

## FC 2023 30m ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Registration, start and finish are at:

ST CATHERINES VILLAGE HALL, Chestnut Avenue, GU2 4HF (GR SU991484)

***The event HQ will open for Registration at 7; walkers will start between 8 and 8.30 a.m.***

ABBREVIATIONS:

&=and, ahd=ahead, B=bear, BG=bridlegate, BW=bridleway, BY=byway, cont=continue, CP=checkpoint, F=fork, FB=footbridge, FG=field gate, FiPo=fingerpost, FP=footpath, GSW=Greensand Way, immed=immediately, junc=junction, KG=kissing gate, L=left, LMG=large metal gate, LWG=large wooden gate, M=mile, **NB=stop talking/daydreaming and watch out carefully!**, NDW=North Downs Way, opp=opposite, R=right, RD=road, SMG=small metal gate, ST=stile, SWG=small wooden gate, T=turn, thru=through, Tjunc=T junction, TK=track, WM=waymark post, XRD=crossroads, XTK=cross track, Y=yards.

**For those people walking from GUILDFORD RAILWAY STATION the directions are as follows: 20-25minutes walk door to door**

- a. Exit station towards **Town Centre** and **TR** along pavement past bus stop.
- b. **TR** before fence & go into subway, **TL** into tunnel, **TR** up ramp and continue ahead and bend L with road to right of you, to go down a set of stairs to riverside walk. Follow river to L hand side under 1<sup>st</sup> bridge and ahead with the carpark to right. Ahead on tarmac road, between "The white house PH" and St. Nicolas church.
- c. **NOTE: If tunnel or riverside walk is closed**, do not go into subway but keeping fence on L, **TR** and go up stairs to road. Turn L to cross at pedestrian lights. Turn L and follow road as it descends. Go down ramp as it bends L then R and go the stairs after the tunnel. Go diagonally through carpark to White House PH. Ahead on tarmac road, between "The white house PH" and St. Nicolas church.
- d. Through the car park. **THE RIVER PATH IS CLOSED FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS NEAR GUILDFORD**. So head for the far right corner of car park and turn up "Porridge Pot Alley", at the end at the post bear left on the pavement passing a health centre on left. When the road bends right, ahead on enclosed footpath "St. Catherine's Footpath" to end, at the post and the main road "Old Portsmouth Road" turn left along the pavement, at the lighted crossing, cross over to the other pavement and continue in the same direction until you pass a bus stop with a shelter. Shortly after turn R into CHESTNUT AVENUE and HQ (ST CATHERINES VILLAGE HALL) is 120 yds ahead on left.

### PARKING

Use ARTINGTON PARK AND RIDE, Old Portsmouth Rd, Guildford **GU3 1LP**.

Exit Park & Ride & **TR** along OLD PORTSMOUTH ROAD. In 1,000yds pass YE OLDE SHIP INN & **Cross** RD WITH CARE at traffic island (where a marshal will be located) into CHESTNUT AVENUE.

**ST CATHERINES VILLAGE HALL** is 120yds along CHESTNUT AVENUE on left.

Collect your event card and confirm your contact number for the day, at the registration table. Tea, coffee, drink and biscuits will be served at start. **WALKERS**

can start from 8am onwards, runners from 9.30am, by getting your card scanned at the entrance. Please take note of the Check point opening and closing times **DON'T START TOO EARLY** or you will be waiting for the check point to open. Please notes if you arrive at a check point after it has closed you will be timed out. The check point leader and closing office word is final and should be respect. If you decide to continue on to the finish, you will be responsible for yourself for the reminder of the walk and will not be certified at end. The organiser decision is final.

**SU991484 0.0M**

1. Exit Hall to road and **TR onto CHESTNUT AVENUE**. Cross **PORTSMOUTH ROAD WITH CARE** at traffic island (*where a marshal will be located*) **TR** & pass YE OLD SHIP INN. **TL** down FERRY LANE & **TR** on path along RIVER WEY. **Cont ahd** under FB and in 800yds at ST CATHERINE'S LOCK **cross** river L over bridge and **cross** weir on 2nd bridge. Immed **TR** at Info Board through KG on path along river (*ignore obvious TK ahd!*) In 350yds take care if electric fence is up and **cont ahd** through 2 gate, **cross** FB over weir and **BL** on FP along river. In 150yds **TR** on duckboards & **cont ahd** up hill to houses. **Thru KG & TR** on FP. **Cross** railway on bridge & **TL** on RD. Immed **BL** on FP towards brown shed (SCOUT HUT) & recycling bins. **BL** to A281 (HORSHAM ROAD).  
**TQ001470 1.4M**
2. **Cross** at Pelican crossing & **TR** on pavement. **Keep L** into KINGS ROAD on pavement to cross side road (STATION APPROACH) by SHALFORD Network Rail sign, then **keep ahd** 50yds to **cross** A248 at zebra crossing. **TL & cross** CHINTHURST LANE. **Cross** FB and **Cont** 130° across SHALFORD COMMON towards house with two white Gables. **Cont ahd** 130° on narrow enclosed FP between fence and brick wall [GR TQ004468]. **BR** at end then **TL** on CHINTHURST LANE. Follow RD 400yds WITH EXTREME CARE WHERE NO FOOTPATH past first footpath on left then **TL** at 2<sup>nd</sup> FP *opposite Little Chinthurst Farm* at large metal gate.  
**TQ006464 2.0M**
3. **Cont ahd** 350yds between hedges. At TK **TR** then straight after stile **TL** onto DOWNS LINK and at Tjunc **TL** and in 350yds **cross** RD. **Cont ahd** on FP DOWNS LINK. At RD **TL** then pass drive on L to GREAT TANGLEY MANOR. **BR** ahead along TK then straight on following DOWNS LINK waymarks. After 900yds **cont ahd** at XTK & **cont** on DOWNS LINK for 400yds, passing TANGLEY WAY on R, to reach RD (*BLACKHEATH 1833 sign on R*). **Cross** RD & immed **BR** 110° on FP through trees. **Cont** 100° ignoring paths on L. In 300yds (**GR TQ034463**) opposite isolated YOUNG oak on L (**NB** *do not go past war memorial up to your left*). **TR slightly back** 200°. **Keep L** and in 100yds reach car park and RD at BLACKHEATH VILLAGE.  
**TQ034462 4.0M**
4. **Cross** RD & **cont ahd** on FP to TK. **TL & cont ahd** with cricket ground on right. When TK turns L, **cont ahd** 120° on FP past blue topped post. **Keep ahd** at XTK then **cont ahd** (slightly right) at next XTK. Where TK joins from R, **cont** still 120° passing bench on R at XTK now on BW same bearing 120°. In 500yds (*soon after where BW goes R at FiPo & big tree with wire fence on right*) **BR** at small blue topped post on to lower FP. In 150yds at CANDLEFORD COTTAGE TK becomes RD (GREEN LANE). **Descend** to brick house on RH bend & **BL** on BW.  
**TQ047455 5.0M**
5. In 50yds **FR** on FP. **Cont ahd** 1,200yds (over cross tracks along the way) SSEasterly & later **TL** to exit beside FG (the track continues off to the right) to FARLEY HEATH ROAD [TQ049443]. **Cross** RD & follow BW towards MAYOR

HOUSE FARM & KILNHANGER. Pass Stables and TK on R then, as TK begins to rise (directly below power lines), **TR** 130° onto sandy FP.

**TQ053442 6.1M**

6. **Cont S** 400yds ignore paths to L. (including fork in path taking RH path) **Keep ahd & descend** steeply. In 500yds winding FP reaches BW at big tree [TQ056436]. **TL** on BW, ascend 250yds & **TR** where TK flattens out with FG (*marked Private*) on L. **Cont ahd** 500yds (passing stables) to **TL** on BY at 3-armed FiPo with blue sign (100yds before RD). In 100yds, before vehicle gate, **FR** up FP. **Cont E** 150yds to RD (ROW LANE), **TL** & immed **TR** at WINTERFOLD COTTAGE sign. In 150yds, before house/gate **BL** on FP with fence on R &, as fence bears R, **FL** 130° into trees. In 200yds **cont ahd** over XTK with FG on L & immed **BR** 130° on FP. In 400yds reach RD at top of JELLEYS HOLLOW.

**TQ067426 7.7M**

7. Cross RD & **TL** along roadside. In 25yds **BR** 90° at WM to **follow Greensand Way (GSW)** (ignore path descending on R). In 200yds **TR** & immed **BL following GSW signs** After 400yds (having done a BL and TR) **BR** at viewpoint and "Contour" seat (REYNARDS HILL). Then return to **GSW** and **cont** to descend **on GSW** to barrier and car park (HURTWOOD NO.4, HORSEBLOCK HOLLOW) and RD. **TR** on WINTERFIELD HEATH ROAD then **cross** BARHATCH ROAD and follow FP (GSW) 70°. **Cont ahd** to pass WINDMILL on R.

**TQ077426 8.6M**

8. **TR** on tarmac & at WM (FOUR WINDS) **cont ahd** on TK with fence on R down **STEEP PATH TAKE CARE**. At bottom **thru** gate with GSW WM & **cont ahd** to HOUND HOUSE ROAD. **Cross** RD with car park on L & **TR** 150° on FP (GSW). Ascend, steeply at first, & in 500yds pass TRIG POINT and a Seat With A View to soon **BR** passing wooden Footpath Only sign to PITCH HILL LDWA TOPOSCOPE with memorial plaque to ALAN BLATCHFORD and CHRIS STEER. **Retrace steps** to main path and **BR** through barrier (*FOOTPATH ONLY*). **Thru** next barrier **BR** and **keep R** along edge of hill. *Do not be tempted to descend Hill to R.* **Cont ahd** on main path & in 700yds **cont ahd** at XTK. Descend at next XTR (*Note to your right at 45° there is a defined tall pine tree near the path edge. 5 metres towards the arc of the joining path is the "Memorial tree" celebrating departed London LDWA members, retract your few step and*) & **cont ahd** 800yds over more XTKs to reach pile of stones at TK junc. **TL** on broad TK, ignore path descending to L & in 500 yards reach graveyard on L. Pass round barrier and **keep ahd** to main TK descending past church to village. **TL** at RD & immed **BR** into

**CP1 PEASLAKE MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL open 10.30 to 13.00**

**TQ085447 10.5m**

9. Exit checkpoint & **TL** on RD (WALKING BOTTOM) soon passing HURTWOOD INN on L & PEDAL AND SPOKE = THE OLD POST OFFICE on R. In front of VILLAGE STORES **keep R** at WAR MEMORIAL. **Cross** RD **go up** RADNOR ROAD by telephone box but **BsharpL** immed after drive to house **thru** gate at FiPo on FP **up** steep field. **Thru** barriers at top, **cross** RD & **cont ahd** on tarmac then **cont ahd** on TK, passing barriers. **Cont** on FP between fences. go **thru** barriers at end then **cont ahd**, descending over XTKs to WM. **Cont ahd** over XTK to climb on SHERE PARISH MILLENNIUM TRAIL (SPMT). **Cont ahd** 90° ascending with green fence on L and SPMT WMs. In 700yds at post **BL** 45°. In 500yds **descend** to pass between ponds. **Ascend ahd** 40° on steep path. In 350yds over XTK & **BR** to YHA CAR PARK. Keep car park on L and **cont ahd** 100°, soon **BR & descend** steeply. At bottom, **TL** downhill on XTRK. Reach barrier. **Cross car park** to bottom R hand corner. **TR** along bottom of Public Recreation Area. **TL** to exit Area, descend, & **cross road WITH GREAT CARE**. **TR** on tarmac footpath. **Cross cul-de-sac** to

reach Holmbury St Mary sign. **Cont ahd** on pavement for 120 yds to Tralee Lodge sign. **TL** on bridleway.

**TQ111448 12.4M**

10. Cross **over** XTK & **ahd** at KG up steps. At top **ahd** on broad TK. Ignore side paths & **cont ahd** approx 75°. In 600yds **descend** in gully. At bottom **ahd** over XTK & at gate **TL** between fences to reach RD (ABINGER LANE) near red phone box.

**TQ120455 13.1M**

11. **Cross** RD & **cont ahd** on TK OLD GATE COTTAGE. Where paths fork **keepR** to reach RD HOLLOW LANE, **cross** & **cont ahd** on FP. Where paths fork **keepL**. **Cont ahd** 400yds to TK junc in valley bottom. **BL** 30° up hillside on narrow FP. At FRIDAY STREET CAR PARK **BR** across car park & exit on TK heading 70° to **descend** alongside fence above RD. Go down steps **TL** & **TR** on RD. In 80yds with pond ahead on R, **FL** on RD marked as FP).

**TQ128458 13.8M**

12. At bridge on L, **keep ahd** over ST by FG. **FR** uphill after 500yds at FiPo. Later **descend** to ST, **cross** stream in valley bottom & **climb** to later follow fence parallel with RD. **Thru** KG across field to single storey building with 4 windows (WOTTON VILLAGE HALL). **Thru** KG across car park to join LAMPHURST LANE & **cross** A25 (*take care*) by THE WOTTON HATCH PH.

**TQ126477 15.0M**

13. **Cont ahd** on RD towards ST JOHN'S CHURCH. In 100yds **BR thru** SMG by FG & take FP descending through valley. Pass to L of 2 ponds & **keepL**. In 200yds **over** ST by FG at VALE FARM & **BR** on TK. TK joins from L. In 150yds **TL** on TK (COOMB FARMHOUSE) & in 600yds reach STOCKMANS & THE EMPTY BOX COMPANY. **TR** in front of buildings & **cont** on TK bearing immed L then R & L to go under railway. In 200 yards **thru** FG NT sign WHITE DOWN LEASE & **TR**. In 400yds **cont ahd thru** FG. In 140yds FP joins from L. Soon **FL** uphill at WM. In 30yds **keep L uphill** at WM. At top **TR** on NDW but in 30yds **BR** before barrier **thru** KG onto FP & **cont L** on contour. At gate where FP comes up hill from R, **cont** along hillside with fence on L. Pass one more gate before reaching gate with NT STEER'S FIELD sign. Go **thru** gate uphill & **cont ahd** to gate & NT car park.

**TQ142504 17.6M**

14. **BL** across car park 310° to small footbridge & **Cross** RD to FP & immed **TL** on TK. **Cont ahd** 100yds past house to reach second house 4 FOX COTTAGES & YH sign. **TR thru** metal gate & **cont ahd** 1,200yds on TK signed YOUTH HOSTEL to finally **BR** & reach

**CP2 TANNERS HATCH YOUTH HOSTEL *open 12.00 to 15.00***  
**with ALAN BLATCHFORD MEMORIAL SEAT**

**TQ140516 18.5M**

15. Leave CP **heading 260°** from ALAN BLATCHFORD MEMORIAL SEAT on FP **ahd** to R of 3-armed FiPo. In 175yds pass bench on L with view to R of POLESDEN LACY. **Cont** in the same direction for 500yds & **TL** at Tjunc with 2-armed FiPo along beech hedge passing a flint stone cottage on R. In 500yds **thru** wood barrier & **FR** 270° thru trees leaving Ranmore Common Walk. In 100yds **ahd** over X-TK past wood barrier & **follow NT yellow arrow** WM 250°. Car-wide TK joins (*LONESOME COTTAGE on R*) **BL** on TK and in 40yds **TR** to leave TK and **follow green NT Nature Trail** WM 250°, soon **cont ahd thru** wood barrier.

**TQ130509**

16. After 500yds **thru** wood barrier on your way down & **cont** on obvious car-wide TK, now ascending to **BR** 270°. In 150yds **cross** grassy BW in clearing & **cont** in the same direction to descend over tree roots & **cross** TK HOGDEN LANE, then

HOGDEN COTTAGE on R. In 100yds **cross** RD & **cont ahd** on FP along hedge passing GATEHOUSE COTTAGE on R.

**TQ124505 19.9M**

17. **Cont** past an open view of fenced fields on L. FP goes into trees again descending as a sunken BW. Once in the open **cont** in the same direction to join tarmac driveway passing HANEYS white house on L. At the end of TK **cross** RD and enter Friars Elm driveway. **Leave driveway** (as it veers R) to **cont** in same direction into fields over ST with FP sign on it, DOGKENNEL GREEN on L. Go **over** a 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ST then descend steeply **across** bumpy field to CRITTEN LANE. **Cross** CRITTEN LANE ½R to follow FP **ahd**. Immed **BL** 190° (ignore ascending FP **ahd**) thru woods on indistinct FP initially parallel to RD( caution: there might be several fallen trees on the apth). **TR** at barbed wire fence & go **thru** metal KG into field. **Cross** field 245° aiming for ST L of metal FG initially hidden over the brow of the hill. **Over** ST **cont** in same direction 245° aiming for ST by farm-buildings in corner and narrow signposted FP between derelict army trailer & railway sleeper fence by cattle barn. **TL** 190° along FP, pass white building on L & **TR** round the back of cattle barn along low cinder block wall.

**TQ111502 DUNLEY HILL FARM**

18. At RANMORE WINES gate on R, **TL** along sealed driveway. In 80yds **cross** RD due S to enter driveway passing house on R **RED GABLES**, then go **thru** wood gate next to metal FG into grassy path between fences. After round pond on R path runs under trees between fields on either side (EFFINGHAM UPPER COMMON on L). At the end of fields **cross** wide earth TK and slightly **BL** 160° as you enter woods. In 200yds ignore TK joining from R & in a further 200yds, at XRD with low wooden post, **TR** 230°. In 320yds **BL** 200° as TK joins from L, leaving original TK now diverging to R. Soon pass a large uprooted beech tree on R. In 240yds **TR** 270° and in a further 500yds **BL** 270° where a TK joins from R. Then in 100yds, **TL** 190° at a BW FiPo. **Descend** & pass brick pill-box hidden in vegetation on L. Soon, **TR** at XRD in the open into NDW entering BLATCHFORD DOWN **thru** wooden KG.

**TQ103488 22.2M**

19. In 150yds go **thru** wooden KG and **BR** 280° with NDW. **Stay on NDW** for the next 2 miles (**cross** Shere **BY**, **pass** HACKHURST DOWNS NATURE RESERVE on L, **TsharpL** joining car wide TK, **pass** LITTLE KINGS WOOD view point on L and then a round open concrete structure on R, & 900yds later **cross** BW at FiPo). 220yds after BW, as TK curves R, **TL** to **leave the NDW** past NETLEY PARK NT sign off path on L. **Curve** R on TK passing yellow NT WM & then TK joining from L. Later **ignore** steep descending wide TK on L & then FP on L, both marked by low WMs with yellow NT arrows. **BL** downhill 230° at Tjunc, as descending TK joins from R, soon passing brick pill-box on L. Immed **ignore** TK joining from L. **Keep descending** towards the A25 (**noise!!**) soon with view of Shere below on L, & **go under A25**.

**TQ072482 24.6M**

20. **Pass** car park on L & **TL** on RD UPPER ST & **cont** along GOMSHALL LANE past MIDDLE STREET on R to see on L

**CP3 SHERE VILLAGE HALL open 11.30 to 17.00**

**TQ074478 24.8M**

21. From hall **exit R** onto RD, in 50yds **TL** MIDDLE STREET, in 150yds **cross** bridge over TILLING BOURNE and immed **TR** LOWER STREET & **cont ahd**. In 250yds, at end of tarmac, **BR** across FB beside ford. In 150yds at RDs/TKs junc **BL** on enclosed FP 270°. In 200yds **cross** RD onto FP and **cont ahd**. In 50yds **thru** KG, along LHS side of field (**beware cattle**), in 80yds **cross** drive, in 150yds **thru** KG on FP with fence to LHS. **Stay beside fence**, ignore BR in 300yds, in 50yds **thru** KG, then **cont** on LHS of field & when fence ends **cont ahd** 150yds (**NB! grand church to L**). **Thru** KG descend on TK for 100 yds to busy road A248. **CROSS WITH GREAT CARE**.

**TQ060483 25.8M**

22. **Thru** KG on to FP & in 20yds **thru** KG to **cont ahd** on RHS of field. **Cross** ST into wood & **cont ahd**. **Cross** concrete apron beside large industrial gates to **cont** on FP. At junc with TK **BL** & just before next house on L pass **thru** or around LMG. **Cont ahd** on TK after house. At garages and houses **BR** on TK. At Tjunc with lane **TL** & immed **FR** uphill on BW to open field where **keep L**. At FiPo at XTK **cont ahd**. In 600yds **BR** across RD onto BW and **cont ahd**. In 50yds at low posts beside car park, immed **TL thru** more low posts on FP and **uphill**. **Cont uphill** as paths join from R & L. (See *WWII pill box on R*). At DOWNS LINK cairn **FR uphill**. **Join** NDW & **cont uphill**. At next FiPo **FR** on NDW. **Follow broadest path**, always uphill to ST MARTHA'S CHURCH.

**TQ028483**

23. Just before gate into churchyard **TR** on path & in 25yds **BL** with wall on L. (*Enjoy extensive views across the Downs*). At end of wall **BR** 270° on NDW **downhill** following NDW at juncs. **Pass** beside metal barrier then houses on L & **cont ahd** on NDW between low wooden posts. In 100yds at RD, **TL (Take Care!)**.

**TQ021484**

#### **ROUTES DIVIDE**

24. In 50yds **TR** on NDW. In 25yds **BR downhill** on NDW. In 50yds at FiPo **FL on NDW** then **cont ahd** for 1 mile, ignoring all turns to L & R, to CHANTRY COTTAGE.

**TQ004484 29.7M**

#### **ROUTES REJOIN**

**TQ004484 18.3M**

25. **Cont ahd** on TK with car park to R. In 120yds **cross** RD & **TL** on pavement. In 400yds at Tjunc **cross** RD **with care** via island to R & **cont ahd** to pass between bench and bin in 20yds. **Cross** playing fields on 255° heading for gap to join FP. **Pass between** 2 LWGs and **cont ahd** across stream. At river **TL** & in 25yds **cross** FB then **TL** (river to R), in 25yds **TL** at NT sign on FP (tarmac becoming FERRY LANE) to **cross** railway bridge. At Tjunc **TR** on pavement, **cross** RD via island & **TL** into CHESTNUT AVENUE. In 200yds

#### **ARRIVE AT FINISH**

**ST CATHERINE'S VILLAGE HALL**

**SU991484 30.7M**

***The event HQ will Close at 8 p.m.***

**CONTACT NUMBER FOR THE DAY**

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