

# SHOTLEY PENINSULA 50 2023

Ahd.-ahead; Cont.-continue; CP-Checkpoint; FB-footbridge; FPS-footpath sign; Immed.-immediately; Junc.-junction; KG-kissing gate; NROW -no right of way; L-left; TL -turn left; LHS-Left hand side; R-right; RD-road; RHS-right hand side; SOW - Stour and Orwell Walk; SP-sign post; Thru – through; TR -turn right; TK -track; T-junc.-T-junction; WMP – waymark post; YWM-yellow way mark; X-cross; (150)-magnetic bearing; On L/R - on your L/R;

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## **HOLBROOK VILLAGE HALL (Post Code IP9 2PZ)**

**Start – CP 1 8.2 Miles**

**1.** From Village Hall TR. Take **1st** RD on **L** (Clifton Wood). In **250 yds TR** on TK. At bottom, when TK swings **R**, Ahd up field. At top TL with hedge on **L**. X FB, up field to RD. BR up RD to where it bears **R** at FPS, TL down TK to reservoir. Ahd to X dam. TR on reservoir RD, follow to go thru entrance gates at main RD. TL on pavement to pass **1st** RD on **R** (SP Sutton Church). **TM 161 349**

**2.** In **30yds** X RD to go down RD (**SP No access to main school site**) & almost **immed TR** down TK thru sports fields of the Royal Hospital School (note NROW until FB) Follow TK to pass sports pavilion on **L** then sheds on **R**. In **60yds TR**, X FB and TR up TK. **BEWARE protruding roots on this path. TM 166 345** When level with house on **L** keep Ahd to go thru gap between tree & barn and Ahd up lawn. At top, swing L towards church, pass church to join RD. Ahd on RD for approx **1/2 ml** passing RD on **R**. When RD turns **R (blind bend)** at **Christmas Cottage** keep Ahd on TK between houses to junc at RD. **TM 147 344**

**3.** TL past Private Road notice board & in **300yds** pass large house on **L** (Crepping Hall) Ahd thru barrier and keep to main TK which bends **L** at T junction to River Stour, then later **R** (river on **L**). When TK again bends **R** at direction arrow, keep Ahd to river on to foreshore and TR with shoreline. **TM 152 330 (5 miles)** In approx **800yds** reach fallen oak trees on shore. **60yds** after fallen trees at SOW sign, TR up gap in bank to open ground. 1/2L (follow thru bushes) to path and Ahd in same direction (river on **L**). X FB and follow path on bank - **beware of uneven surface**. Ahd on enclosed path then field edge. **Keep L** at trees, thru gap for a few yds to FPS. **TM 134 329**

4. Keep Ahd to follow path on top of bank which bends **R** then **L**. Pass **Stutton Mill** sluice and then **Keebles** sluice. In **180yds** at waymark arrows, **TR** down bank and Ahd up grass TK. Ignoring all side TKs keep Ahd up dirt TK then metaled TK to RD. **WITH CARE X RD**, **TL** on pavement, over railway bridge, take **2nd** TK on R (**Jimmy's Lane**) just after lay-by. Ahd to Junction (**NROW until junc**). **TL** on TK to CP. **TM 117 346 (8.2 miles)**

**CP 1 at BRANTHAM (Post Code C011 1PF)**

**Open 10.15 am-11.45 am.**

**CP1 - CP 2 9.1 Miles**

5. From CP cont. on TK to T-junc. **TR** and when TK bends **L** keep **Ahd** down TK ignoring all side TKs. At top of slope **Ahd** with wood on **L** & follow around wood passing TK on **L** to T-junc. **TM 111 351** **Sharp R** down enclosed path for 250yds, bear **L** through gap. Cont on path thru vegetation, then **1/2 R (034)**, X field to X FB. Up thru trees, then on wide grass TK. Ignore TKs on **R**, near top (white house on **L**) **fork R** up to X stile. **TL** on TK & go alongside tall beech hedge on **L** & cont to RD junc. **TM 112 361**

6. **TL** on RD. At **L bend** cont on RD for **150yds** to **TL** at FPS thru KG. Follow YWMs on path, ignore all side paths to X stile. **1/2R (242)** X field to go thru small gate. Ahd X field to gate/FB. Ahd up next field to go thru gap at hedge corner. **1/2R (242)** X field to go thru gap to RD. **TM 103 354 (10.5 miles)**

7. **TL** and **almost immed** go thru gap at side of gate and Ahd on field edge path. **TR** on sunken path to RD. Keep Ahd on RD. When RD bends **R** keep straight Ahd for approx 6yds to **TL** at FPS on enclosed path, then paddock on **L**. Up thru wood to **TR** at FPS. Ahd on enclosed path (ignoring path on **L**) to RD. **TL** for approx 150yds, **X RD** to bridleway and Ahd on TK. At large concrete area **TR** on path. Ignore path to **L** & Ahd at green sign (keep to path/dogs on lead) Follow to wide gravel TK. Keep Ahd when TK bends **R**. **TL** on path (hedge on **L**). At end, go thru gap in fence then at X TKs, , **TL** to TK. **TM 093 345 (12 miles)**

8. **TL** on TK for **200yds**, and just before end of trees at YWM **fork R** on sunken path until **45yds before** RD. **TM 089 340 TR** - go thru **&, please close lift-up gate (NROW until RD)**. **TL** keeping to field edge and follow up field to go thru gate & **TL** to RD. **X RD with care** and **TR** for **50yds** to bend, where keep **L (SP East Bergholt)**. Take **1st** RD on **L (Orvis Lane)** **TM 081 342** Ahd down RD to **TR** at FPS (**20yds.** before farm gate across RD). **Do not go thru gate.**

Ahd on path, field edge, then enclosed path to meet track at broken stile where **TL** onto enclosed path between fences (*Please do not feed horses sign on gate*). **TM 079 340**

**9.** Cont on RHS of field to enclosed path. Keep **Ahd** thru **KG** and **Ahd** down centre of field on grass TK which bears R near bottom to pass thru **KG** gate. **Ahd** to TR to pass Willy Lott's cottage on L (cream cottage) **Cont** to Flatford Mill (turn around here for view of "Haywain") **Ahd** (tap on wall on L at NT shop) when RD bends R, **TL** over bridge. (**Toilets** 12yds up RD on **R**) **TR** thru gates and follow River Stour on R to **2nd R** bend in river. Keep Ahd (**294**) away from river to go thru wide gap over ditch. Ahd in same direction to pass alongside river on **R**. Ahd thru 3 gates next to river bank. **TM 064 335 (15 miles)**

**10.** **TL** X field (**245**) ignore path to **R**. Path becomes enclosed. Thru KGs and pass to **R** of further KG. Ahd on TK which bends **L** to driveway. Cont to RD and **TR** along **Dedham High St.** At Mill Lane (**Toilets:** across the road down side of War Memorial, 100yds along the path in LH corner of square) cont Ahd on High ST to pass RD on R (**Princel Lane**), keep Ahd for **100 yds** & **TR** on path at **West Gate Cottage** (FP sign in holly hedge). Follow Essex Way signs. **TM 055 330** Ahd on TK thru **Bridges Farm** and keep on TK to double gates. **TR** thru KG and **immed TL**. Ahd to go thru gate next to river then Ahd thru woods to **TL** on driveway (**Milsoms Hotel**) to RD. **TM 044 332 TR** and pass over A12. At fork **keep L** to T-junc, X RD and **TL** uphill for **200 yds**. **TR** thru large wrought iron gates on driveway. Cont to T-junc to **TR** to Church. Go thru lychgate, **TL** to CP. **TM 034 337 (17.3 miles)**

### **CP2 LANGHAM CHURCH Annex (Post Code C04 5PS)**

**Open 12.00 pm-15.00 pm**

#### **CP2 — CP3 7.5 Miles**

**11.** From CP cont on TK down field to hedge. **TR** (hedge on **L**) and X gallops and **TL** for **200 yds** where **TR**. X bridge, straight X field to gate and FB to RD. **TR** on RD to pass **Black Horse** PH on L. Ahd for **330yds**. Just after **Suffolk** sign on LHS, X RD to FPS, thru KG & underpass & **almost immed** another KG. Ahd keeping close to River Stour and follow to RD. **TM 057 336** X RD, **TL** over bridge & **immed TR** & go thru KG at FPS. Ahd along riverbank to go thru gateway, and in **70yds** **Bear L** on wide grassy path away from river towards KG in hedgeline. **Ahd** on enclosed path to meet TK and **TL**. Ahd to X bridge. In 20 yds when path bends **L**, keep Ahd thru KG, swing **R** with fence. Ahd thru gap, **1/2 L** uphill to RD. **TM 072 338 (20.3 miles)**

**12. TL.** *(This is a one-way RD system with the traffic coming from behind you. A path runs alongside the RD on the other side of hedge on R. The occasional views are on the RD, the choice is yours).* Cont to T-junc facing church, X RD, and **TL** on pavement. Follow church wall to entrance to churchyard. (A plaque on the wrought iron fence on R informs of site of Constable's childhood home, his studio is 200yds down RD on bend. Constable's parents and Willy Lott are buried in the churchyard.) Take footpath into churchyard & **immed fork L** for **30yds to Bell Cage on L**, a few paces further, on your **R** is a bench. **TM 070 344**

When was John French born?  
You will be asked at CP

**13.** Cont thru churchyard to follow pavement for approx **1/2ml.** to RD junc and **TL** into **Gandish Road**. In approx 400 yds at right hand bend **TL** on TK between houses. At bottom Ahd uphill to reach **brown fence**. Fork L on TK for approx 200 yds to **2 dog poo bins**. **TR** thru gap. **1/2 R** X RD to pavement at Pitts End Rd. Keeping to this pavement X over RD (Richardsons) then Ahd on enclosed footpath, passing garage to RD. **TR** along pavement, passing High School to **TL** across RD into **1st RD on L (Putticks Lane)**. **TM 081 353**

**14.** In **30yds** at FPS, **TR** on wide path (hedge on R) and follow to corner at elec. pole. **TR** thru gap & **immed TL** on TK. Ahd thru gate (may be tied open, but if not, please close) keeping to fence/trees on **L**. Ignore path to **R**, keep Ahd to FPS to way marker (barn to your **R**). **TM 089 357 TR** down field (barn on **R**) past line of trees on **R** and at end of trees **bear slightly R** to go Ahd thru small gate. Ahd to fence corner and **Ahd (090)** to reach gate & FPS. X FB & **1/2 R (052)**, X field, thru gap onto path to X stream. At path junc **TR** for **130yds**. **TM 095 358 (23.4 miles)**

**15.** At waymark **TL** and follow smaller LH path uphill thru trees to junc (ignore path to **L** near top). Ahd on wide TK to go to **R** of fence at wood yard. At end of fence X gravel RD. **TM 100 363** Ahd on wide TK for approx **820yds** ignoring all TKs on L & R to reach WMP on right. **With WMP on R**, cont for 50 yds to **fork L** down TK. **TM 103 370**

**16.** Cont Ahd for 200yds to just before 4-finger FPS (on **L** hidden behind tree), where **TR** up bank. **TM 103 372** Ahd thru rough grass and trees. Keep same line across field (**115**) to **TR** on RD/pavement to CP. **TM 108 370 (24.8 miles)**

### CP 3 THE CASE IS ALTERED PUB, BENTLEY (Post Code IP9 2DW)

Open 13.30 pm - 18.00 pm

#### CP3 - CP4 6.9 Miles

**17.** From CP TR along TK/path. Ignore all other TKs and after 650yds follow to **R** and go thru farmyard. At end of brick barn on **R** (just before RD starts) TL on bridleway (**Grove Farm** sign on wall on **R**). **TM 110 376** Cont for approx **1/2ml** to 4-fingered FPS hidden in hedge (just before plank bridge over ditch). TR along field edge with ditch on **L**, cont to large gap in hedge at YWM, X thru, **TR** and join TK. Ahd 300 yds to TL at WMP thru small gate (please close) and X stream. **1/2R** on faint path, thru gate (please close) to **R** of tennis court. Keep Ahd. (same line **060**) to X field to go over stile next to gate to RD. **TM 118 384**

**18.** TR on RD. Ahd on RD as it bends **L** and after 80yds by gate on **R**, step on to narrow FP on **R** behind bushes. Path soon descends to emerge at RD. Straight across RD to FPS. Ahd. on path thru wood to reach 4-way path junc. Ahd for a few yds to YWM. TL, Ahd to X railway line (**STOP, LOOK, LISTEN**).

**19.** Ahd. on path to RD at house. Ahd. on RD. When RD bends **L**, just after driveway to Maltings Cottage, TR on path X field to stile at RD. (**FAST TRAFFIC, TAKE CARE.**) X **A137** to FPS. Ahd X field to go alongside hedge on **L**. At hedge corner **1/2L** to reach TK. TR on TK. At bottom of slope TL to X stile. Ahd on path (not **L**) to RD. X RD., TL on pavement to X bridge over reservoir. **TR** to go thru car park. Follow main TK (ignore all side paths) for approx **1 1/4mls.** to sharp **RH** bend (Alton Water/Black Pond Meadow notice board). TL for **100yds** to RD. **TM 147 376 (29.4 miles)**

**20.** X RD to FPS. Ahd and up bridleway, later passing thru wood. At end of wood **Immed TR**. Keep wood on **R** as it bends **R** to reach 2 electricity poles. Ahd on X field path to wood corner. TL keeping wood on **R** to RD at bend. Keep Ahd (**not R**) on RD until it bends **L**, where ahd to FPS. Take X field path on **L**, thru 2 fields, straight over TK, Ahd on field path until approx 30yds before facing hedge. TR on field path, Ahd over TK, follow hedge on **L** until **large gap**. TL down field, then uphill to RD. X **1/2 R** to double gates to playing field. Keep hedge on **L** to go thru red gate at house. TR to RD **TR** to CP. **TM 168 365 (31.7 miles)**

### C P 4 HOLBROOK VILLAGE HALL (Post Code IP9 2PZ)

Open 15.00 pm - 21.00 pm

CP4- Water stop **5.1 Miles**

**21.** From CP X RD & TL on pavement to T-junc. **TL** on pavement for approx 220yds to driveway entrance with tall pillars (Coachman's Paddock). **X RD with care**) to FPS & Ahd on path, thru gap in hedge, Ahd on X field path to TK junc. 1/4 L X TK & Ahd on TK with hedge on R. On reaching 3rd large gap in hedge, **TR** on X field path to X stile. X next stile & Ahd 1/2 R (CB77) on indistinct path passing small pond on L. When path descends, keep Ahd with fence on R to go thru gate at bottom of field. Ahd the few yds up incline to **FPS on R**, where **TL** on TK and follow to RD. **TM 180 378**

**22.** **TL** on RD, in a few yds at bend keep Ahd on X field path to wood corner. Ahd with wood on L to wood corner. Keep Ahd on X field path to TK. Straight over TK and X field (towards water tower). Thru gap in hedge then **1/2L** on X field path to large gap at field corner at RD. **BEWARE traffic coming from behind you. CAREFULLY X RD** to take the minor RD (Signpost Freston). Ahd on RD to junc. **TR** and Ahd 500yds to pass Church. RD bends **R**, and when just round bend **TL** at FPS into wood. **BEWARE protruding roots on this path! TM 171 395 (34.7 miles)**

**23.** In approx **30yds** at large tree stump, Ahd on middle path, going downhill to X FB. Thru gate, follow hedge/fence on **R** on faint path to pass thru gate in **RH** corner of field. **Ahd (035)** to X field to **TR** on field edge to RD. **TM 173 402 X RD VERY CAREFULLY** to go thru gap next to stile. Follow path **1/2R** across field towards river and follow hedge on L (River Orwell behind hedge) to reach gap in corner. Go thru to sailing club road. **TM 175 400 TL** to go **L** of sailing club fence. Follow fence round to **R** to X stile. Ahd on foreshore for **80yds** to ditch on **R**. Ahd a further **40yds** to second ditch. Pass ditch and **immed TR** with ditch across saltings aiming for tall white post with signboard. **TL** & keep to bushes/tree line on **R** (river on **L**) for approx **150yds** to reach large ditch & large oak tree. **TM 179 398**

**24.** **TR** on faint path for **70yds** to wide grass TK. **TL** for a few yds to **TR** alongside electric fence on R uphill to pass close to **Freston Tower** on L - *if you can see it in the dark it's England's oldest folly - 1553*) Ahd to go through small metal gate next to cattle grid (**MUST close**) **TM 177 395**

Ahd up driveway. When drive bends **R** keep Ahd on farm TK with hedge on **L**. TK bends **L**, and when TK bends **R** at TK junc, keep Ahd on wide grass path (hedge on **L**) to X minor RD (SP on **L**). **TM 183 388**

With Woolverstone House sign on gateway on R, Ahd to X another minor RD. Ahd on sports field keeping to hedge on R to pass house on R and Ahd on TK to reach **water stop. TM 189 386 (36.8 Miles)**

### **CP 5 WOOLVERSTONE CHURCH (Post Code IP9 1AY)**

**Open. 15.45 pm – 23.00 pm.**

Water stop – CP 6 **4.7 Miles**

**25.** From church gate TR to follow church fence on R to **Stour/Orwell Walk** waymark. Go ½ R (040) following direction arrow (**Stour/Orwell Walk**). Enter wood & immed fork L down thru trees. **BEWARE protruding roots on this path!** Keep on this path going down to reach railings where TL to RD. **TM 194 389 TR** to pass park & Harwich YC clubhouse. ½ way round L bend TR at FPS in front of grass bank to concrete slipway. **1/2R** X slipway and TL on path beside KG.

**26.** Keeping river on L follow path thru and then around L side of wood. Pass large fallen tree on L for **12 YDS** then **Fork L** and in another **12 YDS**, again **Fork L** towards river to pass wooden Bench. Follow path (River on L) to edge of wood at **WMP** (maybe hidden). **TL X bridge and cont** on field edge path. **TM 199 386** Keep this direction with river/trees on L to go thru gap next to KG. Ahd on enclosed path to junc where TL on TK. pass **Pin Mill Sailing Club** and Ahd with river on L. (*Toilets on R.*) At pub TR up RD away from river for **150yds** (20 yds after car park entrance on R. TL up steps to take path between houses. **TM 206 378 (38.5 miles)**

**27.** Follow path for approx. **1 Mile** (ignoring all paths to R/L) to pass barn on L and in a few yds reach **Clamp House. TM 219 378 TL** towards river for **30yds** to FPS. (*Follow Arthur Ransome East Coast signs until converted barn/house in approx 1 Mile*). TR on raised bank then field edge path. Keep river on L following field edge path to X FB. At gap on L Ignore path Ahd **TM 225 373** X FB onto boardwalk (**Beware! step down at end of boardwalk maybe hidden**), up steps, and swing L on field edge. X plank bridge to pass converted barn/house **Quietly** and immed TR up TK away from river. **TM 229 373**

**28.** Go thru gate (if closed **please close quietly**), up TK to RD. **TM 228 367 TL** on RD. Pass **Charity Farm** on R. In **150yds TR** on TK (SP Restricted Byway) **TM 233 367** Ahd on TK. Ignore TKs on L/R and keep Ahd to pass houses on R to RD junc, TL to CP. **TM 237 360 (41.5 Miles)**

**CP 6 at SHOTLEY CHURCH (Post Code IP9 1ER)**

**Open 16.45 pm – 01.00 am.**

CP 6 – CP 7 **4.7 Miles.**

**29.** From CP TL down TK to T junc at hamlet of **Frog Alley**. TR on TK for **100yds**, thru gate (**please close quietly**). Keep with hedge on **L** (pass gate on **L**) to later go thru gate. Ahd for a few yds then scramble up bank. **TM 245 360 TR** (River Orwell on **L**) on sea wall path for **1 1/4mils** to marina (**Port of Felixstowe on L**). At marina TL on path around marina to X over walkway at lock. TL keeping sea on **L**, and cont to reach the **Bristol Arms PH** (Port of Harwich now on **L**). **TM 245 336**

**30.** Keep Ahd on path (sea on **L**) for approx **580yds** to steps on **R** (**SP Quarterdeck/Crow's Nest**). (*If you reach a picnic table and shelter you have gone too far*). TR up steps to Pass Quarterdeck on **L**.

**31.** At the top of the path junc TL and follow until path forks. Keep **R** to **RD** and TL on **RD**. When **RD** ends keep Ahd to go thru gap in trees. **TM 239 339 Ahd** to field path and Ahd with sea on **L** to pass between houses, pass **TK** on **R**, to go thru gap in fence at last house on **L**. Ahd on field edge with River Stour now on **L** (*the one you followed at Flatford/Dedham*). In approx **3/4ml**, at end of **3<sup>rd</sup>** field (metal/wood fence around sluice outlet at **FPS**), TR down bank. **TM 225 341**

**32.** Up **TK** (ditch on **R**) away from river. **TK** bends **L** and **R**. In **240yds**, when tree line on **L** ends at open space, T sharp L on field edge **TK** and Ahd (hedge/fence on **R**). **TM 224 344** At end TR up **TK** (**quiet please houses on L & R**) to **RD**. TL for 25yds to TL to CP. **TM 220 347 (46.2 Miles)**

**CP 7 ERWARTON CHURCH (Post Code IP9 1LL)**

**Open 17.20 pm- 03.30 am**

*(Anne Boleyn's last request was that her heart be returned to Erwarton. Details are on the church organ.)*

**CP 7 - Finish 5.4 Miles**

**33.** From CP, TL on **RD** for **1K**, passing **Queen's Head PH**, to **LH** bend. TR on farm **RD** (Bridleway sign). Keep **R** at fork after **750yds**, up **TK**. TL with **TK** hedge on **R**. After **440 yds** at bottom of slope TL. **TK** bears **R** then **L** to house on **L** (**Mares Nest**).



Follow main TK to junc, **TM 206 356** stepping over chain link fence (if applicable) and keep straight Ahd on TK (257) (with hedge on **L**) for approx **3/4ml**, stepping over 2<sup>nd</sup> chain link fence if fixed, to RD. Keep Ahd on RD (**not L**) to T-juct. **TL** at **SP Harkstead. TM 195 353 (49.0 miles)**

**34.** Pass RD on **L** and keep Ahd down RD (**blind bend at bottom of hill**). Keep on RD to T-junc passing **River View RD** on **R**. At T-junc **TR** to **Bakers Arm PH** and at end of pub garden **TL** on Walnut Tree Lane. In **35yds TR** at FPS down TK. Keep **R** at driveway entrance down enclosed path between fields to RD.

**35. TR** on RD for approx **150yds**, to take TK on **L**. In approx **60yds** at WMP, **1/2 R (270)** to X field to hedge corner. Ahd with hedge on **R** between fields then hedge. At post and rail fence keep Ahd. with fence then hedge on **R. TM 180 347** At end of hedge keep Ahd down field (280) to Holbrook Creek. At bottom **TR** for 16yds, then **straight Ahd** on TK and thru gate to RD. **TM 177 350 (50.8 miles)**

**36. BEWARE blind bends on RD. TL**, RD bends R and L. At top of hill pass house on L then **TL** thru large hedge gap on driveway. **TM 176 356** Follow as it swings R towards rear of houses to go thru small gate on L. **1/2 R (280)** down field to go thru small gate. Ahd thru wood to RD (**check before stepping out**). **TL**, in 100 yds when RD swings L, **TM 171 359 TR** up field edge path (hedge on L) then enclosed path. Follow to stile on R (**ignore**). **TL** thru churchyard. On leaving churchyard **TR** immed (a few yards before RD) on path then pavement. Pass Rd on R, take 1st RD on L. **Finish 250yds on R. TM 168 365 52.0 Miles**

**HOLBROOK VILLAGE HALL (Post Code IP9 2PZ)**

**OPEN 18.45pm-06.15am**

**WELL DONE, NOW PUT YOUR FEET UP!**

**\*\*Keep the following paragraphs -- you may need them.**

**Alternative to Freston after main meal stop at Holbrook.**

- **\*** From Village Hall **TR**, pass five houses on R, **TR (Petticoat Lane)** on enclosed paved path (school on L). When path swings R, keep ahd on enclosed path with school grounds on on R. Keep same direction to X school fld, thru trees to fld corner. Keep ahd to X fld to RD. (**check before stepping out**).

- **TL** to junc, where **TR**. When RD forks keep **R**. RD soon becomes TK. Keep ahd, ignoring TKs to R and L, then between flds to reach wood corner.
- **TR** (wood on L) Ahd to go thru gap at side of gate. Then wide TK which becomes enclosed to reach farm buildings on R. Ahd on RD (ignore all side RDs) to T-junc . **TL** and Ahd to pass Church. RD bends R. Just round bend **TL** at FPS into wood.
- **Carry on from last line on Para 22.**