

## **ESSEX WAY STAGE 2 - CHIPPING ONGAR to GOOD EASTER (9.5 miles)**

**START - CHIPPING ONGAR (Banson's Lane Car Park – Map Ref: TL 552031)**

### **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**

- 1 **X** main RD by Zebra Xing and **TR**. Ahead 100M to large round 'Ongar' sign & **TL**. **CONT** past 'The White House' gates bearing **R** into narrow alley. **TL** at RD. **THRU** KG and **CONT** ahead on TK, passing farm buildings (on your **R**), staying on main TK as it twists and turns until it eventually goes under power cables. Immediately **TL** and follow TK, in direction of power cables, to corner. Bear **R** downhill and **TL** at end of hedge (on your **L**) by WM. Follow TK straight ahead to RD ... **BUT** ... just **BEFORE** RD turn **R** at gate. **CONT** downhill (hedge on **L** then wooden fence). **TL** to **X** damaged (take care) **ST** in wooden fence & up steps to RD. (1¼ miles)

**TAKE CARE NEAR RIVER- ESPECIALLY IF GROUND CONDITIONS ARE SLIPPERY**

- 2 **X** main RD carefully. Ahead at FPS down steps bearing **R** then **L** for 50M **X** **ST** to RD. **X** RD. At FPS **X** **ST**, **CONT** **HALF R** ahead and **X** field to hedge corner. **TL**, hedge on **L**, **THRU** 2 wide gaps, and now follow tracks near the river for 1.5 miles **Xing** **STs** and **FBs** (over ditches) en route but **NOT Xing** river yet. [**BEWARE LOW BRANCH AT SOME FBs**]. At metal bridge over river **TR** & **X** **FB**. (2¾ miles)
- 3 **TL** and **CONT** ahead, after 30M **TL** then almost immediately **TR** into \*green lane (hedges both sides). Exit green lane and **CONT** on broad TK to RD.  
\*[**DO NOT FOLLOW THE FIELD EDGE – it is NOT a public right of way and the landowners now object strongly.**]
- 4 **CONT** ahead on RD for 90M and then **TR** at FPS (Bridleway) by telegraph post into green lane. **CONT** ahead to emerge at field edge for 250M then re-enter green lane and **CONT** ahead to RD.
- 5 **TR** to **CONT** on RD passing 'The Barn', 'Little Witney Green', & 'The Old Rectory' (on your **L**) and then **TR** at FPS **THRU** small gate (at 'Private Road' sign). **IMMEDIATELY** head **HALF L Xing** field aiming for gate 20m **R** of power line pole. Pass under power line to go **THRU** gate & straight ahead across field. Aim for gap in hedge with church tower behind it and pass **THRU** then ahead (still aiming for church tower) to exit by WM and **FB** to RD. (4¼ miles)

- 6 At RD **TL** for 400M (Take care, bends in RD). Where RD bends **L** at road sign, Millers Green Road, **CONT** ahead and **IMMEDIATELY TR** at FPS **THRU** hedge, **X FB** and **TL** (keep hedge/fence on **L** now) to **WM**. **TR** (aim for church tower) to **X field** and **X FB** (**WM**). **TL** before bearing **R**. **CONT** ahead on field edge uphill, ignore **L** turnings, (**TAKE CARE: HOLES IN TK**), to eventually **TL** to **X FB**, **TR** to go **THRU** gate, and pass between Willingale churches to RD. (**5 miles**)
- 7 **X RD** & **CONT** ahead at FPS (between wooden fences then with hedge on **R**) for 2½ fields, then at wide hedge gap **X** to follow other side of hedge, in same direction, to **WM** just before field corner. **TL** over **FB** and **CONT** ahead (hedge on **R**) to corner. **TR**, **X** ditch and **TL**. [**TAKE CARE: LARGE GRASS-COVERED HOLE IN TK**] **CONT** with hedge on **L** to **WM** at field corner.
- 8 **TR** following **TK**, ditch on **L**, for 100M to **TL** on **FB** (**WM**) over ditch and straight ahead on raised **TK** (ditch on **L**) for 300M to arrive at RD (Take Care). (**5¾ miles**)
- 9 **X RD with care** & **CONT** ahead on Byway (rutted **TK**) at FPS for 700M to T junction at narrow lane. **TR** and **CONT** for 500M then **TL** at FPS on bend (25M before 'Private Property' sign). (**6½ miles**)
- 10 **CONT** 1000M (turning **R** with **TK**) & **TL** at sharp corner (**WM**) then 1300M on **TK**, ignoring any **TKs** off, to eventually emerge at FPS by lane. **CONT** ahead on lane for 500M to main RD. (**8¼ miles**)
- 11 **X RD** (carefully) **HALF L** to FPS in lay-by and **CONT** on Byway (gravel) for 900M (hedge on **R** at first then bearing **R** to go between hedges). Emerge on hard surfaced lane passing house and barn to reach RD at junction.
- 12 **TL** over bridge, pass 2 white houses and then **VERY** soon **TL** at FPS by telegraph post. Ahead following **L** side of field to **X FB** in corner and **TR**. **CONT** 200M up **R** edge of field to FPS and then **HALF L X** field aiming for **R(ish)** side of church spire.
- 13 **X FB** and follow **L** edge of graveyard to pass **L** side of church exiting onto RD. **TL** and finish is 150M away by **\*CROSSROADS**. (**9½ miles**)

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