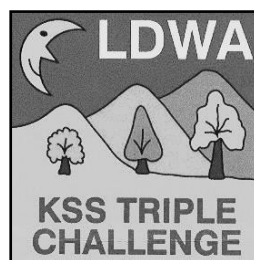


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THE WHITE CLIFFS 51 mile CHALLENGE WALK

Saturday 30th - Sunday 31st August 2025

CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE ADHERED TO

TIME LIMIT: ALL TO FINISH BY 08:00 ON SUNDAY

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Welcome to the White Cliffs 51-mile Challenge Walk. Please ensure that you show your number card at each checkpoint so that your number is recorded accurately. **TAKE CARE CROSSING & WALKING ON ROADS, ESPECIALLY AFTER DARK.** Entrants who arrive at checkpoints after closing time will be retired. However, if necessary, each checkpoint will remain manned after closing time in order to account for everyone. It is therefore important that anyone wishing to retire does so at a checkpoint. If this is not possible, then the organisers must be notified giving your name & walk number, without delay. Under no circumstances should anyone retire without ensuring that the organisers are informed.

GOOD LUCK!

Compass bearings are figures in brackets, e.g. (230°)

Abbreviations (alphabetically): BL—bear left; BR—bear right; bw—bridleway; cnr—corner; cont—continue; CP—Checkpoint; ECP—England Coast Path; encl—enclosed; EVW—Elham Valley Way; fb—footbridge; FDF—Folkestone Downs Framed; flw—follow; FL—fork left; fp—footpath; fpost—finger-post; FR—fork right; imd—immediately; jcn—junction; kg—kissing gate; L—left; LH—left hand; LHS—left hand side; lmg—large metal gate; lwg—large wooden gate; NDW—North Downs Way; opp—opposite; R—right; rd—road; RH—right hand; RHS—right hand side; smg—small metal gate; SO—straight on; SSW—Saxon Shore Way; swg—small wooden gate; st—stile; thru—through; tk—track; TL—turn left; TR—turn right; TRxxxxxx—grid reference; wm—waymark; wmp—waymark post; X—cross; y—yards.

START: Walkers at 10:00 & runners at 11:30
from Betteshanger Sports & Social Club, Cavell Square, Deal CT14
9HN. TR360513

DEAL to ST. MARGARET'S BAY 6.6 miles

1. Start across playing field to lmg near far R corner. Cross parking area to rd & TL on opposite pavement. Take 2nd R (Marlborough Road). At end with fence ahead cont on tk on R. At end of fence on L, BL on worn fp. FL to flw encl fp. At end of fp TR & flw RHS of field round to rd. At xrds TR towards level crossing. At level crossing use pedestrian gates. lmd TL into trees & TR on fp inside trees. In 150y FR to cont inside trees close to LH edge. In 350y at gap in mesh fence in vegetation on L & bare bank behind solo tree on R, FL into encl fp, mesh fence now on R. At field BL X cnr to fpost. X rd & up fld (180°), aiming towards LH end of wood to R. At top of rise, BL past Nelson's Seat on path with hedge & fence on R. At end of hedge, X field (170°) into cnr. SO thru trees, soon between fences. Thru kg to X minor rd & ahead thru gate into churchyard at Ringwould. TR 360483

2. Thru churchyard & exit thru lychgate. Ahead to TL on minor rd & cont thru to main A258 Dover - Deal Road. X rd at island & TL on pavement opp. In 30y, at fpost, T sharp R on drive (Abbots House on R). Becomes tk then fp. Where fp starts to swing R, at fpost, TL into wood. 40y after next fpost at wm stone FR & flw bw as it meanders thru trees. In 400y, reach lane & SO on fp opp, with hedge on L. In 250y, at wmp, TL thru wooden posts in narrow gap into Kingsdown Wood (Wood Hill on OS maps). In 20y, FR & flw path as it meanders thru wood, ignoring side paths. In 150y, pass large fallen trees on L & R. Keep ahead on path thru wood (40° at first) to BR & exit wood thru barrier. SO with hedge on L, to go thru next barrier. TR & flw encl fp as it TLs to field. TR 373477

3. TL on tk & in 30y, TR on rough access rd. Ahead with hedge on L, soon passing house entrances. Becomes tarmac & TLs. At jcn

(Queensdown Rd) TR on stony tk & flw to rd. TR (Granville Road) then TL (The Leas). Flw rd past golf clubhouse. At end of car park TL X grass. At fp TR. *(Yes, you are now on the famous White Cliffs).*

IMPORTANT: THE ROUTE NOW GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE CLIFF TOP FOR THE NEXT 12 MILES TO CAPEL-LE-FERNE. EXTREME CARE IS NEEDED TO AVOID THE CLIFF EDGE WHICH IS VERY CLOSE IN PLACES.

The path gradually bears to the R, past the occasional ECP or SSW wmp. Thru gap in fence & flw path between cliff edge & bushes. Thru gap at barrier & flw main fp towards monument. Thru gap & into car park of Dover Patrol Memorial TR373452

4. In 25y, opp Dover Patrol monument, TL thru kg (*National Trust sign: The Leas*). BR on fp, then BL on wide strip between fences. Pass SSW fpost on L & keep ahead to descend (*with fine views ahead of St. Margaret's Bay*). Thru kg & ahead, ignoring fp descending to L, to rd. FL downhill on rd & at sharp LH bend, BR (SSW fpost on R). In 40y, BL on Beach Road which becomes a rough tk. Pass Pines Garden on R, then at sharp LH bend, SO thru gate next to cattle grid to reach

Checkpoint 1, St. Margaret's Bay TR365440 6.6 miles

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Opens 11.30 Closes 14.30

ST. MARGARETS BAY to CAPEL-LE-FERNE 9.0 miles

5. Cont. ahead, now on grass tk, going thru three more gates by cattle grids. After the third, ahead over X-tk. In 80y, TL past lighthouse entrance & flw encl fp to go thru kg. BR on worn fp to kg & flw clifftop path. Stay on main fp round top of 2 bowls. In 1¼ miles up steps ahead, fence on L. Flw gravel fp past kg on L to kg at top. Thru kg & ahead on man-made fp downhill. 50y after 2nd bench on L, at ECP wmp, BL steeply downhill. At green telescope BR on gravel fp into bushes & thru swg. Continue SO, passing below visitor centre on R (*toilets available at back*). 50y after path exits trees, BR thru swg with ECP wm across grass (280°), passing green telescope on L, to go thru next swg. Flw clear

path with bushes on L, then fence on R swinging R at end. Thru kg TL (ECP-Dover Castle) down tarmac fp with intermittent steps. Pass redbrick wall on R then down concrete steps. TR331418

6. SO under main rd & then on encl fp. At garages on R, ahead on rd & in 80y, SO on East Cliff. At rd end, TL to X main rd at pedestrian xing. TR along promenade on Dover seafront. In 550y, at statues of swimmers (*Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club on R*), TR away from seafront. TR321411 Pass to L of roundabout & SO along New Bridge. In 40y, BslightlyR down steps. Thru underpass & at top of slope TL thru alley (Chapel Lane). At rd TR to x dual carriageway using controlled xing. On pavement opp, TR. In 80y, TL up fp with hedge on L. Becomes rd. At top, by iron gates, TL between walls. At NDW fpost, TR then up steps. Thru kg & up more steps. Just before next kg, TR ignoring fork on L. Uphill on fp to flw fence on L (*pause for views of Dover Castle to your R & the Drop Redoubt on your L*). SO between fences, later just fence on R, thru kg & down steps. Thru kg & X rd. On pavement opp, TL uphill. At brow & NDW fpost TR on side road, TR314408

7. In 150y, FL at NDW/SSW sign & in 70y, FL past barrier. In 200y, where tk swings R, FL downhill with ECP/NDW wm on L (*Shakespeare Cliff soon in view*). Thru kg & BR with path downhill. Ignore RH fork. Thru either kg, & TL down steps to rd. BR & in 200y, at NDW fpost, TL thru King Lear's Way. At T-jcn, X rd & TR. In 50y, BL down steps & TL thru underpass. Up steps & TR (NDW fpost) on path up Shakespeare Cliff. **! BEWARE – CLIFF EDGE DANGEROUS IN PLACES FOR NEXT 4 MILES.** At end of concrete fp thru kg on R, flw fence on L over ridge (ignore kgs on L). In dip thru kg ahead & cont with fence on L. At brick air shaft thru kg hidden behind & climb Round Down, fence on L. Over top at WW2 bunker on R, SO thru kg & flw worn fp TR296394

8. Keep ahead on NDW, ignoring all kgs to R. In 1.2 miles, at wmp, TR with NDW & thru kg. Imd TL with fence on L. Go thru kg in cnr & around ventilation installation. Thru next kg BR to join tarmac tk with

fence on R. Pass WW1 Zeppelin detector dish on L. Approaching brow at WW2 bunker on L BL off tk to wm & flw cliff to path. In 160y, SO now with railing on L. At end of railing, SO for 100y & at wmp on L, BL to re-join NDW. TR265386

9. Ahead thru bushes & SO on cliff top fp. Ignore path descending to L & flw fence of mobile home park on R. SO on cliff top fp. At open space with seats, X (270°) to cont on narrow fp winding thru bushes & later flwing cliff edge again. In 250y keep ahead between fences. At Café car park TL to railings. TR on outside to flw clifftop fp. At open grass with benches BR to far corner. Down bank & X into Alexandra Road. Take 1st L to reach on L

**Checkpoint 2, St. Radigund's Church, Capel le-Ferne 15.6 miles
TR250384**

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Opens 13.30 Closes 16.15

CAPEL-LE-FERNE TO ETCHINGHILL 7.2 miles

10. Leave CP via back door cross grass into encl fp. At rd TL. At open grass TR then TR on clifftop fp. Flw fp round garden boundary & down steps to drive. TL & in 30y at wmp TR down steps then up. At Battle of Britain Memorial grounds keep to L of mounds & rejoin fp on far side. At wm TR & at next fpost flw NDW to reach rd beside Valiant Sailor pub. (CARE – fast traffic – make sure you have a good view before crossing). Cross main road to fpost (NDW) kg opp, fence on R & keep ahead for 1100y, passing trig column, then pillbox, & later thru gorse. 20yds before end of fp, TR thru kg & TL on rd. In 220y, opp large mast, thru kg on L & TR with fence on R. Keep ahead on fp with rd parallel on R, soon to go downhill. Thru kg in cnr & TL on rd. TR 225382

11. Flw rd downhill to jcn with main rd. TR on pavement & in 20y, reach rd xing point with traffic island & better sight lines. X rd via island & TL on pavement opp. In 10y, thru kg on R. Ahead (260°) on fp (NDW).

In 100y, thru gap & BR at FDF sign on R. Ahead, keeping fence, bushes & rd on R. Thru kg & SO. In 20 yds TR onto path, thru kg & in 150 yds thru open gateway. Pass FDF sign on R to ascend to Caesar's Camp. Where fence on R ends, at wmp in brambles on R, FL (180°) & flw this worn 'ledge' path around hill, at first gently ascending, keep to left of mound on summit. Where path levels, SO to pass concrete pillar. Imd after pillar, SO (320°) on worn fp downhill with open hillside drop imd to your L. Join fence on R, pass pylon, & thru kg (FDF sign). Ahead along edge of bushes, open field on R, to reach fpost at rd. TsharpL past rd end with metal posts, & ahead (290°) on narrow fp imd to L of rd. Keep ahead on this fp (NDW fpost) between fence & hedge, with rd parallel on R, & later thru kg. SO, ignoring gate by wmp on R. At Bronze Age Barrow fpost sign on R, BslightlyR, gently uphill, & thru kg next to lmg. SO (260°) on fp with fence & rd parallel on R. Keep ahead for 1300y, passing above figure of a white horse carved in the hillside. Thru kg on R, by small parking area & TL on rd. At jcn FL & in 10y TR up steps in hedge. TR 197382

12. Imd TL along LHS field. Keep ahead on NDW, following this field-edge path as it goes round several bends. At pillbox, go L with path, then go R, ignoring st on L. At next field cnr, ignore st on L & in 30y, thru kg. In 10y, BR, descending, soon down steps. BR (to 340°) then thru gateway & SO on clear path. In 330y at wmp on R, FR past NDW sign-stone. In 50y, thru kg & TL on LHS field. In 300y, TL thru gap in bushes (concealed NDW fpost) & down steps to x rd. Over barrier opp & SO between fences. In 800y SO past NDW fpost on L, leaving NDW. At rd SO. At jcn SO on rd becoming downhill. In village, just before xrds BL on fp then X into Meriden Walk opp & flw fp. At rd TR. Flw rd to L &

Checkpoint 3, Etchingill Village Hall TR167392 22.8 miles

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Opens 15.00 Closes 19.00

ETCHINGHILL TO ELHAM 6.9 miles

13. From CP, retrace steps along St. Mary's Drive, & take 1st L (playground on R). At T-jcn TL. At end TR on fp. At rd TL. In 220y, ignore L fork (*private rd*). Cont, gently ascending, for further 600y to lane end. 15y before lmg, at NDW wmp post, TR thru metal kg to R of BT station on grass path between fences. Ignore fp on L, BR & thru kg. TL to flw LHS field. In bottom cnr, thru kg & BR to rd. TR154393

14. BR across rd & thru kg opp. TL with fence/hedge on L, along LHS of field. At metal gate on L, BL still LHS field. In cnr at wmp, TR gently uphill, still with fence on L. In cnr, thru kg & BL (270°) on faint fp, gradually ascending. Pass under power lines & in top RH cnr, thru kg. TL along LHS field with fence & copse on L. In cnr, thru kg & TR, fence on R. Swing L above scarp to rejoin fence. At cnr TR with fence. TR143396

15. In cnr TsharpL (250°) down shallow gully. At bottom, at wmp, TR (320°) with hedge on L. At end of hedge, thru gap & ahead (340°) passing under power lines. Cont, gently ascending & soon swinging L (to 290°) on this broad channel thru the Downs. Pass under smaller power lines & SO to the top. Thru open gates or smg to R & SO with fence on R. In cnr, thru kg & SO RHS field. At NDW wmp at fence cnr, TR along RHS field to rd (*Farthing Common viewpoint to L*). TR137403.

16. TR (*leaving NDW*) to T-jcn. TR & in 20y, at fpost, TL across rd & along drive opp. In 30y, BL to kg next to metal gate. Thru kg & BR (60°) to fence cnr. Maintain this direction to next fence cnr, then BR with fence on R. In 140y, at first lone hawthorn bush in fence-line, TL (55°) & descend hillside (*with excellent views of the Elham Valley before you*). Aim for fence cnr 80y to L of large gate by electricity pole. At bottom, thru kg in fence TR143406. TL on broad grass path along LHS field. Stay on this path, later uphill bearing R. At top, at obvious gap in trees on L, TL to gap next to overgrown st to rd. TR146410

17. TR on rd downhill & in 600y, 20y after Valley Yard gates on R, TR thru kg. BL (70°) across field, passing under power lines & heading for far RH cnr. Thru kg, X rd & take Woodland Road ahead (*sign: Lyminge*).

18. In 350y TL into Palm Tree Way. In 300y at fpost TR into encl fp. At end X into playing field & flw LHS. At EVW wmp, keep L on tarmac path. X main rd & SO along rd opp (North Lyminge Lane). At end of tarmac, SO & thru kg by gate. SO on path along LHS narrow field. Before metal gate at end, BR to X bridge & BL (EVW). Ahead with fence on R. Thru swg. SO, fence on L, & at end of field, thru temporary swg by wmp. In 50y, BR to field cnr. Thru kg & up steps to rd. TR170422

19. TR & in 30y, at EVW fpost, TL up steps up bank. Ahead with fence on R. SO, LHS field & in cnr, SO on fp thru bushes. X rd & SO, LHS field. At field boundary go L then R with path to cont in same direction. At rd, TL & keep ahead, passing church on R, to reach main rd (Vicarage Lane). TR on pavement & in 40y, TL to X rd & up drive to

Checkpoint 4, St Mary's Church Hall, Elham TR176438 29.7 miles

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Opens 17.00 Closes 22.15

ELHAM TO BISHOPSBOURNE 7.6 miles

20. From CP BL X rd to fp behind barriers. At rd TL then X square to diagonal corner, exit down Cock Lane & SO past houses. At lane end, ahead on encl path & thru gate (*mind step!*). BR across field (70°) & thru gate in cnr (*mind step!*). TL (EVW) along LHS field. In 500y, at cnr, TR with hedge on L. In 100y, BL then R, with hedge still on L. In 10y, TL thru kg by power pole. Cont LHS field & at cnr, thru kg to rd. TR184446

21. TR & in 30y, at EVW fpost, TL on drive. Ahead, hedge on L, & thru gate at end. BR (40°), X field & thru kg in fence. BL to flw fp. Pass EVW wmp on R & thru gap. BslightlyR (25°), diverging from fence on L (*leaving EVW*). Cont (25°) to ascend steep bank to L of wood cnr & keep to R of wmp. Cont (still 25°) to find & X st in top field cnr. TR189455. X field (90°) to far side & hidden wm on fence cnr. SO, hedge on R & in 50y, X st in cnr to L of buildings, to rd. TR192455

22. TL on rd & in 250y, TR at first rd jcn (yellow grit box on cnr). In 280y, imd before white house, TL on byway. Thru open & overgrown

gate & SO RHS field, hedge on R. At end of hedge, SO (5°) on tk across field (CARE – deep concealed ruts.) At hedge cnr ahead, thru open gateway & SO on encl tk. Thru (hidden) gate & cont RHS field. In 120y, where tk joins from R, keep ahead thru metal gate. In 30y, FL down sunken tk. At EVW fpost, BL thru gate. SO down tk, later becoming tarmac, to reach rd. TR192471

23. TR for 25y then X rd & along encl fp opp (EVW), to R of white house. X fb, thru kg & up LHS field. Thru kg in cnr & TR up RHS of field. Thru kg by gate in cnr into wood. Ahead on fp (270°), as it winds its way uphill thru wood (CARE – fallen trees). Flw path as it bears R (to 300° then to 0°). Ahead with fence now on L to go thru smg. Cont climbing (fence on R) & thru smg into field. BL (300°) across field & at far side, reach fence cnr. TR186476. Imd TL thru smg to flw grass tk between fences to L of houses. Pass (or thru) smg & BR with drive to reach lane at EVW fpost. TR183474

24. TR on lane (EVW fpost) & keep ahead for 1500y passing thru forest. Where wood on left ends, at fpost, TR190485, BL thru metal kg & flw fence on R steeply up. At top, thru kg & SO X field (10°). In cnr BR on grass tk along LHS field. In field cnr, TR then L, & thru gate (by EVW wmp) into wood TR195491. Keep ahead (60°) on tk thru wood to emerge at lane (EVW fpost). TR198 494

25. TL for 200y to T-jcn & X st opp. BslightlyR downhill (330°) & thru kg in cnr. BR on encl fp & where fence on R ends, BL on grass tk. In 50y, TL on concrete tk. Where concrete ends, BR on tk between hedges. In 40y, tk joins from L then SO past black shed on R. In further 30y, where drive joins from R, BL (20°). SO on tk for 1000y to rd. TR198509

26. TR & soon under railway arch. In 15y, at EVW fpost, TL down bank & thru kg. X field (10°) & thru gate (*please close*). BL (340°) between trees & thru another gate (*please close this one too*). Ahead on encl fp. At tarmac, TR & in 25y, TL along rd. At T-jcn, TL for 80y. At EVW fpost on R, TR on encl fp. BR with path, fence on R & in 50y, thru gate in cnr. X broad tk, thru gate opp & over brick fb. BL (330°) on grass tk. In

250y, pass cottage on L then BslightlyR & thru gate to rd. TR on rd for 450y to rd jcn at Bishopsbourne. (!!! *QUIET PLEASE THRU VILLAGE*) BL on rd thru village & in 200y, TR to

Checkpoint 5, Bishopsbourne Village Hall TR190526 37.3 miles
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Opens 18.30 Closes 01.45

BISHOPSBOURNE TO NONINGTON 5.8 miles

27. From CP (*Quiet please near hall – thank you*), TR on rd & in 150y, TR at T-jcn. Ahead on rd for 650y, ignoring side rd to L, to reach T-jcn. BR to x main rd (using central island). SO under rd bridge & in 200y *at first wooden power pole on L*, TR thru gap (NDW fpost on L) TR 194531. Ahead (160°) on bw across long field (with A2 rd over to your R) to reach lane. TR201522

28. X lane, thru gate (NDW fpost) & SO (135°) across field. In 600y, thru gate in hedge TR205519. X concrete tk, thru gap & BslightlyL (125°) across next field. In 500y at NDW wmp (next to Sedile Francigena sculpture bench) TR209516, BR (130°) on broad grass tk on LHS field (hedge on L). In further 950y, where tk swings L, SO (CARE – stumps & animal burrows) on encl bw, paddock & house on R, to reach gravel tk at NDW fpost. TR215509

29. BL on worn path X grass to join tk from L. In 400y flw fence on L round to fpost in hedge with power pole beyond. TR 222509. X main rd & ahead (120°) on broad bw between fields, flwing line of power poles (CARE – deep ruts). In 300y, hedge joins from L. In further 150y, where tk swings R, at end of field on R, SO (110°) on encl bw. Keep ahead on tk (ignoring tk to R) between houses to rd. TR 228506

30. TL. In 330y TR on bw at fpost & lmg. In 100y TL with bw between fields (50°). In 800y flw past wood & at wmp TL with bw into trees. SO RHS field below bank. At rd X to L into bw. Flw under railway then RHS field. Becomes concrete last 50 yds. At rd X SO (Church Street) past school on R. At T-jcn TR for 30y. At fpost (with 20m speed limit) TL into

drive & imd BR thru swg & X paddock to swg in far cnr. Cont X field (105°) past end of bank into shallow corner & exit on encl fp. At rd TL. In 40y BR on fp to arrive beside

Checkpoint 6, Nonington Village Hall TR260520 43.1 miles

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Opens 19.30 Closes 04.15

NONINGTON TO DEAL 8.0 miles

31. From CP TR on rd. At cnr SO on tk (Butchers Lane) soon leading beside large field on L. At rd SO into rd opp. In 300y at field boundary & fpost TL on fp winding thru tree line (CARE - animal burrows). At rd TL & in 20y BR into tk. At end of houses, SO past lmg. At end of fields cont on tk with trees on L. At start of trees on R FR X st & flw LHS field. At end of trees SO X field (60°). In hedge, X st & TL on tk to rd. At rd TR on bw. Keep ahead (bw soon encl but later wider) to rd. X into rd opp (School Road). Flw down & up & at open field & fpost (before sign for Tilmanstone), BL RHS field. Enter churchyard & pass church on R to steps down from LH cnr. At bottom X into rd opp. (St. Mary's Grove) At T-jcn X into fp opp to X A256 bridge. TR305515

32. Imd TL on bw to open swg. TL & imd FR on bw straight through trees, later LHS field. Pass between 2 houses then SO X field 200y into trees. BR X field (60°) (Northbourne House ahead on L) into cnr. BL on tk. In 160y at fpost BR up bank & cross field to gap into wood. Flw fp thru wood. At edge flw LHS field round to join tk thru trees. Pass side tk on L & in 170y FL. At rd TL & take 1st R. At jcn X into fp opp. & flw between fields. At rd BR & take 1st L (The Drove). After Northbourne church TR X car park to recreation ground. TR333523

33. BL X grass into far L cnr. X drive & flw RHS of field. In 160y BR at blank wood sign & shortly thru kg. Flw fence on R to smgs & Xing tk. Flw fp with fence on R. At tk X to cont on fenced fp up to smg. BL to boundary where BR X gap to flw LHS of field. Thru cnrs cont. RHS next field. As edge swings L, BR thru gap in hedge up bank. X field (130°)

under power line. At 2nd power pole TR to kg. Flw fence on R to kg into churchyard. Flw LHS to lychgate & TL. At rd TL & in 30yds TR into fp. At rd X into rd opp (Ellens Road). In 250y at fpost BL X field. Thru hedge BL on fp between hedges. At rd TR. In 330y between parking access & bungalow (no. 218) TL to playing field & X to

FINISH at Betteshanger Sports & Social Club TR360513 51.1 miles
All to finish by 08.00 on Sunday