

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

**CONT = continue; EP = enclosed path; FB = footbridge (normally wood);
FPS = footpath (or bridleway) sign; KG = kissing gate; L = left;
R = right; RD = road; ST = stile; THRU = through; TK = track;
TL = turn left; TR = turn right; WM = waymark; X = cross;
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**). Follow **TK** (hedge on **L**) straight ahead to **RD** ... BUT ... just BEFORE **RD** turn **R** at gate. **CONT** downhill (hedge on **L** then wooden fence). **TL THRU** gap in wooden fence & up steps to **RD**. (1¼ miles)
- 2 **X MAIN RD** carefully. Ahead at **FPS** down steps bearing **R** then **L** for 50M **THRU** gap to **RD**. **X RD**. At **FPS THRU** gap (hedge & metal gate), **CONT HALF R** diagonally **X** field to hedge corner. **TL**, hedge on **L**, **THRU** 2 wide gaps to **X FB**. At **WM** Straight ahead. Now follow tracks near the river for 1¼ miles **Xing STs** and **FBs** (over ditches) en route but **NOT Xing** river yet. At 2nd metal railed 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 (seen soon), and pass **THRU** then ahead across field to exit by **WM** and **FB** to **RD**. (4¼ miles)

- 6** At **RD TL** for 400M. 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, 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**. **CONT** with hedge on **L** to **WM** at field corner.
- 8** **TR** following **TK**, ditch on **L**, for 100M to **TL** and **X FB** (**WM**) over ditch and straight ahead on **TK** (ditch on **L**) for 300M to arrive at **RD**.
- 9** **X RD** & **CONT** ahead on Byway 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 MAIN RD 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** just after electricity pole into **EP**. At end **TL**, follow **L** side of field to **X FB** in corner and **TR**. **CONT** 200M up **R** edge of field to **FPS** and **CONT** ahead **X** field aiming for **R(ish)** side of church spire.
- 13** At **WM X FB** and follow **L** edge of graveyard to pass **L** side of church exiting **THRU** gate to **RD**. **TL** and finish is 150M away by ***CROSSROADS**. (9½ miles)

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