

# A Coventry Way Challenge Route Description

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## Notes:

Look out for A Coventry Way waymarks.

Words in **bold** indicate direction or change in direction.

Words in *italics* indicate place names or signs, which can be seen from the route.

Words underlined indicate emphasis.

A track is vehicle-width. A path is pedestrian-width.

A road is double-vehicle width. A lane is single-vehicle width.

All distances are approximate.

Please use pavements on roads where they exist and take **special care** when crossing roads or when going along roads with no pavement.

Please follow the Countryside Code, especially closing gates and not dropping litter.

**START – Heart of England Social Club, Meriden    Open 0500 – 0900**  
**SP 244 818    hot drinks/biscuits/toilets**

**0.1.** Exit *Social Club* to road. **Turn left** on verge path. In 75m, before *Broadwell Guest House*, **turn left** through stile gap. **Ahead** on path between brambles to field. **Turn right** up field, hedge/trees on right. At top, ignore kissing gate on right. **Turn left** along top of field, hedge on right. In 150m, **turn right** up steps through hedge gap. **Turn left** on enclosed path, hedge on left, barbed wire fence on right (**care**). Follow path around field edge. In 350m, **turn sharp left** into enclosed track. Follow track through gap next to field gate, across gravel, to lane corner.

**0.2.** **Turn right** through kissing gate next to field gate. **Turn left** up field edge to corner. **Turn right** down field edge, hedge on left. **Ahead** downhill & round bottom corner. **Turn left** through kissing gate & cross footbridge.

**0.3.** **Ahead** up field edge, hedge on left. Through kissing gate in corner. **Bear left** across next field. Through gateway in corner. **Ahead** uphill, hedge on left. Where hedge bends left, **ahead** across corner. Through hand gate in field gate.

**0.4.** **Bear slightly left** uphill across field towards left-hand side of trees at top. Through wooden kissing gate. **Bear left** across field to far left corner. Through gate. **Ahead** on gravel track to road (*The Byre*).

**0.5.** Cross road (**care**) to farm track opposite. Through kissing gate. **Ahead** on track, hedge on left. **Bend right & left** with track, hedge now on right. Ignore gap on right. **Ahead** on path, keeping hedge on right. At end of field, **bear left** (pond on right). In 5m, **turn right** cross footbridge (**care**). Through kissing gate in corner.

**0.6.** **Bear left** across field corner to waymark post next to pond on right. **Ahead** across field to far right corner & gates. Ignore kissing gate on right. **Turn left** on field edge (leaving Heart of England Way). **Ahead**, fence/trees on right. **Bend left** in field corner. In 5m, **turn right** through kissing gate into next field. **Ahead**, fence/hedge on right, treeline on left, passing pond on right, to far right corner. Through kissing gate to track.

**0.7. Turn right** on track and **ahead** to road (*Hill House Farm*). **Turn right** on road (**care**). In 60m, **turn left** into *Benton Green Lane*. **Ahead** on road for 370m. Where road bends left, **turn right** into tarmac lane.

**0.8.** In 25m, at brick pillar, **turn left** (waymark post) into enclosed path. Follow path, wall on right, laurel hedge on left. Emerge into field. **Bear left** on field edge, hedge on left. Where hedge bends left, **ahead** across field to outward hedge corner (towards left-hand side of pylon beyond).

**0.9. Ahead**, hedge on right, to field corner. Through kissing gate. Cross footbridge. **Turn left** on field edge, hedge/trees on left. **Ahead** to next field corner, passing pond on left. Through kissing gate & along boardwalk.

## VIRTUAL CLIP A

SP 255 783

3.0 miles

**Turn left** down field, parallel to hedge on left. Through kissing gate at bottom. **Ahead** through brambles, then fence on right (**beware** boggy ground) onto boardwalk crossing ditch & through hedge gap. **Ahead** on path across field to large kissing gate.

**0.10. Ahead** through kissing gate (**beware** low branches). **Bear right** on worn path across next field to far right corner towards tall tree. **Turn right** through wide gap. Then **turn left** up field, bushes on left. **Bear left** into corner. Through kissing gate.

**0.11. Ahead** on enclosed path, horse paddocks on right. Through kissing gate at top to road. Cross road (**care**). **Turn right** on pavement for 200m to road T-junction (*Benton Green Lane*).

**0.12. Turn left** on left-hand verge, passing red post box. In 85m, at *Rough Close* drive, **turn right** cross road (**care**). Cross footbridge. Through kissing gate. **Bear slightly right** down field to bottom right corner. Through kissing gate. **Ahead** down field, fence/trees on right. Ignore stile on right. Through kissing gate in bottom right corner. **Ahead** to road.

**0.13.** Cross road (**care**). **Turn left** on pavement. **Ahead** cross *Lant Close*. In 25m, **turn sharp right** by wooden fence on right (*public footpath* signpost). **Ahead** up track behind houses on right, conifer trees on left. At top, **turn left** cross railway bridge. Through kissing gate.

**0.14. Turn left** across field, veering away from railway line (**beware** electric fences). Through 2 kissing gates, crossing footbridge. **Ahead** up field edge, hedge on left. At top, **turn right**, fence on left, passing distinctive pine tree on left. **Ahead**, fence/hedge on left, passing large water tank. Just before power pole, **turn left** through kissing gate into field.

**0.15. Turn left** across field. **Ahead**, passing between small fenced enclosure on left & solitary tree on right, to corner of wooden rail fence. **Ahead**, keeping fence on left, to corner. Through kissing gate. **Ahead** on track to road.

**0.16.** Cross road (**care**). **Turn right** on left-hand pavement. In 90m, just after dark green telecoms box, **turn left** into enclosed path. In 5m, **turn right** through trees and **immediately turn left** on track. **Ahead** to field.

**0.17. Ahead** for 15m, then **bear right** across field on worn path to far corner/fence. **Turn right** through brambles on narrow path. **Turn left** through kissing gate. **Ahead** through brambles down through another kissing gate. Down step (**care**). **Ahead** down field, hedge on right. In 120m, at waymark post, **turn right** through hedge gap. **Bear left** across field corner. Through kissing gate.

**0.18. Turn right** down field, hedge on right. Through kissing gate. **Turn left** along long field, hedge/fence on left, Bockendon Grange farm to right. Through kissing gate in left corner to road.

**0.19. Turn right** on road. **Ahead** on road (**care**) for 650m, passing houses on left, to right-hand bend. Pass power poles, then telegraph pole on left. 5m after telegraph pole, **turn left** (waymark post). Up step (**care**). Through hand gate into field.

**0.20. Ahead** across field, veering away from hedge on left. Through bridle gate in fence line. **Ahead** down next field in same direction to bottom right corner. Through kissing gate. **Turn left** on track. **Ahead** between fields to kissing gate. **DO NOT GO THROUGH.**

**VIRTUAL CLIP B**

**SP 288 757**

**6.3 miles**

**0.21. Turn sharp right** onto path diagonally across field towards wood on skyline. Through hand gate in hedge line. **Ahead** across next field to far corner. Through kissing gate. **Bear left** on bridleway crossing brook. Ignore bridle gate on left. **Ahead** across open area. Through brown bridle gate into enclosed path between fences. **Ahead** uphill, bending **left** at top, fence on left, wood on right. Emerge onto lane.

**Checkpoint 1 (Cryfield Grange Road) Open 0700 – 1045**  
**SP 290 747 7.0 miles refreshments**

**1.1** Cross lane into enclosed path opposite, high metal fence on right, trees on left. In 110m, **bear left** onto tarmac cycleway (HS2 diversion). **Ahead** between high metal fences downhill. At cycleway junction, **turn right** uphill, crossing line of HS2 (**care**). Follow cycleway around edge of HS2 works. At end of tarmac, **turn right** onto concrete track downhill, crossing grids (**care**). At bottom, ignore tunnel in front. **Turn left** up ramp to join Greenway. **Ahead** (signed *Kenilworth & cycleway 52*) to cross bridge over main road (A429). Follow surfaced Greenway for 800m, bending **right**, under road bridge, alongside railway & downhill via barriers to track T-junction.

**1.2. Turn left** under railway bridge. Follow path, keeping brook on right. In 300m, **ahead** through gate to road. **DO NOT CROSS ROAD.** **Turn right**, crossing brook bridge (**care**). **Ahead** to T-junction (*Dalehouse Lane*). Cross road using pedestrian crossing (**care**). **Turn right** on pavement. **Turn left** up *Knowle Hill*. Follow road round to **left**. **Ahead** to cross *Frythe Close*. **Turn left** into enclosed path behind *Frythe Close* sign. Follow enclosed path round bends to emerge onto golf course. **Beware** flying golf balls!

**1.3. Turn left** along edge, hedge on left, following waymark posts. At corner, **turn right**, green on right. **Turn left** cross bridge (short red posts). **Bear right & left** through trees, green on left, 13<sup>th</sup> tee on right. **Ahead**, passing large oak tree (waymark), then rows of trees on right. Follow waymark posts & eventually **bear right** through trees. Cross fairway (**care**). **Ahead** through more trees. Cross another fairway (**care**) to outward hedge corner opposite.

**1.4. Turn right** through kissing gate. **Turn left**, hedge/fence on left. **Ahead** through 2 gates to join HS2 diversion (**follow signs – fence arrangements may change**). **Turn left** onto stony path between fences. **Ahead** on path downhill to road (*Dalehouse Lane*). **Turn right** crossing small site access. **Bear right** between fences. **Turn left** crossing large site access. Up steps on far side. **Ahead** on stony path, green fence on right. In 50m, **turn right** through fence. Follow path between fences round several bends along edge of HS2 works. At end, **turn left** cross wooden step over low black barrier. **Ahead** across field to kissing gate on opposite side.

**1.5.** Through kissing gate. **Ahead** to join tarmac drive. **Ahead** onto gravel track, passing farmhouse to right. **Ahead** into enclosed path. Through gate into field. **Ahead**, fence on left (**beware** electric fences). In corner, **turn left** through kissing gate. **Ahead** on field edge (A46 on right). Through kissing gate. **Ahead** along next field edge. In corner, through kissing gate. Up steps to road.

**1.6. Utmost care required - roadworks in progress. Follow any signs. Turn right** on pavement. In 10m, **turn left** cross slip road. **Ahead** cross A46 bridge. Cross next slip road. Join pavement. Where possible, cross to path on left-hand side of road (**care**). **Ahead** downhill to crossroads (traffic lights) at bottom. **Ahead** on cycleway cross road (*B4115*). **Turn right** cross road (*Birmingham Road*).

**1.7. Ahead** on path for 40m. **Turn left** through kissing gate into field. **Turn right**, hedge on right. Through kissing gate in corner. **Turn left**, hedge on left. Near end of field, **bear right** across corner. Through kissing gate.

**1.8. Ahead** on enclosed path, hedge on left, fence on right. Through kissing gate. Follow enclosed path, round **left & right** bends & between gardens to road in Stoneleigh.

**1.9. Ahead** cross road, down tarmac track, cross River Sowe bridge. **Bear right** on enclosed path, cottages on left. **Bear left** on sunken path between trees. **Ahead** uphill & through kissing gate. **Ahead**, fence initially on left, to waymark post. **Bear left** on path through young trees, passing fenced pond on left. **Ahead** through kissing gate & trees to road.

**1.10. Turn right** on pavement. At end of layby on opposite side, **turn left** cross busy road (**care**). Signpost *Stareton*. Through 2 kissing gates into field. **Bear right** on worn path (group of dead trees over to right) downhill. Cross packhorse bridge at bottom. **Ahead** to cross River Avon bridge.

**1.11. Bear slightly right**, crossing track to waymark post. **Ahead** uphill on narrow path through trees. Through gate at top. **Ahead** through another gate (house on right) to road in Stareton. **Turn left** on road (**care**). **Ahead** on road, crossing at blind bends, for 1 km to road T-junction.

**1.12. Turn left** towards *Stoneleigh* & **ahead** down road on right-hand side (**care**). In 300m, at *Tantara Lodge*, **turn right** into side road towards *Bubbenhall*. In 200m (waymark post), **turn right** cross footbridge. **Ahead** on enclosed path, fence on left. Cross footbridge, through kissing gate. **Ahead** on field edge, hedge on right. Through another kissing gate.

**1.13. Bear left** diagonally across field to far left corner/gates. Through kissing gate. **Ahead** for 5m. **Turn left** through kissing gate. **Ahead** down field parallel to hedge on left. Through kissing gate.

**1.14. Bear right** across field on narrow path towards left-hand side of house. Through 2 kissing gates, crossing track. **Ahead** to corner, fence on right. Through kissing gate to road.

## VIRTUAL CLIP C

SP 356 719

14.2 miles

**1.15. Cross road (care), Warwickshire Lavender Farm.** Through kissing gate. **Bear right**, fence on left. Through kissing gate in hedge on right. **Turn left** up field edge for 50m. **Turn left** through kissing gate. **Beware** badger holes. **Turn right** up field, hedge on right, fence on left. Cross stile in top corner. **Ahead** on enclosed path, garden on left. Follow path around bends (disused quarry on right – **care**). Emerge onto road.

**1.16. Turn left** down road (**care**). In 200m, **turn right** into enclosed path. **Turn right** up path, house to left. Through wooden gate. **Turn left** downhill, conifers on left, fence on right. Cross footbridge & stile into field.

## VIRTUAL CLIP D

SP 357 724

14.7 miles

**Ahead** across field towards Church, River Avon down to left.

1.17. Through gate into churchyard. **Bear right** on path. Through gate to road end. **Ahead** up road to road junction. **Ahead**, wall on left for 30m. **Turn left** down *Lower End*, signpost *Village Hall*. **Ahead** for 300m, passing *The Malt Shovel* on right, to road end. **Bear right** into:

**Checkpoint 2 (Bubbenhall Village Hall)    Open 0900 - 1230**  
**SP 363 727    15.2 miles    refreshments/toilets**

2.1. Return to road end. **Turn sharp right** (U-turn) through gap at side of field gate. **Ahead** on surfaced track, hedge on right. At end of hedge, **ahead** on track across fields for 700m. Through hedge gap, large tree on right. **Turn right & left**. **Ahead** up grass track, hedge on left. At top, **turn right** on track, bushes/trees on left, hedge/fence on right.

2.2. In 200m, where track bends right, **fork left** off track to cross stile in corner. **Bear right** into field. Follow field edge round to **left**, keeping bushes/trees on left. In 150m, **turn left** through bushes to cross stile & footbridge. **Beware** low branches. **Bear left** up steep bank. **Ahead** on enclosed path, bending **left**, through kissing gate, then bending **right**. Through gateway into small field. **Bear left** on worn path across field, car park to left. Cross stile to main road (A423).

2.3. **Turn left** on pavement. In 50m, at *Millboard* entrance, **turn right** cross busy road (**care**) via wooden gate into enclosed path. **Ahead** on path between fences/bushes & warehouses. At end, **turn left & right** cross access road. Through wooden gate opposite. **Bear left** up bank to concrete fence corner. **Ahead** through gap next to kissing gate towards white garages in Ryton.

2.4. **Turn left**, garages on right. At end of garages, **turn right**. Follow access road round **left & right** bends. **Ahead** on *Soden's Avenue*. In 50m, **turn left** into *Handley's Close*. **Ahead** to T-junction. **Turn right** towards brown garages. **Bear left** to left-hand side of garages & yellow litter bin. **Ahead** on enclosed tarmac path between gardens to recreation ground. **Ahead**, passing brick building on left, across grass (gym equipment on left) to far left corner by grey dog poo bin to road.

2.5. **Turn left** on road (**care**) to T-junction (*Fetherston Crescent*). **Turn right** on *Bagshaw Close*, A45 on left. After bus shelter on left, take left-hand pavement behind concrete bollards. **Ahead** down steps. **Turn left** under A45 subway. At end, **turn right** up steps. **Ahead** on pavement, passing bus shelter.

2.6. **Ahead** on pavement downhill, A45 on right, for 450m, passing speed camera. 15m after brown *Ryton Gardens* sign, **turn left** up steps. Through hedge gap into field. **Ahead** uphill on path between fields. **Keep ahead** as path descends, hedge on right. At bottom, **ahead** cross footbridge.

2.7. **Bear right** on path. Through kissing gate. **Ahead**, fence on right. Through another kissing gate. **Ahead** cross footbridge. **Bear right** on path, becoming enclosed between fences & ponds. At end of fences, **ahead** to sewage works gates. Through gap on right of gates into enclosed path. **Ahead** on path, fence on left, bushes on right. At end of fence, **ahead** on path between bushes. Through hedge gap.

2.8. **Turn right** onto track between fences & quarry works, crossing *Heavy Plant Crossing* (**care**). **Ahead** on track. Through hedge gap to track T-junction. **Turn left** up track, hedge on left, fence on right. In 275m, **bear left** to surfaced track. **Turn left** for 60m. **Turn right** onto enclosed track, fence on left, bushes on right. **Turn left** at field corner. **Ahead** for 200m. **Turn right** through gap into field.

2.9. **Ahead** on field edge, trees/fence on right. **Keep ahead** into wood. Follow winding path parallel to fence on right to path junction at old gateposts near fence corner. **Ahead**, passing gateposts on right. **Bear right** up bank to another old gatepost. **Bear right & ahead** on wide path

between trees. In 60m, **bear left** on path. **Ahead** through wood, ignoring all side turns. In 180m, **bear right** on main path to exit wood onto pavement.

**2.10. Turn left** on tarmac path between green litter bin on left & telegraph pole on right. **Ahead** into enclosed path, wood then wall on left, gardens on right. Emerge at railings in Wolston. **Turn right** on drive. **Ahead** on lane, crossing bridge over brook. **Bear right** to War Memorial on right. Cross road (**care**). **Turn right** for 10m to end of brick wall. **Turn left** onto drive, *The Old Bakehouse* on left. **Ahead** on tarmac path, through railings by green litter bin. Follow path to end of cul-de-sac.

**2.11. Ahead** on right-hand pavement for 360m, **keeping ahead** at road junction (*Larchfields*). At T-junction (*Meadow Road*), **turn left** (*No Through Road* sign). **Ahead** to *The Priory*. **Turn right** on lane.

**2.12. Ahead** on lane for 350m. **Bear left** under railway bridge. **Ahead** cross cattle grid (**care**) onto surfaced track. Follow track downhill, crossing another cattle grid (**care**). At farmhouse (Marston Mill), **turn right** towards barns. **Bear left** across yard, barns on right. **Bear right** through field gate. **Please ensure all gates are closed.**

**2.13. Ahead** on grass track, fence on left. Through field gate. **Ahead** on grass track across field, River Avon over to left. Through gateway. **Bear slightly left** onto path, river on left, field bank on right. **Ahead** on path for 200m, via wooden kissing gate. Up through kissing gate at house drive. **Turn left** down enclosed path, drive on right, to busy road (*Fosse Way*).

**2.14. With utmost care, turn left** onto left-hand verge. **Ahead (care)** for 250m to bus shelter near T-junction. **Bear left & ahead** on path, then raised path, to cross river bridge into Bretford. **Ahead** to busy road junction. Cross junction (**care**) to left-hand side of house (*Bretford Villa*). **Ahead** up enclosed bridleway via gate (*Tutbury Lane*) for 500m to skewed cross paths junction.

**2.15. Bear left & right. Ahead** on enclosed bridleway for 1 km. Through gate/gap to lane. **Turn right** to corner. **Ahead** through wide gap into field. **Immediately turn left** on field edge, trees on left. **Ahead** up field, parallel to lane on left, to top corner. **Turn right** on field edge. **Ahead** into enclosed path, gardens on left, trees on right. Pass pond on right. **Ahead** between wooden fences to pavement.

**2.16. Cross road (care). Turn right** for 20m. **Turn left** into *Broad Street*. **Ahead** up pavement for 200m to *Brinklow Community Hall* on left. **Turn left**, through gate, passing hall on left, to:

### **Checkpoint 3 (Brinklow Scout Hut) Open 1030 – 1445** **SP 435 794 22.9 miles refreshments/toilets**

**3.1. Exit hut. Turn left** through gate into sports field. **Bear right** towards cream house & car park. **Please keep away from any games in progress.** Through car park to lane/track. **Turn left**, passing play area on left. Where track bends right, **ahead** through hand gate in field gate to field.

**3.2. Bear slightly right** across field, passing 2 trees on left, to opposite side. Through kissing gate. **Turn right** on field edge, hedge on right. **Keep ahead**, hedge on right, through 3 fields via 2 kissing gates.

**3.3. In corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> field, ahead** on path next to ditch on right. Through kissing gate to bridleway track. **Bear right** on track, then **left** to cross packhorse bridge over brook. **Ahead** to road.

**3.4. Turn left** on road (**care**). In 40m, **turn right** into *Colehurst Lane*. **Ahead** on lane for 500m to canal bridge (Grimes Bridge). Just before bridge, **turn left** down steps to *Oxford Canal*. **Turn left** on towpath, canal on right, for 3 km, passing under M6 bridge & Nettle Hill bridge.

**3.5.** At end of railway viaduct (5 brick arches) over to right, **turn left** down steps (**care**) at side of aqueduct bridge. **Turn left** on track. In 50m, where track bends left, **keep ahead**, passing small tree on left, across field to outward hedge corner opposite. **Ahead** on field edge, trees on right. In corner, **ahead** through trees. Through bridle gate. **Ahead** on field edge, trees on right. Through bridle gate to busy road.

**3.6. Bear right** cross road (**care**) into field entrance. **Bear right** cross large field to outward hedge corner. **Ahead**, hedge on left. Through kissing gate. **Turn right** up track. Cross canal bridge. Through hand gate into enclosed path. **Ahead** up to busy road in Ansty.

**3.7.** Cross road (**care**). **Turn left** on pavement. In 100m, opposite the *Rose and Castle*, **turn right** through kissing gate into field. **Bear right**, up bank, then **bear left** down field towards double power poles, passing telegraph pole on right. **Turn right** on path through rough ground, parallel to canal on left. **Ahead** through several gateways.

**3.8. Keep ahead** on winding path through scrub, parallel to canal on left, eventually joining canalside. Through kissing gate. Under M69 bridge. Through kissing gate. **Turn right** up enclosed path. Through kissing gate in top corner. **Ahead** on field edge, M69 on right, down to corner.

**3.9. Turn left**, hedge on right, to next corner. **Turn left** for 20m, then **turn right** through wide gateway into next field. **Ahead** on field edge, hedge on right. Through kissing gate, cross footbridge, to road.

**3.10. Turn left** on road (**care**). In 110m, **turn right** into *Barnacle Hall* drive. **Immediately turn left** through kissing gate. **Ahead**, passing water trough, to fence corner. Through kissing gate. **Ahead**, fence on right, then bushes/trees on right. Through gateway into next field. **Bear right** on field edge, keeping bushes/trees on right. **Keep right** into enclosed path between gardens to road in Barnacle. **Bear right** on road (**care**). In 30m, **bear left** across grass & through gateway into:

**Checkpoint 4 (Barnacle Village Hall) Open 1130 – 1630**  
**SP 388 846 28.2 miles refreshments/toilets**

**4.1.** Exit Hall. **Turn right**, fence on right into corner. Through gap. **Ahead** on path, brambles/fence on left. Through kissing gate into field. **Bear left** across field on worn path to outward hedge corner. **Turn right**, hedge on right. Through kissing gate to road.

**4.2. Turn left** cross road (**care**) into *Spring Road* opposite. **Ahead** on lane for 150m. At entrance to *Park Farm*, go through 2 gates on right of drive into field. **Ahead**, hedge on right. At water trough, **keep ahead** across field to hedge (waymark post) on opposite side. Cross footbridge.

**4.3. Turn left** to track. **Turn right** on track, hedge initially on left, for 400m. **Turn right & left** with track, hedge on left. In 200m, cross stile to road.

**4.4. Bear left** cross road (**care**) into entrance of *Hollyhurst Lakes*. Through kissing gate. **Keep ahead** on gravel track, fishing lakes on left, for 350m. Ignore all side tracks. At 2<sup>nd</sup> waymark post, **bear left** up enclosed path between trees/bushes. Follow path for 250m, passing house on left. At farm on left, descend through kissing gate. **Ahead** through trees to track.

**4.5. Turn left** on track, pond on left, young trees on right. Follow track round to **right**. **Ahead**, hedge/fence on left, wood on right. Pass large gates on left. In 80m, after brambles, **turn left** cross stile. **Turn right** down concrete/grass track for 200m to wide track junction (brick wall in front).

**4.6. Bear left** on wide gravel track. Follow track for 500m to cross Bedworth Hill bridge over Coventry Canal. In 5m, **turn left** through low barriers onto path. **Ahead** on narrow path, old canal spur on left (**care**). Through more low barriers, passing vehicle bridge on left. **Ahead** through green kissing gate. Under railway bridge. Through railings into Miners Welfare Park.

**4.7.** In 15m, **keep left** on surfaced path. **Ahead** on path, ignoring all side paths. Where surfaced path bends sharp right, **keep ahead** on dirt track through trees. In 250m, track climbs up bank on left. **Ahead** through green kissing gate to road (*Black Bank*).

**4.8.** Cross busy road (**care**) into *Rectory Drive* (pedestrian crossing to right). **Ahead** on right-hand pavement for 450m, crossing *Edward Tyler Road*, *Didsbury Road*, and River Sowe bridge into *Rectory Close*. **Turn right** with road. At next bend, bear slightly **right** into enclosed tarmac path. **Ahead** under old railway bridge to road (*Dalton Road*).

**4.9. Turn left** on pavement. At T-junction (*Delamere Road*), **turn left** to road end. **Turn right** into enclosed path by *No Cycling* sign. **Ahead** on path, wooden fence on right. **Ahead** under A444 bridge to path junction. **Bear left** onto path, metal posts on right. **Ahead** on old railway embankment, houses to left, field to right. In 180m, go through fence under bar (**care**) to road.

**4.10.** Cross road (**care** – pedestrian crossing to left) to right-hand side of bus shelter. Go through gap by low barrier into Bluebell Drive Park. **Bear left & right** across grass to join surfaced path. **Ahead** on path, passing litter bin on right & Sidings Pool on left. Path bends **left**. In 20m, **turn right off** path, passing 2 benches on right & play circle on left. **Ahead** on path through brambles. **Bear right** across grass to path into bushes on right-hand side (NOT path next to litter bin).

**4.11.** Follow path through bushes. **Ahead** on grass strip between trees (houses to left) to tarmac path junction (disused railway bridge to right). **Fork left** on tarmac path through trees, passing waymarked lamp post on right. **Ahead** cross road to tarmac path opposite. **Ahead** to cross another road to grass area opposite. **Bear left & right** across grass, keeping bushes on right, large oak tree to left. Keep **right** at roundabout.

**4.12. Turn right** into *Buttercup Way*. In 80m, **turn left** cross road (**care**) into *Clover Way*. In 30m, **turn right** into *Daisy Croft*. In 5m, **fork left** onto tarmac path between gardens. **Ahead** to cross end of cul-de-sac on left-hand pavement. **Ahead** onto another tarmac path via barriers to Astley Lane.

**4.13. Turn right** on pavement. **Ahead** on tarmac path on right-hand verge. Pass *Astley Fields* housing development on right. **Ahead** on busy road (**care – no pavement**) for 500m to cross bridge over brook at right-hand bend.

**4.14. Bear left** cross road (**care**) into field entrance on left. Cross stile. **Ahead** across field, parallel to hedge on right. Through gateway. **Ahead** across next field, still parallel to hedge on right, then next to wood on right. Through kissing gate, cross footbridge, up step (**care**) into field.

**4.15. Turn left** on field edge to corner. **Turn right** on field edge, ditch on left. **Ahead** for 260m. Cross earth bridge over side ditch. **Ahead**, ditch on left, for further 150m to waymark post.

**4.16. Turn left** cross earth bridge over ditch. **Bear right** up large field towards wide hedge gap at top. Through gap. **Turn right**, hedge on right. **Ahead**, passing farm buildings on right. **Keep ahead**, hedge/trees on right, for 800m, ignoring hedge gap on right. Cross stile.

**4.17. Bear left** across grass to outward hedge corner (log pile). **Turn right**, bushes/trees on right, into corner. Cross stile. **Turn right** for 30m. **Bear left** through hand gate in field gate to farm drive. **Turn left** on drive. **Ahead** to cross stile to grass triangle:

**Checkpoint 5 (Breach Oak Lane)    Open 1230 – 1830**  
**SP 308 870    34.3 miles    refreshments**

**5.1. Bear right** to cross road junction (**care**). **Ahead** into *Breach Oak Lane*. In 500m, **turn left** cross footbridge & through kissing gate by telegraph pole (before farm entrance on right). **Bear right** through another kissing gate into field. **Bear right** across field. Through kissing gate in far corner.

**5.2. Turn right** on grass track, bushes/trees on right. In 40m, through kissing gate into field. **Ahead**, keeping hedge/ditch on right. Through kissing gate to lane. **Turn left** on lane for 450m, passing houses on right.

**5.3.** At large gate into fishing car park on right, **turn right** through kissing gate. **Ahead** on path, passing lake on right. In corner, **turn left** through hand gate into field. **Ahead** uphill across large field to yellow sign & waymark post at top. **Turn left** on field edge, trees on right. Follow round to **right**. Through wooden gate.

**5.4. Bear left** into wood. Follow path through wood, bending **left & right**. **Ahead** across field on worn path to waymark post on opposite side. Through wooden gate into garden (**please close**). **Keep ahead** on path through garden, house on left. Through gate to pavement (**please close**).

**5.5. Turn right** on pavement. **Ahead** for 220m, passing *Lawrence Court* to road junction (*Wood End Lane*). **Turn left** cross road (**care**). Through kissing gate behind road signs into field. **Ahead**, hedge on right. In 70m, where hedge bends right, **bear slightly left** across field on worn path. Cross footbridge. Through kissing gate.

**5.6. Ahead**, passing pond on left. **Bear left & right** to field gate. Pass gate (overgrown kissing gate to left). **Ahead** downhill, trees to left. Through kissing gate/gateway at bottom. **Ahead** up & over rise, keeping trees to left. Through gap at bottom, crossing brook. **Ahead** up field, joining fence on right to kissing gate on right. **DO NOT GO THROUGH**. **Bear left** across field corner. Through kissing gate in hedge.

**5.7. Bear left** through gap. **Ahead** up steep steps to concrete track. **Turn left** cross M6 bridge. **Bear right** on path. In 10m, **turn left** down steps. Through gate into wood. **Ahead** on path through wood following waymarks & crossing footbridges. **Ahead** across Corley Moor for 350m, keeping young trees/wood to right, then farm buildings to right, to waymark post at bottom. **Ahead** up concrete track to road.

**5.8. Bear left** cross road (**care**) into *Windmill Lane*. **Ahead** on lane for 450m. Through wooden kissing gate. **Ahead** on gravel track. In 100m, **turn right** through hand gate. **Ahead** on gravel track uphill to wood. **Turn left**, wood on right. At fence, **turn right** into enclosed path, fence on left, wood on right. **Ahead** on path for 400m, ignoring stile on left & passing pond on left.

**5.9.** At wood corner, **turn left** cross stile. **Ahead** cross another stile. **Ahead** on field edge, keeping wood on right. Bend round to **right**, through hedge gap, into next field. In 60m, at waymark post, **turn left** down field. Cross footbridge over brook.

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**Ahead** up field. Through kissing gate. Cross footbridge to lane.

**5.10. Turn left** on lane for 350m to *Ivy House Farm*. **Turn right** into field entrance. Cross stile. **Ahead**, hedge on left, through 3 fields via stile, then gateway/gate. Through kissing gate into sunken bridleway. **Turn left** for 35m. **Turn right** through kissing gate into wood (Meriden Shafts).

**5.11. Ahead** on path downhill through wood for 300m. Through kissing gate (**beware** wire on ground on right of gate). **Bear right** cross boardwalk. **Beware** low branches. **Bear right & left** through brambles into field. **Bear left & right** up field on worn path, passing waymark post. **Ahead** through gap in trees. **Ahead** up next field, fence on right (dog exercise area). **Ahead** through bushes. Cross footbridge. Through kissing gate.

**5.12. Ahead** on field edge, hedge on left. Through kissing gate to road. **Turn right** down road (**care**). In 140m at road junction, **keep left** into *Eaves Green Lane*, signpost *Meriden*. **Ahead** on lane for 800m, passing under A45 bridge, to lane junction (green grit bin).

**5.13. Bear left** on lane. **Ahead**, passing black/white bollards on right. 5m after last bollard, **turn right** through gap on left-hand side of field gate (*Public Footpath* signpost). **Bear left** on field edge. Follow path around winding field edge, ditch/hedge on left, for 300m to corner. **Turn left** cross footbridge. **Ahead** across field to far right corner, passing telegraph pole on right. Through kissing gate to road.

**5.14. Turn right** on pavement, joining main road. **Ahead** on right-hand pavement for 450m, passing *Manor Hotel* on right. **Turn left** cross road using island refuge (**care**). **Turn right** on left-hand pavement, pond on left. In 25m, **turn left** into *Berkswell Road*. In 100m, **turn left** into:

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**hot meal/refreshments/toilets**

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