

Buses

Free Buses will run continuously from 08:00 until 17:00 between the Racecourse and the Control Points at Barlands, Brizen Field and the Pheasant Inn.

Closing the Course

The course will close at 7:00pm. However progressive closure will start with section one after midday when Marshals and Water Point operatives will be redeployed and Direction Arrows etc. will begin to be removed.

Medals

In recognition of completing your Challenge you will be awarded a medal on your return to the Racecourse

Refreshments

Free water is available at the Control Points and at other locations around the course. In addition the Southam WI serves refreshments at the Racecourse and Brizen Field.

Toilets

There are toilets at the Racecourse and Brizen Field and at other points around the route. The locations are marked on this Route Guide

And Finally

The organisers, Cleve Vale Rotary Club, hope you have enjoyed your day and successfully completed "Your Challenge". Monies raised from this event on behalf of Cleeve Vale Rotary will be used for the benefit of the Charities supported by our Club. If you would like to make a donation to Rotary Charities you may do so via the Charity Giving site that has a direct link from the Challenge Web-site.

THE DATE OF NEXT YEAR'S EVENT IS SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2012

Thank you for your support, we hope you have a safe journey home
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The Rotary Club of
CHELtenham CLEEVE VALE

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CHELtenham CIRCULAR CHALLENGE ROUTE GUIDE

FOLLOW THE CHELTENHAM CIRCULAR CHALLENGE WAYMARKERS

Thanks to the generous support of the Footpaths Department of Gloucestershire County Council, the route of the Cheltenham Circular Challenge is permanently indicated by the following way marker:



Each way marker will have a Gloucester County Council arrow either immediately above or to one side. The Cheltenham Circular Path proceeds in the direction of the arrow. Ignore any other arrows

ROUTE ABBREVIATIONS

R = right BR = bear right TR = turn right KR = keep right
L = left BL = bear left TL = turn left KL = keep left
X = cross Xing = crossing SO = straight on KG = kissing gate
Fld = field Stl = stile 100m = 100 metres etc.

Distances in the text are given as a guide only.

Navigation Check Points along the route are numbered and shown in the route guide thus (2)

SECTION 1
“PANORAMA” (6.5 MILES)

Leave Registration Building, turn L follow road keep hedge on R, turn first L along road which becomes gravel track. Turn L passing between green metal barn & riding school stables. At metal gate turn R on metalled road for 500m. X bridge 20m TR over Stl & head towards 3 pylons on the hill.

In 100m X gravel track, BR for 150 m towards thicket. Keep railings on your R go through gate. Follow hedge line & go through KG (150m). BR to race track railings & after 100m go through gap, & follow railings. After 70m at house on L, TL away from the racecourse. In 20m X metal Stl & SO into Park Lane. In 100m at crossroad go SO past telephone box into Shaw Green Lane **(1)** In 125m, at lamp post opposite No. 59 TR down footpath & head for Prestbury Church (200m) through 3 KGs. X Rd & SO along metalled track. X Rd & go SO into Church Yard KR, leave at top R corner into Church Lane (50m).

DISTANCE COMPLETED – 2.0 MILES

At main road (100) BR. In 60m at double roundabout, X Rd (EXTREME CARE REQUIRED!) using central reservation & BL along Bouncers Lane for 100m. Immediately after Zebra Xing, TL along foot/cycle path by primary school and go SO through metal gate. In 400m go SO through another metal gate. After 50m, TL & X Stream, up steps & TR along tarmac path with stream on your R. **(2)**

After 100m (ignoring entrance to playing field on R) at grassy area KR (20m) & then TR into fields. X footbridge go SO for 250m following hedge on R. X 2 Flds with KGs & X bridge. X 2 Flds with KG In 2nd Fld go straight forward then BL (DO NOT go L uphill!) & after 20m enter small copse. X Footbridge & go SO for 150m through 2 Flds - keeping GCHQ (Green Building) on your R. Go through KG & SO along Road 20m to

WATER POINT and TOILET

SO 20m, X road use Stl to R of gate. X Fld (300m), keep to R of telegraph poles to opposite corner & X Stl. TR along lane for 30m, TR X Stl into Fld. TL & follow hedge on L for 250m to footbridge with 2 Stl into Fld, & TL. Follow markers Xing 2 Flds for 200m. X double Stls into 3rd Fld. BL & after 30m TL down grassy bank, **(3)** X bridge over stream then keep fence on your L, uphill & X Fld (200m).

CARE REQD & TR.

After 100m before row of poplars TL over Stl & head diagonally L X Fld (150m) X 2 Stls in the corner. Head diagonally L (180m) to field corner & L of farm buildings. Through KG & TR along lane for 50m. TL over Stl **(3)** Keep hedge on R & X 4 Flds with Stls (350m) towards Elmstone Hardwicke Church. Follow path to KG & go diagonally X churchyard, go through church gate & TR along Rd for 350m past Chosen View Farm.

Where Rd turns sharp R go through KG on L. After 10m TR through KG, go through trees & KG into Fld. T sharp L & follow hedge line. In 100m go through KG. **(4)** In 30m go L along bridle track for 400m. At T junc turn sharp right. In 600m TL through KG. & SO X Fld for 75m & X bridge. Go SO diagonally X Fld (100m) into 2nd Fld. Keep hedge on L & after 100m at farm entrance go through KG. TR into lane past houses into Swindon Village. After 200m take 3rd TL into Riverlands Rd. At T junc TR & immediately L into Seasons Car Park.

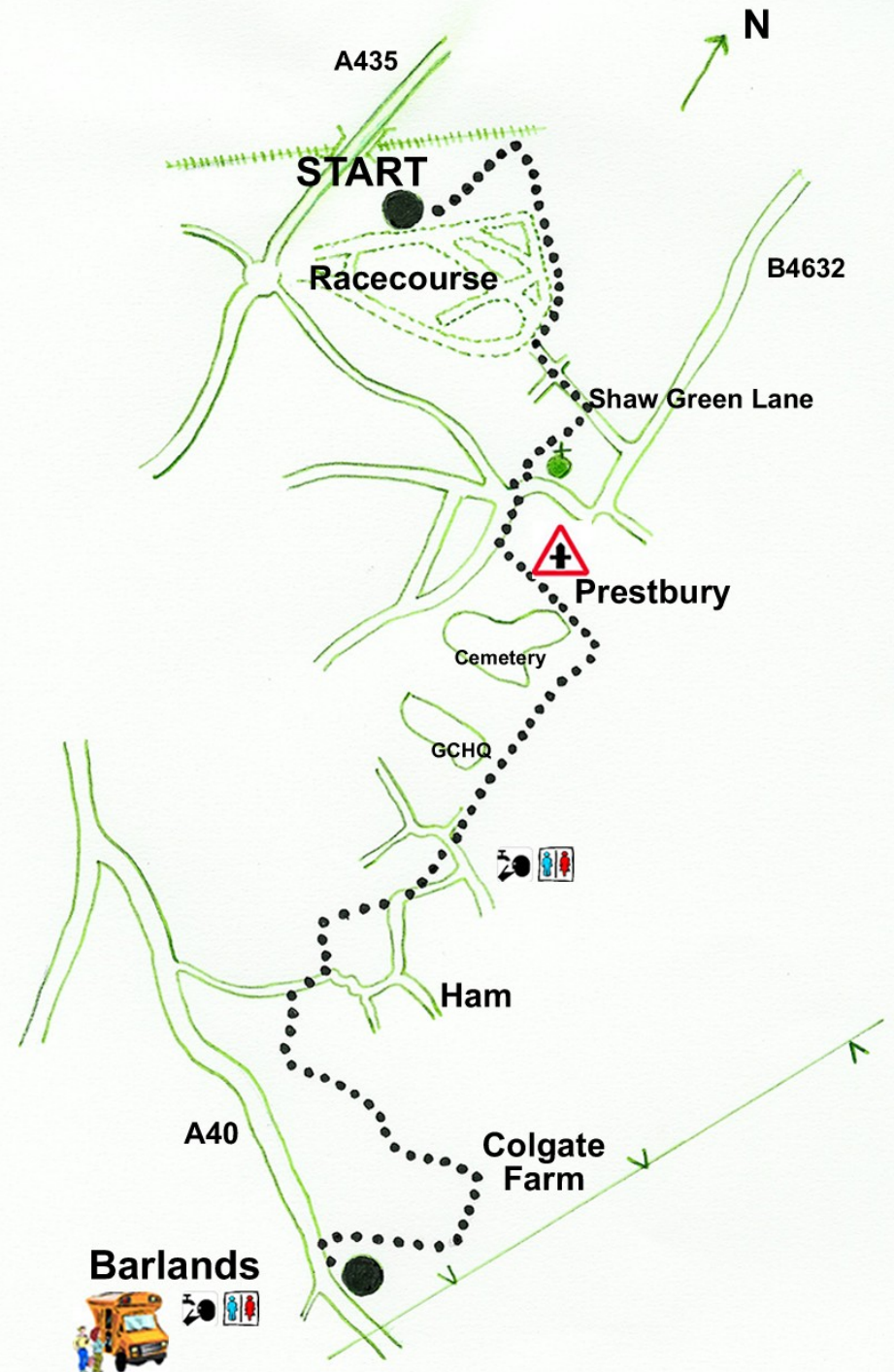
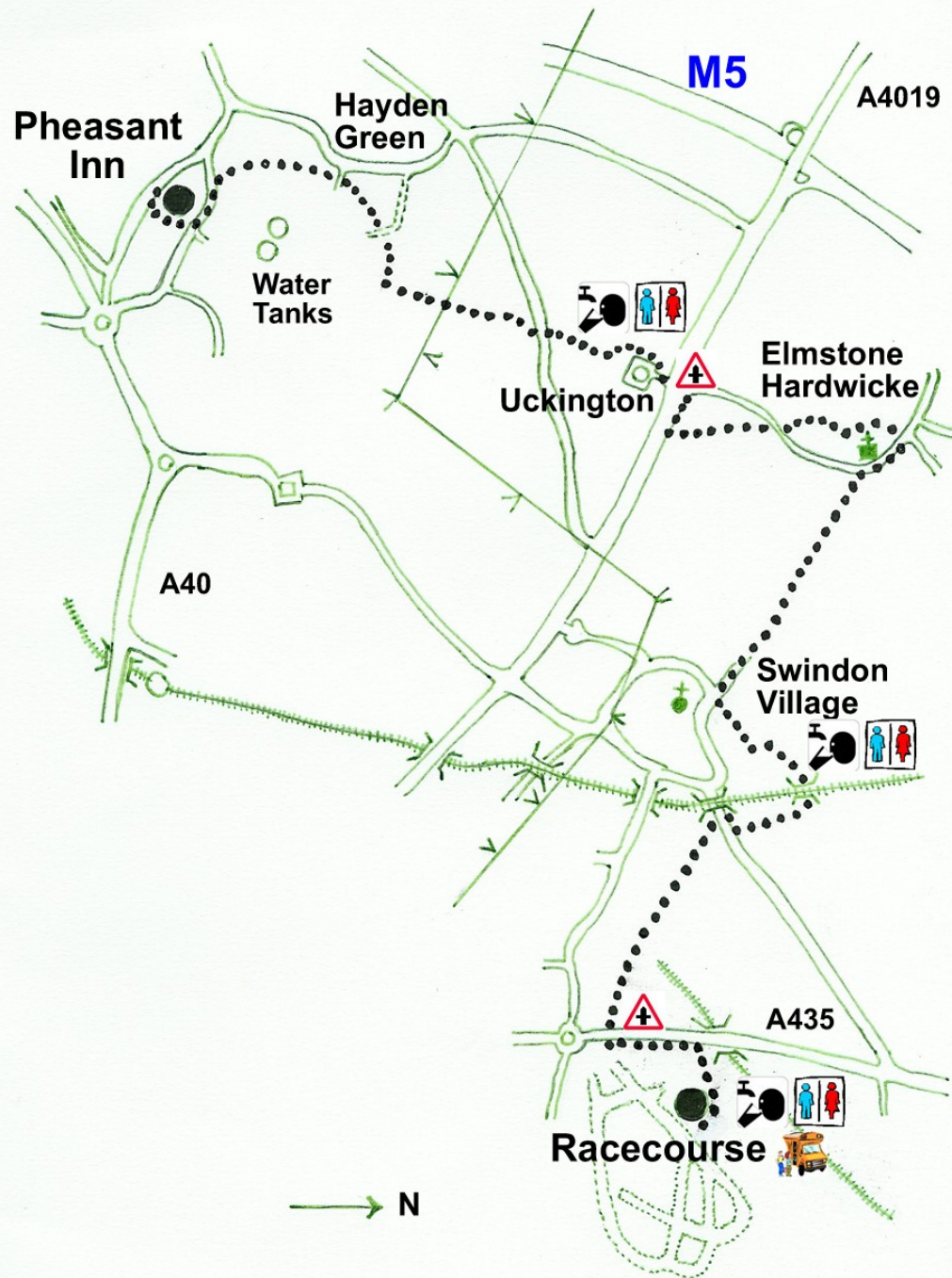
WATER POINT AND TOILETS (in left corner)
DISTANCE COMPLETED – 5.9 MILES

In L corner (beyond re-cycling pt) go behind buildings. Keep sports Flds on R & after 180m X over concrete bridge & TR along lane. In 50m pass under railway & through KG. TR & Keep railway on your R X Fld through KG and along lane for 150m. Through KG and TR into Hyde Lane. Follow footpath on R for 100m. Carefully X Rd **(5)** just before rail bridge & over St into next Fld. BL diagonally across Fld for 250m & through gap into next Fld. TR & keep to R edge of Fld pass under power lines (150m). In 50m where Fld boundary turns right, go SO X open Fld & up a rise (150m).

Go down steps X old railway track and up steps on other side. X 2 Flds (200m) & track with double Stls. After 50m BR along L side of hedge to A435 Evesham Rd. **(6)** X over Rd **WITH EXTREME CARE** to Racecourse. BR & immediately TL cross low metal Stl into Racecourse. Cross small car park, & TL at road. Go uphill past Centaur Building. TR across Centaur car park & TR through Gate 24 & go down the slope to the Finish at the Registration Building.

DISTANCE COMPLETED – 7.15 MILES

**PLEASE REPORT TO CONTROL POINT
 TOILETS, REFRESHMENTS, WATER**



DISTANCE COMPLETED - 4.0 MILES

X Stl TR into road (Ham Square), after 40m TR & follow road for 200m. On slight R bend, TL along track. In 150m when lane goes L, TR over Stl into Fld. SO uphill following fence on L. In 200m ignore Stl on L, & continue to corner. **(4)** TL over Stl & go through gap between bushes. Continue uphill - keep bushes on R pass through 3 Flds (500m). X Stl into sunken lane, SO for 150m. X Stl & with wire fence & bushes on R & proceed uphill past 5 marker posts with white tops (400m) & go thru KG.

SO uphill (200) keep fence on L & go past marker post.. At gate before buildings of Colgate Farm, **(5)** T right. Go downhill bearing left to KG in the corner. Go through 2 KGs continue downhill & in the left corner go through 2 further KGs and bear right. X 3 sloping Flds bearing slightly R & follow white marker posts for 450m. Go past water trough & X Stl in the RH corner. TL down edge of Fld (100m) X stream & follow track R for 75m, though a metal gate (PLEASE SHUT) to main A40 road. TL use footpath (50m) to Barlands Industrial Estate.

DISTANCE COMPLETED - 6.4 MILES

**PLEASE REPORT TO CONTROL POINT
WATER POINT, TOILET, RETURN BUS TO RACECOURSE**

SECTION 2**“ESCARPMENT” (6.6 MILES)**

Cross A40 carefully into Capel Lane, walk uphill on metalled road for 700m. Go SO past stile through gate with Stl on R. & SO following hedge on R for 100m to metal gate with Stl on R. Continue SO uphill for 150 m through a metal gate and TL through a 2nd metal gate.

After 30m TR and immediately go diagonally L X Fld (do not go sharp R onto *Cotswold Way*) **(1)** X Stl – the route is very steep uphill for 150m with a combination of steps & stiles. T sharp R at junction (do not go on to wooden gate!) Follow track for 150m to a second gate – T half L & keep pylon to your R. (Do not go SO)

After 350m by gate on L **(2)** go SO, following *Cotswold Way* ‘Acorn’ sign for a further 200m. Keep trees on your L then BL. In 50m go through gate. In 50m TL through a gate and turn R. In 150m BR, 250m go L, then in 150m BR into wood. 15m TR onto track and go downhill for 200m. At metal track go **(3)** through 2 KGs into field and follow hedge by road

track T junction TR. After 400m go through metal gate & road tunnel (A40), Go through gate & TR into Gloucestershire Airport. Follow cycle way for 600m going round rear of car park & *Aviator* pub. (Toilet facilities and refreshments are available).

Continue along cycle way & at Airport exit **(4)** TR into Bamfurlong Lane & proceed back over M5 motorway. In 600m just past R hand bend X rd carefully at Dundry Nurseries. TL over footbridge into Fld & follow winding pathway to gate (250m) Go SO through gate (do not cross footbridge) & keep hedge on L go to Fld corner At footbridge in fid corner, turn R and go straight ahead & follow hedge on L for 500m X 2 Flds. Go through 2 KGs & carefully X Rd TL to *Pheasant Inn* car park (30m).

DISTANCE COMPLETED – 6.0 MILES

**PLEASE REPORT TO CONTROL POINT
TOILETS, WATER, BUS TO RACECOURSE**

SECTION 4**“VILLAGES” (7.15 MILES)**

TL from the *Pheasant Inn* & follow Rd for 75m. TL along path by house. In 250m TL & go between 2 concrete bollards. In 250m TR X brick bridge with Stl. & head for gate on skyline (250) keep water tanks on your R. Pass through gate. Go SO cross Fld (keep large lone tree on your R) & go through gate in R hand corner. **(1)** SO along road to Hayden Green (40m). Just before road junction TR & go through gate on R then BR X Fld for 40m through a 2nd gate. BL X Fld & head for Stl part way along hedge line on opposite side (400m). X metal track with 2 Stls.

B slightly L X Fld, head to R of 2 pylons, then BR along hedge line (350m) to field corner. Just before corner TL over footbridge SO through scrub land (30m) & TL. **(2)** Go SO keeping hedge on your R. After 200m enter green lane & go under power lines. After 600m go SO X open field, keep large tree on your L, go through a metal gate to Old Gloucester Rd (300m). **EXTREME CARE REQUIRED:** X rd carefully to footpath between houses & follow for 250m, through gate & Xing 2 streams with concrete bridges and metal gates - SO for 150m then TR into Moat Lane to Tewkesbury Road.

**WATER POINT AND TOILETS
DISTANCE COMPLETED – 2.6 MILES**

TR along Tewkesbury Rd. After 50m X main rd at traffic island EXTREME

line for 700m. At A435 Cirencester Rd use footpath crossing at roundabout entrance.

WATER POINT AND TOILET (on your left)

DISTANCE COMPLETED – 2.6 MILES

TR into Hartley Lane. After 700m, where metalled road turns left, go SO along path. In 200m go SO (leaving *Cotswold Way* that goes left). In 400m at X tracks go SO. After 450m at track junction BL. In 30m TL at cross tracks **(4)**. 20m at next cross tracks BR and follow path along hillside. Follow footpath that turns into a track below the old quarries into Daisy Bank Road. You reach Leckhampton Road after 1 mile.

DISTANCE COMPLETED – 4.0 MILES

X rd carefully & TL uphill & follow footpath for 500m. Opposite Leckhampton Grange TR & in 10m go through KG. BR to marker post **(5)** then BL & go straight down hill through 2 Flds for 500m. X Stl to R of Gate & BR X Fld to Stl. Then head diagonally X Fld to corner to L of church 250m & X Stl **(6)** X Stl, TR along rd for 75m. Opposite Church entrance TL down lane (75m) then BL & X Stl. Go through copse (40m) over Stl & SO through Fld. X Stl & by thatched cottage TL. Keep fence & hedge to your L, 100m X footbridge & up the steps & X Fld to Stl. X Stl & follow hedge on L to road.

SO road **(7)** & X 2 Stls & BR to 3rd Stl close together into open Fld. Head to L of houses. Keep houses on your R follow white marker posts for 400m through the open Flds X Stl then keeping hedge to your R (75m) – X Stl then BR & head for the gate in the opposite corner. (200m) by the road. X Stl & Shurdington Rd with care & proceed into Brizen Recreation Field TR & follow arrows around to the Control point near Brizen Pavilion.

TOTAL DISTANCE COMPLETED – 13 MILES

PLEASE REPORT TO CONTROL POINT

TOILETS, REFRESHMENTS, WATER, BUS TO RACECOURSE

SECTION 3 “MEADOWS” (6.0 MILES)

Leave Pavilion, TL along verge of Up Hatherley Way for 100m go through KG on L (which is recessed) & SO. X Fld to gate & SO X 2 Flds. & X Chargrove Lane (600m). Go through gate opposite; continue SO under pylon, keep hedge on L through KG in corner (100m). Follow hedge on your R, through 2 Flds with KGs (300m) into recreation ground. Keep hedge on your R pass behind Sports Pavilion. At concrete path TR along footpath towards Shurdington Church. TL at junction with School Lane X rd & after 100m TR & enter churchyard on the corner. **(1)**

DISTANCE COMPLETED – 1.1 MILES

Go through churchyard & by the church door TL & X Stl & SO - X Fld & Stl & TR. In 50m X footbridge. T sharp L, keeping hedge on your L & X Stl & track, BR go SO under water pipe & through gap in fence & hedge. BL X Fld for 300m pass under power lines.

Go through gate & head diagonally X Fld for 300m to large metal barn in the corner & BL X over Stl. Follow hedge line on your R for 600m, At end BR & go through gate onto Cold Pool Lane. TL & proceed CAREFULLY along lane for 600m to X Rd at Badgeworth Lane where there is a WATER POINT

DISTANCE COMPLETED – 2.9 MILES

Cross Rd and continue SO for 250m to Badgeworth Church. Enter churchyard & follow metal path to church then TR past the West Door & follow X church yard & exit to R of toilet **(2)** & go through a short tunnel of trees. At road TR. In 15m & TL through wooden gate. Go diagonally L X Fld. Pass through small copse X over bridge & go L following stream & field edge.

After 3 KGs (350m) BR diagonally across Fld for 200m. Go through KG & TR along green lane. Pass through 2 KGs & BR up slope to Road. TL to Churchdown & go over the M5. **(3)** After 80m X Rd & TR onto footpath signed *Gloucestershire Way*. X Stl & follow track down to concrete bridge & BL head for brick arch set in the railway embankment ahead.

DISTANCE COMPLETED – 3.8 MILES

Go through tunnel over Stl & TL, following edge of Fld. After 200m X Stl & go through a small thicket. X Stl TR & follow fence line to concrete track (leaving the *Gloucestershire Way*). TL along concrete track. In 100m, at