

Palterton Village Hall to Langwith Bassett Community Hall – 3.5 miles

1. Leave the checkpoint retracing your steps to walk past the bus stop and along the road, passing the school on your left. At the end of this road (Back Lane) turn left until you reach a fork in the road. Take the right fork, leaving the village. At the give way sign carefully cross the road to a public bridleway opposite.
2. Carry on along this track for about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile until you reach a road. On reaching the road turn right and cross over carefully to the lay by opposite.
3. At the far end of the lay by you will find a finger post, take the path into the field. Walk in the field to the left follow the footpath with the hedge close to you on your right. You will be able to see a path to your left by the edge of the wooded area.
4. Continue to follow the path with the hedge on your right until you enter the corner of the copse. Here there are a number of paths. Choose the central path ahead marked public footpath which, when on it, quickly bears slightly left. The path soon has a tall wire fence to your right and dips down hill, you will meet a wooden stile as the path levels out and you will soon hear water, the River Poulter.
5. Follow the path past a pond on your left and a wire fence will appear on the left. Continue until you meet another path, bear left and follow this path, bear left again at the next fork and on entering the wood bear right at the next fork.
6. Follow the wide path directly through the wood, it starts on a downward slope and almost levels out after about 200 metres. Continue ahead, the path bears right and starts down at a wooden private no entry gate. You will see private tracks and gates off to the left and right occasionally.
7. The wide path eventually narrows and climbs up to meet a hedged field on your right, wooded area to your left. After $\frac{1}{4}$ mile the path swings left drops and swings right, still with wooded area on your left, hedge on your right bordering fields. You will be able to see a wind turbine to your right.
8. Follow the path down to a metal gate, pass the gate and bear right when you come to the road, Cross the road to the Devonshire Arms public house and walk to the red phone box with the pub on your right. At the phone box carefully cross to the other side of the road and turn to the right. continue along the road for 100 metres passing Bassett Farm and the Meadows on your left. **You will find the next checkpoint, Langwith Bassett Community Hall on your left.**