

Stage 3 – 50m / Relay Littleover to Kirk Langley Distance 10 miles

1. Leave Checkpoint 2 and keep on the **LEFT-HAND** pavement of **HOLLYBROOK WAY** heading **N-W** towards the main road and a mini roundabout.

CROSS OVER THE MAIN ROAD CAREFULLY TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROUNDABOUT. Stay on the **LEFT-HAND** pavement of the A-road until a **LEFT-HAND** junction with **HAVEN BAULK LANE** is reached. Turn **L** here and stay on the **LEFT-HAND** pavement of **HAVEN BAULK LANE**.

2. **HAVEN BAULK LANE MUST BE CROSSED AT AN APPROPRIATELY SAFE POINT SOMETIME BEFORE THE BIG ROAD BRIDGE IN THE DISTANCE.** Stay then on the **RIGHT-HAND** pavement under the road bridge, go round a **RIGHT-HAND** bend, under another road bridge and up to a T-junction with **BROADFIELD WAY /HEDINGHAM WAY**.

3. At the T-junction **CAREFULLY** cross straight over **BROADFIELD WAY** onto the opposite pavement, turn **L** and stay on the **RIGHT-HAND** pavement of **HEDINGHAM WAY**, following it around a **RIGHT-HAND** bend and up to a T-junction with **ETWALL ROAD**.

4. Cross **CAREFULLY** straight over **ETWALL ROAD** to the pavement on the opposite side, turn **L** and stay on the **RIGHT-HAND** pavement to join and then take the **RIGHT-HAND** (third) exit from the roundabout onto **LADYBANK ROAD**. Follow **LADYBANK ROAD** for approx. 0.4 mile firstly staying on the **RIGHT-HAND** pavement until a minor road junction, at which point cross **CAREFULLY** to the other side of **LADYBANK ROAD** and then keep on the left hand pavement until the junction with **GREENSIDE COURT**. Turn **L** down **GREENSIDE COURT** and **TAKE THE DIVERSION THROUGH THE NEW HOUSING ESTATE ROUTE DUE TO MAIN FOOTPATH CLOSURE**. Take the new route heading straight ahead and turning **L** onto Archers Drive, then **R** towards the Bean hole plantation.

5. The path then connects to the old railway line, now a cycleway ROUTE Greenway path.

6. Turn **L** along cycle path, follow through 3 pairs of gates, under **BADGER BRIDGE**, over two roads for about 2.2 miles before turning **UP THE STEPS** on the **R** by the side of the second bridge.

7. Turn right at the top, through a wooded patch for a few yards before emerging onto open fields. Go straight on (**DN**) with the hedge on your **R**, aim for **RH** corner (**DN**). Head up fence left hand side, **TURN RIGHT AFTER 100 M** with a fence blocking route ahead, across stile aim for large tree/s left diagonally across field, go around depression and head to gap in hedge. (**NOTE Path not obvious – ploughed field head diagonal in the field to footbridge.**) Cross one field with obvious path and then footbridge into grassy field. Aim diagonally across in direction of **DN arrow**, following a faint path to right hand edge of group of trees. Follow fence round wood edge to stile (**DN**). There is no path in this field, go up **L** side by ditch on faint rough path or tractor path, turning **R** at the top on a more obvious tractor path. After about 60m cross the sturdy footbridge over the brook on the **L**, which is hidden in the trees and vegetation. (**DN**) Follow the path **half-right** to the hedge and proceed **North** with hedge on **R**, **IGNORING THE DN SIGN INTO THE CHURCHYARD AT DALBURY** and continuing to the muddy road.

8. Cross straight over the track, taking the unusual stile to right of the gate. Follow the farm track slightly **R** to a second stile, go straight ahead between the farm buildings to a metal gate with a third stile on its **R**. Go **half-right** across this field aiming for a gate in the top right-hand corner (**DN**). Follow the faint path diagonally **R** towards the hedge, which you follow to its end. Continue on the path aiming middle long grass emerging onto the road by a stile (**DALBURY HOLLOW**) (**DN**) (Gate 20yds to left if stile too overgrown). Turn **L** for a few yards then right up the **ROOK HILLS FARM ROAD (DN)**

9. Follow the path to the buildings then **TURN R BEFORE THE 1ST CATTLE SHED MARKED DN**. Head up to gate left secured by a chain and clip, **MAKE SURE THAT IT IS SECURELY FASTENED BEHIND YOU**. Continue **North** by the hedge, keep hedge on **RH** side and pass sloping tree, head downhill towards a large Oak halfway along the **Right-hand** hedge, where you find a gate with electric wire – a rubber hook handle to open and close. Then open & close next this gate **(DN)**. Cross the field looking half left to the end of the hedge opposite. Find a footbridge hidden between two tall trees in left side hedge. **(DN)**

Next field can head diagonal up with tree centre, but if crops head right and up alongside the edge. Gate in right top corner of field. Exit onto a minor road.

10. Cross the road IF FIELD CLEAR CONTINUE ACROSS to a stile immediately opposite and footpath sign slightly **L (DN)** following path diagonally left towards two large trees to a stile into a horse paddock **BUT if the field to be taken is full with broad beans continue left down along the road, until you get to the road to Woodhouse farm drive, head down until you get to the farm buildings and turn L.**

Cross paddock to stile, continue across farm track and **up small path with hedge on R**. After 70 m a **DN** arrow on large tree point the way through a gap in the hedge **R**, onto a very overgrown path. Go through all the vegetation on the not-quite-wide-enough path. Past a high gas post continue still you turn right gate in hedge **(DN)** exists.

11. Go diagonally across the field, to a stile in opposite hedge **(DN)** Continue in the same direction passing the right hand side of the farm buildings and roofing in field to a stile **(DN)** by two trees close together. Follow the direction of the arrow **half-right** to a sunken gate in the R-hand hedge **(DN)**

In front of you three groups of hawthorn mark a pond, Go round the right hand side then head half-left to what looks like a gap in the hedge but is in fact another gate **(DN, AV9, BPCW). THE**

DIRECTION OF THE DN ARROW IS NOT QUITE CORRECT.

Aim **E** just to the **R** of a prominent hawthorn tree, slightly **R** of straight ahead, in the direction of **FOXFIELDS FARM**, then downhill to a footbridge in the hedge 50m to the left of a pillbox.

12. Aim slightly **R** to a footbridge to **L** of tall tree (**DN**), Cross the obvious path and follow hedge round to right. A footbridge is hidden in the second hedge (**DN**). Cross footbridge. Go diagonal across field past the **L** of the pylon to the corner tree and turn **R** with it downhill. There is a fence overgrown to cross at the bottom of the hill on the **R** (**DN**). Climb the fence and turn immediately **L** to a possible metal gate to climb and tractor track (**DN**). As it peters out aim up the hill to the gate at the right-hand corner of **FOXFIELDS FARM**, where you join the road (**DN**)

13. **CAREFULLY** turn **R** on the minor road and stay on it for 0.4m, passing **CORNER FARM** until taking a **L** turn onto a path going **N** through an overgrown but passable wooded area opposite the road junction where a minor road joins from the **R** (**DN, AV9**).

14. Once through the wooded area go through a gate (**DN**) then go straight ahead to a gate (**DN**). Aim to the right corner stile, another stile in small field gap in hedges. The clear path crosses 2 more field in a **N** direction, take the corner ahead through trees to emerge final crop field before a minor road (**LONG LANE**) is crossed **CAREFULLY**

15. Keep heading roughly **N** over a further 3 fields with the hedge on your left, slightly uphill. Do not go through the open gate in front but head to the **DN** sign on the fence to the right of it. Turn **R**, with the hedge on your **L** heading past a pond and down to a stile (**DN**) in a **S-E** direction over. Follow the path between hedges at first and then diagonally **R** across the grassy field to arrive near a road junction at **SK290379**. Go right, cross **LONG LANE** **CAREFULLY** and use the pavement along the road signposted **MICKLEOVER** and **DERBY** for 150 yards before arriving at Checkpoint 3, **BLUE BELL INN CAR PARK**.