

Stage 2 – Chellaston to Littleover Distance 7.9miles

Terrain: Mainly flat, towpath, fields and pavement.

1. Leave Checkpoint 1 on **SINFIN MOOR LANE**, continue on **SINFIN MOOR LANE** past **MOORBRIDGE FARM** and next to it, a riding school. Cross the newly constructed and after passing both new (but not in use) pedestrian lights turn to take a path on your **L** with hedgerow to your **R**.
2. Follow the track **S** for about 0.7 miles, past a large **metre cube of concrete**, until the track becomes tarmac, eventually crossing over the **A50 BRIDGE**. Cross the canal (**WEAK BRIDGE SIGN**) take the path immediately **L** then **L** under **BRIDGE 15** with the Trent and Mersey Canal on your right.
3. Follow the canal **WEST** for a total of around 3 miles, passing under three bridges, over the **BRIDGE 19** at **STENSON LOCK** at about 2 miles and running alongside the lock and then opposite the marina. After a further 0.3m you arrive at **BRIDGE 20 SK321300** where the canal is crossed using that bridge.
4. After crossing the canal turn immediately **L (DN)** onto the opposite bank for 0.3m, passing under the railway **BRIDGE 20A** before leaving the towpath to the **R**.
5. Follow the path **N** for 100 yards before climbing steps, turning **L** and then **R** to pass **under A50**. Once on the other side of the A50 follow the tarmac track **L** for 300 yards, through a gate until joining a track at **SK313304**. Turn **L** and follow the track (**COMMON PIECE LANE**) for another 300 yards until the outskirts of **FINDERN** are reached.
6. At end of **COMMON PIECE LANE**, observe sign **SYCAMORE AVENUE** and turn **R** into **SYCAMORE AVENUE (LEAVE DN AT THIS POINT)** which soon bends around to the **L**. Ignore **BEECH DRIVE** on the **R** then after three houses take an alley on the **R HOUSE #12 SYCAMORE AVEUNE** will be on your right, between more houses and out onto the turning circle at the end of **HAZEL CLOSE**. Cross the turning area **HALF-RIGHT (HOUSE #19 HAZEL GROVE** will be on your **RHS)** to exit the estate via another alley leading out into fields.

Go straight keeping parallel to triple power lines on your right in 1st field. Cross **DALE BROOK**.

In second field aim for yellow post in field and then exit field via gate straight ahead.

In third field exit gate is in **LH** diagonal corner but keep to perimeter of field following hedge round clockwise (to your left).

7. The path through the buildings is a little difficult: pass through the yard/stables keeping the boundary on the right, through the forklifts and take the path in the back corner, keep the riding area on your left.

Please take mind to respect the horses and riders and to cause minimum stress to the horses.

8. Leaving the stables follow the path roughly **N-E** across another 13 or so fields.

Field 1: Fence on **RHS** to Kissing Gate

Field 2: Straight to **R** of Tree Kissing Gate

Field 3: Kissing Gate in gap in hedge

Field 4: Keep fence on right. Kissing Gate to **R** of metal gate by brick barn.

Field 5: Keep hedge on **RHS** Kissing Gate.

Field 6: Keep hedge on **RHS** Gate and stile in **RHS** near pylon.

Field 7: Keep hedge on **LHS**, cross under power lines. Kissing Gate is on **R** of gate

Field 8: 10 yards to Kissing Gate under power line.

Field 9: Keep hedge on **RHS**. Sleeper bridge and Kissing Gate in top **RHS**

Field 10: Public footpath sign points through new crops. Bear to right round field perimeter past lightening tree to wooden gate to **R** of metal gate.

Field 11: When approaching **HALL PASTURES FARM** follow the path to the **L** of the farm (OS maps show the right way through the farm but the path is routed to the **L** of it). Use wooden gate, **L** of the metal gate.

Field 12: Aim for middle of opposite hedge.

Field 13: Top **RH** corner, pedestrian gate to farm drive junction with track by duck pond. **BEWARE OF THE DROP ON THE LEFT.**

9. Here turning **L** alongside a duck pond on right hand side following a cycle path NOT marked on OS maps. **CROSS THE B-ROAD AT**

SK323322 WITH CARE then continue to follow the cycle track through a housing estate. **Do not take cycle track exits on the R from this path;** DO pass a children's play area with slide etc. keep the hedge on your **L**, round a **L** hand bend until a foot bridge over a brook is crossed, then turn **R** to exit onto **HOLLYBROOK WAY**. turn **L** and stay on the **L** hand pavement around a **R** hand bend until Checkpoint **2** at the **HOLYBROOK INN** is reached on the **L**.