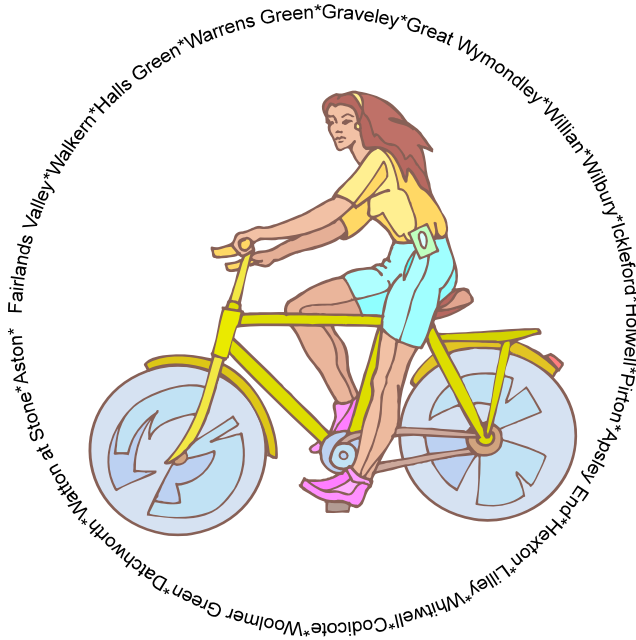


STEVENAGE CIRCULAR CYCLE - A HALF CENTURY CHALLENGE

**Brevet Populaire Sunday 21st
June 2009**

80 Kilometre (50 Mile) Route



Start from Costello's Café in Fairlands Valley Park at 10:00. Please arrive by 09:45 so that brevet cards can be distributed and any checks made. You must complete the ride at an average speed between 12 and 27 kph (7.5 and 16.8 mph). Your brevet card must be timed and signed at every control including any secret controls. Please support the cafes - they are helping us. Ride safely and enjoy yourself.

From start FWD to park entrance where LEFT onto Six Hills Way. FWD at RBT (sp

CHELLS). 2nd RBT FWD (sp CHELLS MANOR). 3rd RBT LEFT (sp CHELLS MANOR). 4th RBT RIGHT (sp WALKERN) on B1037.

In WALKERN bear LEFT (still B1037 sp COTTERED. CARE - drain covers).

Just north of WALKERN fork LEFT (sp WESTON/BALDOCK). At T LEFT (sp WESTON/HALLS GREEN) to HALLS GREEN.

After Halls Green village sign pass 30mph signs then first LEFT (no sp N.B. Rising Sun ph is too far) onto lane passing Warrens Green Farm 12.4 km (7.7 miles).

Spot check at Warren's Green 12 km (7.5 miles), open from 10:25 to 11:00.

At WARRENS GREEN LEFT (no sp). In 1.4 km (0.9 miles) bear RIGHT then FWD (sp GRAVELEY) through CHESFIELD. In GRAVELEY at T RIGHT onto B197 (sp WESTON).

Shortly LEFT (sp GREAT WYMONDLEY) and under A1(M). At T RIGHT (sp GREAT WYMONDLEY). At stgd. X in GREAT WYMONDLEY 19.3 km (12 miles) RIGHT into Willian Road (sp LETCHWORTH) and (eventually) pass memorial on rhs.

FWD to WILLIAN where LEFT (no sp) by GT. In app. 1.9 km (1.2 miles) and after 30mph sign RIGHT at X into Queenswood Drive. At A505 FWD over RBT into

Stotfold Road. Under railway and pass Wilbury ph on left.

At RBT LEFT (sp ARLSEY/ICKLEFORD) into Arlsey new Road. At T LEFT (sp ICKLEFORD 1¼) through CADWELL. Follow road under railway to ICKLEFORD.

At GT & RBT by Green Man ph RIGHT into Turnpike Lane 30 km (18.7 miles). On A600 RIGHT (sp SHEFFORD/BEDFORD). In app. 1.9 km (1.2 miles). LEFT (sp HOLWELL/PIRTON) through HOLWELL to PIRTON (ignore T left) where RIGHT at GT (sp SHILLINGTON). Pass SHILLINGTON sign into APSLEY END where FWD at stgd (sp BARTON) into Hanscombe End Road (N.B. NOT left sp Hexton).

Bear LEFT to HIGHAM GOBION. Just before Manor Farm Business Park, LEFT (sp HEXTON). At T in HEXTON RIGHT (sp Hitchin/LILLEY). Control on lhs in Lavender Tea Rooms (old village hall opposite The Raven ph).

Control at 44 km (27.5 miles), open from 11:34 to 13:40.

From LEFT to X. FWD (sp LILLEY), climb Gravel Hill and continue to LILLEY. Pass Lilley Church 50.7km (31.5 miles). Bridge over A505 then follow signs to WHITWELL.

SO through WHITWELL 59.7km (37.1 miles) following signs to CODICOTE where LEFT on B656 (sp Hitchin). Then LEFT into Vanstone Park Garden Centre (refreshments available in Garden Centre).

Control at 64 km (40 miles), open from 12:17 to 15:20.

From control RIGHT (WITH CARE) onto B656 then first LEFT (sp missing). At T LEFT (sp KNEBORTH/STEVENAGE). Shortly RIGHT into Slip Lane (no sp).

At T by Robin Hood & Little John ph LEFT (sp POTTERS HTH/KNEBORTH). At T LEFT (sp KNEBORTH) into Spinney Lane. Bridge over A1(M) then RIGHT (sp WOOLMER GREEN) and under railway. In **WOOLMER GREEN** at B197 RIGHT to pass Red Lion ph. Second LEFT (sp DATCHWORTH / WATTON) into Mardleybury Road, bear LEFT at GT with White Horse Lane and follow signs for Watton-at-Stone to **DATCHWORTH 73 km (45.3 miles)**.

At X by 2 pubs SO then FWD to **WATTON-AT-STONE 76 km (47.2 miles)**.

Information control at railway station – stop in lay by. (You will need a pen or pencil - see the box in your card).

In village at RBT LEFT (sp STEVENAGE). FWD at mini-RBT then RIGHT by Waggon and Horses ph (sp BENINGTON /

WALKERN).

At X ignore Aston/Benington turnings, SO and take next LEFT (sp ASTON END - beware sign obscured by hedge) down steep hill past ford sign (CARE - broken surface at ford). At top of hill T RIGHT (no sp). Next T RIGHT (no sp) then LEFT (sp Equestrian Centre). At T by GT LEFT. At junction by Equestrian Centre SO into "no through road" (Tatlers Lane) 82.7 km (51.4 miles).

Through b/w poles under Gresley Way and bear LEFT onto cycleways. At cycleway T RIGHT. Follow cycleway over Cromwell Road and Marlborough Road and RIGHT under Six Hills Way. IMM at cycleway T LEFT and continue over Brittain Way to entrance to Fairlands Valley Park. Turn RIGHT to Sailing Centre - Costello's Café and FINISH/ARRIVÉE.

Finish control at 84 km (52.5 miles), open from 13:00 to 17:00.

NOTES

The entrance to Fairlands Valley is off Six Hills Way. The grid reference for Costello's Café is OS 166 TL 254243. Postcode SG2 0BL. The phone number is 01438 748458. If you come by car please leave it in the large car park near the entrance not the smaller café car park, which will be needed by others during the day. On the day contacts include 01438 354505 / 0793 968 7509 (Jim) and 07963 255062 (Joanna).

ABBREVIATIONS

FWD	Forward
GT	green (or grass) triangle
IMM	Immediately
ph	public house
RBT	roundabout
SO	straight on
sp	signpost
stgd	staggered crossroads
T	T junction
X	crossroads

You should go through the towns and villages that are underlined e.g. **WALKERN**.

Your brevet card will be returned to you in your second sae after it has been checked by Audax U.K. This will take some weeks.

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