

Hallow 12 – Parish Challenge 26-mile Route Description

- 1.1** walk across carpark past the parish Hall to Main Rd, Cross main rd - CAUTION HERE – turn right follow FP towards church Just before Church Car Park sign, turn right FP sign cross main rd - CAUTION HERE – down tarmac lane, follow lane down to water treatment plant, At double metal gates to water treatment plant turn left on FP into trees cross FB through gate, straight ahead uphill towards house, keep right around hedge, go through metal gate and turn right onto rd
- 1.2** follow rd. about ¾ mile go around "S" bend pass Elm Barn (on right) . through the 2nd metal gate on right and follow FP down and up through metal gates onto rd - CAUTION HERE – **GR 817 573**
- 1.3** Cross straight over rd and ahead through metal gate. Follow hedgerow on left, down and through kissing gate and head right diagonal (Bearing 28) to corner of field , go through metal gate and turn left. Follow path to rd.
- 1.4** Turn right. In 20 meters turn left onto FP & through gate and straight ahead through crops to oak tree. Keep on FP through crops in next field.
- 1.5** Continue straight over the track towards oak trees / Track, turn left keeping the trees to your right , just passed the trees you will find a stile on the right. (slightly over Grown)
- 1.6** Go over stile and turn left, descend keeping hedge on left on faint FP to footbridge. Go over footbridge and follow FP straight ahead through gateway. Follow hedgerow and FP uphill. Go over 2 stiles (with chicken wire) to rd.
- 1.7** At rd Turn left, at junction keep left (signposted Green Street). Follow rd past Green Street Cottage (on left), past Top Style Orchard (on right) and corrugated roof barn (on left). Approx. 200 meters after barn take a left-over stile (in hedge) FP marker obscured by tree. GR 797 590
- 1.8** Follow FP across field, over stile and head towards metal water trough slightly to the right Go over stile. Take a left diagonal (Bearing 290 or about 11 o'clock) towards a large tree. Go through/over metal gate, turn left and follow hedgerow round at its lowest point as you then bear right, take approx. 10 steps from this point and go left over a hidden footbridge in the trees (if you go under the overhead cables you have gone way too far, turn around!).
- 1.9** Over bridge, take the grassy track ahead just to left of woods, stay between hedge left/ woods right for approx. 500M at the end of grassy track turn right on tarmac rd follow electricity substation fence. Bear left around sub-station fence onto track, at junction go right and follow down track. Take 1st track on right then immediately (10 meters) underneath power cables turn left onto FP (off track into heavy undergrowth). Go over footbridge over stile and bear left following ~~hedge~~ hedge.
- 1.10** Go through 2 wooden gates, then turn immediately left, over footbridge and ahead to metal gate at the end of the right fence line. Through gate follow FP (hedge on left) and go straight ahead over Tarmac driveway. Follow grassy FP to wooden gate ahead to next wooden gate ignore metal gate on the left through and bear left between ponds.
- 1.11** Turn right head towards wooden gate (may be open) and through, follow wooden fence on left to kissing gate through & turn right down rd, past church on left to check point on the right at Hall
- Checkpoint GR 788 602 - Wichenford Memorial Hall on right (5 miles)**

2.1 From the Hall car park, turn left onto rd, approx. 10yds turn right follow FP through Church Yard to wooden gate, through ahead slightly right cross field to metal gate & FB over & through metal gate turn right follow edge of field around to gap in hedge and wood.

2.2 Turn Right through gap then left follow wood around, end of wood and muddy track, turn right, after a few paces left FP down alleyway of trees, approx. 100 Meters to gap in tress & Tractor track crossing, turn left and immediately right a head along field boundary & tree line on the right to hedge, ahead on FP into mini wood through wooden gate, a head following right hand edge around field to gateway on to RD

- 2.3 At RD turn left and follow RD, approx. ¼ Mile at left hand bend and FP sign turn right along track to metal gate and small gate on the left, through small gate ahead follow hedge line around keeping wood on the right.
- 2.4 End of wood (bee hives on the right) approx. 6 Meters in from hives, over hidden stile in hedge onto lane, turn left then immediately right into field (FP Sign) follow FP straight ahead to metal gate, through gate, ahead down to metal gate, through & ahead through crops to Metal gate, through to track turn right follow to farm yard,
- 2.5 Ahead through farm yard between barns on track, through metal gate, ahead along track to stile in right hand fence, over turn slightly left ahead towards corner of hedge (finger post), ahead follow hedge to stile, ahead through crops to stile over to rd.
- 2.6 Turn left to T junction ahead and slightly right through Metal gate under trees, straight ahead to metal gate, through turn right follow hedge to metal gate in the corner, turn slightly left follow faint path across field to stile in hedge, ahead FP towards finger post , slight left through left hand smaller metal gate , follow FP under trees to rd.
- 2.7 Cross the rd go up track, where track surface becomes concrete and just past log cabin on right turn right over stile. Follow left fence line up to stile (stop turn around and admire the views)
- 2.8 Go over the stile, right and follow FP up, turn right and left up steps to the top of the hill, over stile and turn right, at fence turn left then immediately right on to Worcester Way (W/W)
- 2.9 Follow and stay on the Worcester Way (W/W) Once into the field with wood on the left, you are now looking for a left turn through the hedge signed W/W. Follow W/W through the trees, at junction go right, follow FP, through metal gate ahead on FP down to metal gate through onto rd.
- 2.10 turn right up the hill and turn left signed Camp Lane
(Checkpoint, Car) Grid ref 745637. (10 Miles)
- 3.1** Stay on lane, pass Woodbury Old Farm on left, pass metal railings on right, go around left-hand bend (ignore track to right, private drive) 30m past private drive turn right up FP & steps (W/W). Stay on W/W past houses, at metal gate and stile go left W/W through kissing gate, descend through trees. At tarmac drive go through wooden gate turn right on to rd, pass Megs cottage on right, turn right through metal gate follow FP up hill on W/W.
- 3.2** Follow path to top of woods, over stile left W/W and then left through kissing gate. Continue on W/W over various stiles eventually you will see Abberley Clock Tower some way ahead of you. Descend towards the white house (following the sheep tracks), go over the stile to rd and turn right. At main road (Caution) turn left, approx. 300 yards turn right in to Abberley Hall School through large metal gates. GR 741 661
- 3.3** Follow track, as track becomes tarmac and bends to right continue straight on to rough track follow path marked W/W.to main rd, Cross road (Caution) and follow rd ahead uphill Just past The Beeches on right, turn left FP over stile (you have now left the W/W), go over stile and follow path through the trees down steps, straight ahead through field to rd, turn left along road to Abberley Village Hall is on the right
(Check Point Abberley Village Hall). GR 746 678 (13 Miles)
- 4.1** From the Hall carpark turn left back on to the rd, stay on this road, you will pass Old Coach House on left, rd bends left just before Manor Arms Inn turn right then turn right at FP sign “Wynnatts way” continue up rd .approx. 50 meters Turn left at FP sign through kiss gate turn right up hill in between two fences past llamas Through gate, follow right hedge line, over stile into wood, ahead up hill and steps to rd
- 4.2** At rd turn right up hill approx.100m FP sign on the left, turn left re-joining Worcestershire way (WW) follow path up hill and stay on WW across the top for approx. 1 Mile to a fork in the paths, WW forks to the right keep on WW through woods and downhill still on WW, slight left across field to wood still on WW to rd . At rd turn right follow road down to T junction Main rd (Caution). **Grid ref 778680**

4.3 ahead over rd through metal gate into field follow left hand edge of field into next field following faint FP towards trees through gate into wood, slightly right ahead on FP through wood, large tree house on left , past pool on the right to rd.

4.4 At rd turn left uphill to Church, follow track to the right of church to kissing gate, ahead over stile turn right follow hedge line, turn right along FP into woods follow all the way down and up through to open field, ahead up FP with building head to the right to track

4.5 at track turn left, down track to T junction, turn right sign posted woolstan's Farm along track to hedge, go through gap on left marked bridal way, follow track / hedge keep left, pass lake on right, as you climb up and come to a crop field, take FP slightly right through crops to oak tree and stile, turn slightly left follow this path diagonally through the middle of crops to track. Ahead up track to rd.

4.6 Cross rd go down tarmac driveway, as tarmac stops the path crosses to the left of the fence, follow track 3/4 mile to main rd (Caution). Cross over straight up over stile, through Gate slight left downhill past wooden electrical post to metal gate through, across to metal gate Up hill to Little Witley Village Hall on left

Check point Little Witley Village Hall (in Carpark) GR 785639 (20 Miles)

5.1 from Village hall car park turn right up rd take second rd on left signed Church lane, take FP to right of church Lych Gate. At rd turn left, follow rd past Haven Nurseries for approx. ½ mile up to farm buildings on right, take FP ahead along track through wooden gates onto grass track ahead keeping hedge on the left

5.2 approx. 50m turn left over stile in hedge into orchard, ahead up track keeping hedge on the right, through kissing gate onto rd, turn right then left just past house and FP sign, though small metal gate follow track keeping hedge on the left, when tracks turns right , ahead follow grass track keeping hedge of the left to kissing gate, on to rd

5.3 At rd turn left follow road approx. 100m to right hand bend, ahead through metal gate follow FP through crops to hedge, ahead approx. 10M turn left through gap in hedge right then keeping slightly right through gap in hedge follow FP through crops passing line of oak trees on the left

5.4 At Hedge turn right after a few steps left through gate and Footbridge, ahead uphill on FP through crops, ahead through cap in hedge, a head keeping hedge on the right, turn right FP and planked foot bridge.

Cockshoot Farm Cottage Check point (Car) GR 778 616. (22.5 Miles)

6.1 From CP ahead to end of drive cross the road, stay right of house follow grass track to gate, through gate ahead into field keeping hedge on the right into next field (ignore over grown Style on the right) to metal gate on the right, through gate turn left keeping hedge to the left follow around to metal gate on the left, through metal gate, pass farm house on left onto track

6.2 ahead just past farm buildings, ahead down stone track into orchard. Follow track until orchard on your right ends. Then go through metal kissing gate on right, continue ahead through gap in hedge, keeping left and follow hedgerow, ahead through metal gate, Turn left follow faint FP keeping hedgerow on left to Metal gate

6.3 Through Metal gate Turn right on FP. At fork, go left. In 5 paces turn left minor FP through trees to metal gate.

DO NOT ENTER MONKSWOOD NATURE RESERVE. GR 798 614 (24 Miles)

6.4 Through Metal gate and head across field to trees to the right side of the electric poles. Go over hidden stile under trees and turn right. Keep well right - boggy area. To metal gate, Go through metal gate and follow path round to right and stile. Go straight ahead, faint FP through field and over stile (in wire fence) and across field slight right (Bearing 113 or about 1 o'clock) to metal gate in the trees (pond to left of gate), gate may not be visible from a distance, there is a wooden gate that may be visible, the metal gate you need is left of this wooden gate.

6.5 Through metal gate, once you pass large fallen tree on the left you should head slightly left (Bearing 102) keeping large oak trees in the middle of the field on your right straight down to hedge. to stile in fence, over, a head keeping left of pylon ahead to Stile in fence opposite

6.6 Over turn left follow fence line up towards houses at the top of field. At corner back of houses go over stile and follow FP down side of the houses. At rd, turn right (Hunters Lodge pub on right). Follow rd round to left. Follow rd down into village, (caution narrow rd) at the Green triangle turn left signed Grimley village follow rd. GR 815 604

6.7 Go past Peace Hall (left) ignore first two footpath signs on right, follow red brick wall on the right, end of wall and sign **NO Footway** turn right down FP, Follow FP straight ahead through gates and over Stile to large open field, keep left ahead down on faint path, approx. 150m down faint FP turns slightly right into trees a head over footbridge and stile

6.8 Turn Right up the field following fence on the right to wooden gate through onto road, turn left down road turn Right Bridleway through open gateway down track, about ¼ mile under electrical wires from pylon turn left down FP

Across field past pylon through gap in hedge onto road.

6.9 Turn left follow down road for just over 1/2mile past 12P Car park downhill past pull-in on the right across green triangle to road, Cross road and take path up steps. Follow path onto roadway, uphill. CAUTION HERE. At the Nursery (on right) turn right back into the car park and finish at Scout hut **GR 825 581**

(27.4 Miles)

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