

Stage 2 – Chellaston to Littleover Distance 7.9miles

Terrain: Mainly flat, towpath, fields long grass and pavement. Some Dairy cows.

1. Leave Checkpoint 1 on **SINFIN MOOR LANE**, continue on **SINFIN MOOR LANE** past **MOORBRIDGE FARM** and next to it, a riding school. Cross Infinity Way at the lights then turn immediately left along the track with the hedge on your right.
2. Follow the track **S** for about 0.7 miles, past a large **metre cube of concrete**, until the track becomes tarmac, eventually crossing over the **A50 BRIDGE**. Cross the canal (**WEAK BRIDGE SIGN**) take the path immediately **L** then **L** under **BRIDGE 15** with the Trent and Mersey Canal on your right.
3. Follow the canal **WEST** for a total of around 3 miles, passing under three bridges, cross the road **BRIDGE 19** at **STENSON LOCK** and continue on the tow path with the canal on your right. **Cross the canal at BRIDGE 20** and re-join the tow path the other side, canal on your left.
4. Pass under the railway **BRIDGE 20A** then look for a gap in the hedge (DN) just before the bench on the right.
5. Follow the path **N** for 100 yards before climbing steps, turning **L** and then **R** to pass **under A50**. Once on the other side of the A50 follow the tarmac track to (**COMMON PIECE LANE**) Do not go through the Nature reserve (marked DN) for another 300 yards until the outskirts of **FINDERN** are reached.
6. At end of **COMMON PIECE LANE**, observe sign **SYCAMORE AVENUE** and turn **R** into **SYCAMORE AVENUE (LEAVE DN AT THIS POINT)** which soon bends around to the **L**. Ignore **BEECH DRIVE** on the **R** then after three houses take an alley on the **R HOUSE #12 SYCAMORE AVENUE** will be on your right, between more houses and out onto the turning circle at the end of **HAZEL CLOSE**. Cross the turning area **HALF-RIGHT (HOUSE #19 HAZEL GROVE** will be on your **RHS**) to exit the estate via another alley leading out into fields.

Go straight keeping parallel to triple power lines on your right in 1st field. Cross **DALE BROOK**.

In second field aim for yellow post in the middle of the field and then exit field via gate straight ahead.

In third field exit gate is in **LH** diagonal corner but keep to perimeter of field following hedge round clockwise (to your left). Through the gate and turn immediately right and head up the track to the farm.

7. **The path through the buildings is a little difficult:** pass through the yard/stables keeping the boundary on the right, past the forklifts marked by yellow public footpath marker and take the path in the back right corner (lots of large can containers) through the gap in the hedge and along, keep the riding area on your left. ***Please take mind to respect the horses and riders and to cause minimum stress to the horses.***

8. Leaving the stables follow the path roughly **N-E** across another 13 or so fields.

- Field 1: Fence on **RHS** to Kissing Gate
- Field 2: Straight to **R** of Tree Kissing Gate
- Field 3: Kissing Gate in gap in hedge
- Field 4: Keep hedge on right. Kissing Gate to **R** of metal gate by brick barn.
- Field 5: Keep hedge on **RHS** Kissing Gate.
- Field 6: Keep hedge on **RHS** Gate and stile in **RHS** near pylon.
- Field 7: Keep hedge on **LHS**, cross under power lines. Kissing Gate is on **R** of gate
- Field 8: 10 yards to Kissing Gate under power line.
- Field 9: Keep hedge on **RHS**. Sleeper bridge and Gate in top **RHS**
- Field 10: Take right to go round then left at the corner. Keep hedge on right to gate and stile in row of trees.
- Field 11: Through the gate, follow the mown lawn round the field **LHS** and ahead past the pylon, ahead is a metal gate and wooden gate and pass through the gateway & stile to the side of the farm (marked as avoiding farm yard) keeping **HALL PASTURES FARM** on **RHS**.
- Field 12: Aim for middle of opposite hedge, Long grassed fields
- Field 13: Top **RH** corner, pedestrian gate to farm drive junction with track by duck pond. ***BEWARE OF THE DROP ON THE LEFT along the fence.***

9. Here turning **L** alongside a duck pond on right hand side following a cycle path NOT marked on OS maps. ***CROSS THE B-ROAD AT SK323322 WITH CARE*** then continue to follow the cycle track through a housing estate. ***Do not take cycle track exits on the R from this path;*** DO pass a children's play area with slide etc. keep the hedge on your **L**, cross another single track giveaway road, keeping hedge on your left heading along round a **L** hand bend until a foot bridge over a brook is crossed, then turn **R** to exit onto **HOLLYBROOK WAY**. turn **L** and stay on the **L** hand pavement around a **R** hand bend until Checkpoint **2** at the **HOLLYBROOK INN** is reached on the **L**.