

A Coventry Way Challenge Route Description

Sunday 7th 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, 13th 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 3rd 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 2nd 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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