

ESSEX WAY STAGE 4 - LITTLE LEIGHS TO CRESSING (10.1 miles)

START - St JOHN'S CHURCH (Map Ref: TL 719167)CM3 1PQ

On the day:- Please park in "The Paddock" follow the signs. Plenty of space and only a short walk to the start

Key

**L = left; R = right; TL = turn left; TR = turn right; X = cross over;
CONT = continue; THRU = through; ST = stile; WM = waymark;
FPS = footpath (or bridleway) sign; FB = footbridge (normally wood);
TK = track; RD = road; KG = kissing gate.**

All distances are approximate Each paragraph covers about 1 mile

- 1** Ahead (church on your **L**) and take first lane on **R**
CONT 200M to junction and **TR** on White's Lane.
CONT 300M to track, ahead between bollards follow TK for 300M round bends.
Through underpass, bear left between bollards, bear **R** and **X RD**.
TR to Essex Way Signpost cross **ST** and down steps.
TR onto field edge CONT 150M with ditch/stream on **R** and **X FB**.
CONT 150M passing works gate, **TL** at **FPS** keeping fence on your **L** for 100M.
- 2** **X ST TR**, fence and hedge on your **R**, and CONT 350M almost to field corner. $\frac{1}{4}$
L to **X ST**, CONT 150M with hedge then fence on **L** to redundant **ST**.
X ST in fence on **L**, **TR** on field edge soon bear $\frac{1}{2}$ **L**, passing power pole to **RD**.
TR on RD for 80M, **TL** at **FPS** (before ford) up steps and thru gate.
TR with hedge on your **R** (ignore gap in hedge to R) CONT for 150M. CONT
THRU hedge gap to **X ST**, CONT 200M across field, **X FB** and **ST**. CONT 450M
across field (may be boggy!!) with hedge on your **L** & **X ST** to RD.
- 3** **X RD**, bearing **R** to green metal barrier **TL** on track with hedge on **L** for 50M.
At end of hedge CONT uphill in same direction on TK for 450M to ditch corner.
CONT ahead, with ditch then hedge on **L**, for 120M to field corner.
TL for 100M, **TR** for 150M and pass **L** of house to RD.
TR on RD, at junction keep **R** CONT 250M.
At **FPS TR** (just after Rose Cottage).
CONT with hedge on **R** for 100M, **TR** over earthbridge.
TL and follow hedge on **L** for 300M (ignore gap on L at WM) 20M after field corner
TL at **FPS (TAKE CARE – IT IS EASILY MISSED)** cont. on **LHFE** to FB.
- 4** **X FB** and CONT straight ahead 50M THRU gap.
CONT 350M uphill with wood on **L**, at end of wood **TL** (wood still on **L**). After
200M CONT straight ahead THRU hedge gap (ignore TKs turning **L** and **R**). CONT
250M to corner of wood and **WM**. **TL** for 50M then **TR** at **WM**.
X field on grass TK 250M to gap in hedge cont. **SA** with wire fence on **L** 50M past
metal gate on **L**. **SA** on TK for 250M (becoming metallised) passing Keepers Cottage
(BEWARE DOG).

- 5** **TL** at RD junction (pond on R). After 250M ignore lane on **L** and CONT 75M. **TL** at RD junction (Hull Lane). CONT on RD for 250M (ignore “Mill Lane” on **L** to Windmill).
TL at RD junction down “Norman Hill” CONT 400M to ford.
X FB and walkway then CONT 75M uphill.
At RD junction, **X** RD diagonally **L** and **TR** at FPS onto TK. CONT 200M passing to **R** of metal gate, to hedge.
Bear **L** then **R**. CONT 250M (with hedge on **R**) to field corner and WM.
- 6** **TL** downhill (hedge on **R**) for 375M to field corner, **TR** THRU hedge gap.
TL and after 25M THRU another hedge gap (WM) **TR** (hedge on **R**) for 300M. At WM post on R (30M from end of field) **TL** across field THRU plantation for 75M. At WM **X** FB into wood, CONT THRU wood on gently meandering TK for 100M. Exit wood and **TR** for 150M (wood on **R**) to WM.
TL and cross field 250M to **X** FB and CONT across field 75M, pass redundant ST, CONT 75M on enclosed TK,
TR and **X** FB. **TL** for 75M THRU cemetery to RD.
- 7** **TR** along RD 200M to junction, **TR** for 250M passing FPS.
TL at 2nd FPS (with EW sign) onto metalled TK, follow TK for 500M passing Troys Hall. TK becomes green & enclosed for 600M THRU bends and THRU metal gate.
- 8** CONT 100M, **TL** on concrete track 500M at concrete area and WM bear **L** into enclosed path (DO NOT CONT.ALONG CONCRETE TRACK) and CONT 550M to cross Maltings Farm yard to RD. (X ROAD VERY CAREFULLY) **TL** for 70M, **TR** at FPS (signed ‘Whiteways’).CONT 250M to ‘Whiteways’, bear **L** at White gate onto grass 50M to WM.
- 9** THRU gap, CONT straight ahead (hedge to **L**) 350M to **X** FB.
TL (with hedge on **R**) for 250M. **X** FB and **X** ST.
CONT for 200M to **X** ST, CONT 150M along drive, THRU KG and CONT to RD.
TR for 30M to FPS (on your **L**). **TL** along lane for 300M to Fambridge Hall.
(TAKE CARE – tricky here) Bear **L** to pass in front of house, barn to **R**. At WM bear **L** onto grass **TK**, passing fence & barn, CONT for 200M At TK junction (WM on R) **TR** THRU hedge gap onto field edge for 100M
CONT ahead under railway bridge.
- 10** Bear **R** and CONT along TK for 150M.
CONT with hedge on **R** for 250 M and with hedge on **L** for 500M to Newbarns Farm.
At WM **TL** THRU hedge and **TR** to RD, **X** with care **(TAKE CARE –VERY FAST/ DANGEROUS ROAD)**.**TL** along pavement, after 200m **TR** at **WM** into enclosed path for 25M (FPS) CONT with hedge on **R** for 50m then hedge on **L** for 50m
CONT across field for 400M to finish at RD by Cressing Church.

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