL** into **Norfolk RD**, then **R** into **High St**, X RD and in **100M,** immediately **before** **Hall & Glory Boutique** (sign above), (**Mark Doel** (butchers) opposite) **TL** into alleyway. Exit alleyway **TR** and AH to bench on **L,** X RD and **TL** over ford and **BL** onto **The Causeway**. **(Long/Short Routes Diverge Here).** Continue up **The Causeway** to reach bench on **R.** Pass to **R** of bench and then **BL** on narrow enclosed track to reach TK junc. where AH on enclosed path to exit into field. AH to corner of wood where **TL,** ignore wide opening to **L** and AH to pass thru gap in treeline where **TR** onto enclosed FP (**Buntingford, Public Restricted Byway 008).**  At end of enclose TK, by WM sign, **TL** towards metal gate. **TR** at gate and AH on path, keeping metal fence to **L** to TK junc. by WM signs, where **TR** to pass thru gap in hedgerow. AHon path **(075⁰)** across field towards **RH** edge ofclump of trees to front**. TL** on grass path and AH to hedgerow on **L** where **BR** with ditch on **R**. AH on path ignoring paths to **L** to corner of field where **BL** with path for **100M** to **TR** over earth bridge and AH on path between fields to junc. with farm TK.  **1.62 Miles** **GD 378305**

2. **TL** and AH on farm TK, bearing **R** toward wood AH to pass bench on **L** at start of wood. Continue AH, ignoring all paths to **L** and **R** to where farm TK bears **sharp L** by WM where AH on grass path in same direction to pass under high tension wires to exit on RD (**B1368**). **TR** on RD and AH facing traffic (**Very busy RD**), and in **120M** XRD **(With Care)** onto BW/driveway **(BW** **Anderson’s Lane ½ Mile)** by 6-bar metal gate. Pass to **L** of gate and continue on tarmac driveway to next gate, where **BR** onto enclosed path with fence on R. At end of fence **TL**, by WM, X over concrete bridge, and AH on grass TK on field edge with treeline on **R**. AH to pass under high tension wires and at end of field **AH** to reach lane**. 3.15 Miles GD400308**

3. AH on lane sign posted **Brick House Farm** to pass compacted farm TK on **R** by PF sign**. (Long/Short Routes Merge Here).**  Continue **AH** on RD to end of wood and **TL** onto PF **(PF 26, Ansty1¼),** X field (**020⁰)** to gap in hedge AH. X wooden bridge, **TR** and follow path around on **RH** edge of fields. AH down then uphill to pass to **R** of copse at top of rise. Continue on TK to where it **bears sharp L** at WM, and **AH** on grass path to reach metal barrier and exit onto RD. **4.29** **Miles GD 406322**

4. **TR** and in **5M** at **Daw’s End**, **TL** onto PF (**PF Anstey, 006**), thru gap in hedgerow and AH to **R** around small orchard to pass thru wooden KG. AH down field (**000⁰)** to further wooden KG at bottom end. Thru KG, over wooden bridge and **TL** onto wide enclosed TK. AH to X- TK, pass thru gap, over bridge and AH on enclosed path with wire fences to both sides towards gap in treeline AH. **Do Not** pass thru gap but **TL** with treeline on **R** and AH to **TR** over concrete bridge then **L** to reach and cross RD and AH to checkpoint. **4.87** **Miles GR 404327**

**CP 1 Anstey Village Hall Opening Times 1015 – 1300**

5. Return to and X RD and AH on farm TK to **TR** over concrete bridge, then **L** and AH to X TK by gap in treeline/hedge row on **L**, **TL** thru gap in hedge and AH with hedgerow on **L** to reach WM/gap in hedge on **L**. Cut back **sharp L**, X wooden bridge and **TimmedR** (**050⁰)** and AH on **RH** side of field to RD. **TL,** and in **300M,** beside white house on **R**, **TR** onto enclosed PF (**PF 013 Anstey**) and AH. On entering farmyard **TimmedL** then **R** with wire fence and farm on **R**. Where fence ends,AH to pass thru gap in hedge by WM and AH on wide TK with wood on **R**. Continue with wood on **R** to reach perimeter TK (old WW2 airfield). **TL,** on perimeter TK passing ‘**Runway’/’No Dogs** sign to **R**, and continue around on perimeter TKto WM sign on **L** by track**,** opposite largecircular aircraft beacon to **R. TL** onto concrete TK.Continue to grass TK with tree line/hedgerow on **L** and AH to pass the **Woodman PH** and Memorial to **398th Bombardment Group (Heavy)** to reach RD. **6.69 Miles GD 412345**

6. **TR** on RD to T-junc. with **Bell Lane**, X RD, **TR** then **L** to pass entrance **Bulls Farm.** In **50M**, **TL** thru KG onto PF (**PF 2, Earl’s Wood 1 Mile),** X field diagonally **(290⁰)** towards 6-bar gate/yellow sign on far side. Pass thru gate (**Beware electric fence close to gate latch**) and next gate to **TL** with fence on **L**. Head towards 6-bar gate to **R** of black barn, thru KG then diagonally (**320⁰)** across field to white topped WM sign in tree line AH. At WM, AH on **path No.2** with hedgerow on **L**, and in **20M,** **TL** thru narrow strip of wood. On emerging into fieldby WM **T½L** toward WM (**No.11**) in treeline AH. **TR**, **Do Not** pass thru gap in hedge and continue AH on **path No. 11** with tree line/ditch on **L.** In **350M,** at next WM **bear L** on **path** **No. 11**), over ditch onto path across field (**270⁰)** then on narrow grass path, to reach wood, X bridge and onto enclosed TK to reach wide TK with farm on **R** and houses **L** to reach RD. **7.62** **Miles GD 400349**

7. **TR** into entrance to **Bury Farm,** **TimmedL** thru KG and diagonally X field (**320⁰)** to double KG in hedgerow on far side. Thru double KGs and bear **L (270⁰) (Long/Short Routes Diverge Here)** parallel with fence on **L** towards post with WM/fence AH. AH to pass thru KG by WM in far **LH** corner. AH on path with wood on **R,** and continue on enclosed path to far end of wood ignoring all WM signs to L/R. At end of wood, AH on wide compacted TK between fields, towards houses AH. At TK junc. with lane by WM, **TR** on TK then **L** across drive to TK on far side, passing **Oak Hall** on **L**. AH to pass by wooden gate and continue AH to reach WM at bend in path by bench/power pole on **L**. **TL** with WM onto enclosed FP to emerge on RD. **8.72 Miles GD383352**

8. X RD and **TR**, and at end of brick wall **TL** onto PF (**Reed 1½ miles**) and AH on enclosed PF. Follow to emerge in corner of field by WM where **TR** and AH with hedge on **R**. At corner of wood/treeline, **TR** onto permissive path (ignoreTK **AH)**. AH to corner of field and descend to farm TK **(beware hole)**. **TL** and in **100M** at junc. of 3-way BW post (**BW 5, Reed 1¼ Miles**) **TR** passing old barn on **L**. At next WM sign by bench, **BL** on path with wood on **R**, to end of wood. AH to wood AH by WM and follow compacted TK bearing **L** then **R** to far end of wood and continue to pass thru wide gap in treeline/hedgerow onto TK junc. **TR** on compacted TK then **L** to corner of wood on **R** by WM. **TR** and continue to wood AH by WM, where pass thru gap, over ST and AH diagonally **(285⁰)** to top **RH** corner of field towards high tension wires to gap/WM. **BR** thru gap and AH on path to reach broken ST/WM. AH to WM/TK where **TR** and **AH** to sharp bend in RD by BW (**BW Barkway 1¼) 10.40 Miles GD364359** **(Note; from this point onwards, you may encounter others travelling in the opposite direction. Stick to your route description).**

9. **AH** on **High Street,** to pass **Rosslyn Cottage** on **R** and in **25M** **TL** thru wooden KG onto PF (**PF 4, Jackson’s Lane 470 Yds**). AH to end of hedgerow/treeline on **L,** and continue on wide path with electric wire fence to **R**, towards gap in hedge by WM. **BR** **(327**⁰) across field towards power pole to gap in hedgerow AH by WM. Continue AH on same bearing across centre of field toward PF/pole AH in treeline, to exit onto RD thru wooden KG. **TL** into **Hobbs Hayes** **/Blacksmiths** Lane and continue AH to **BR**, and at green triangle AH to phone box to **TR** into CP. **10.85 Miles GD360362**

**CP 2 Reed Village Hall Opening Times 1100 - 1630**

10. Exit Hall, **TL** then **TR** into **Church Lane**, and AH past last house on **L** (**Greenside**) and in **30M TL** thru wooden KG by 6-bar metal gate by footpath sign. AH on wide grassy TK gradually bearing **L** to gap in hedge by WM. Continue AH with electric wire fence on **L** towards hedgerow AH by clump of trees and **BR.** AH on narrow grass TK to pass thru wooden KG by PF sign **(PF 4, Jackson’s Lane 470 yds)** to exit on RD**. TR** and AH to sharp **RH** bend in RD and AH onto enclosed path by BW (**BW** **Barkway 1¼ Miles**). AH to cross farm TK and AH onto enclosed path opposite. Continue on enclosed path for **1KM** X-ing compacted farm TK once more, ignoring all WM to **R** and **L** to emerge into open by WM. **TR** then **L** and AH on enclosed path once again to reach bench then WM on **R** (**ignore**) and into field. AH on grassy farm TK with ditch on **R** for **850M** to where TK bends **sharp L,** X earth bridge and follow path with ditch on **L** to reach RD by line of trees AH by PF (**PF Buckland, 014**). **12.60 Miles GD 361340**

11.**TR** on RD and AH uphill to WM, and ‘**To The Church’** sign (propped up on wooden fence), where **TL** onto driveway. **Do Not** bear right towards graveyard/church but continue **AH** on grass path to ente**r** open area. **BL** and AH downhill. At bottom “**Daws Lane Common** board/WM, **TR** and continue to WM sign. **TimmedL** at WM onto rough path on field edge with ditch on **L** and AH up incline (**070⁰)** between fields and continue to wide gravel TK with WM on **L**. **TR** on wide gravel TK, over TK junc. and continue uphill in the same direction to BW sign by wooden gate on **L**. **TL** (**090⁰)** immediately after WM/gate onto rough path to WM just before the start of treeline. **TR** (**165⁰)** and cross field diagonally to meet compacted TK by WM where **TR** and AH to reach hedgerow on **L.** In **350M,** at **2nd** WMin hedge on **L, TL** over earth bridge thru gap in hedge and AH on wide grass path between field **(130⁰)**. At hedge on **R,** AH on enclosed grass path. At far end continue on compacted track past **Cherry Orchard Stables** on **R** to reach RD junc. with **Cherry Orchard Lane** and BW (**Wyddial**, **BW 005, Chipping 1½Mile**). **TR** on RD towards junc./wooden seat where **TL** into **Moles Lane**. **14.90 Miles GD** **372314**

12. At end of lane AH on enclosed path (**BW 009, Wyddial, to St. Bartholomew Church, Buntingford ¾ Mile**). At BW sign (**to Buntingford 1**) AH with wooden fence on **R**. At end of fence AH with treeline on **L** to WM. Continue to next WM and in **45M,** **BL** thru gap and AH with treeline on **R**. At next WM, **TR** thru gap in hedge and AH to follow path to **L** then **R** to pass large grey corrugated building on **R,** to lane by BW (**BW 003 Buntingford**) on **R**. **TR** and AH past church on **R** (now private residence) and continue to pass thru metal bollards, and in **75M** **TL** onto PF (**PF 032, Buntingford**) towards wooden fence and AH on enclosed path with wooden fence to **R**. **BR** onto enclosed path with wooden fences on both sides, heading towards shed at far end on **L**. Follow **L** on narrow path (RD visible to **R**) to exit on RD by PF sign, where **TL** and AH to X bridge. AH on **Vicarage RD**, keeping on **RH** pavement to roundabout where **TR** into and X RD into **Ermine Street**. In **25M** **TL** onto enclosed PF (**PF 036, Buntingford**) to exit on RD, where **TL** and in **100M** **TR** into Scout Hut and checkpoint.

**17.00** **Miles**

**We hope you enjoyed the walk and that you will come again next year - Well done.**