

Friday 6th April: OUTLINE of SHORT ROUTE 30km (19miles)

This route takes you for a look at the River Avon flood plain, then up onto the open heathland of the Forest to the village of Burley. The only cafés on this route are nearly at the end in Burley.

- Leaving Avon Tyrrell you head for the old wartime Holmsley Airfield, one of eleven in the New Forest. Built in the summer of 1942 it opened for flying in September while still under construction. RAF Coastal Command was the first unit operating there until December 1943, after which control of the airfield passed to the 2nd Tactical Air Force. In October 1944 it was taken over by Transport Command and they were the main user until the airfield closed in October 1946.
- A very short diversion off to the right (see Brown Sign) will take you to the Memorial to the New Forest Airfields of World War 2, erected in August 2002 – worth a visit.
- Riding along quiet wooded roads you then leave the trees and come to the Avon Valley floodplain and to Bockhampton, where the Lamb Pub may offer refreshment opportunities.
- Cycling up Harpway Lane you pass some securely fenced but anonymous white flat-roofed buildings on your left said to be part of a secret government document store.
- After passing through some villages including Sopley, North Ripley and Sandford you climb out of the Avon Valley into the Forest and cross open heathland to Burley Street.
- Skirting to the north of the main village of Burley, you then descend into the village itself. Burley is a bustling little village, with plenty of tourist shops (you cannot miss the connection with witches!), several cafes and the Queen's Head pub, a Post Office and a grocer's and butcher's shop. The cycle hire shop is helpful with spare parts.

**Tandem Club Rally
Easter 2012**

**Short Ride:
River Avon flood plain, Burley**

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km	Instruction	total
0.0	L at T from UK Youth	
0.6	Over CG and SO at X 6' 6" sign into Forest Road	0.6
2.4	R at T (no sp)	3.0
2.3	SO at X (sp Godwincroft) into Lyndhurst Rd	5.3
0.7	L at T (sp Burton) still Lyndhurst Rd	5.9
1.4	R on LH bend (no sp) into Hawthorn Road	7.3
0.1	1st L (no sp) into Tin Yard Lane	7.4
0.8	L at T (no sp)	8.2
0.4	R at T beside Lamb Inn (no sp) into Burley Rd and immed	8.5
0.1	L (sp Ripley) into Harpway Lane	8.6
1.0	SO at X (sp Ripley) still Harpway lane	9.5
3.6	L at T (sp Ringwood)	13.1
2.6	R and immed R at grass triangle (sp Crow)	15.7
2.2	CG	17.9
0.3	R at T (no sp)	18.2
1.70	R at T (no sp) 30mph sign	19.9
0.35	2nd L (no sp) into Forest Rd (6' 6" sign)	20.3
0.40	Ford	20.7
1.40	L at T (no sp)	22.1
0.4	1st R before 40mph zone sign into Mill Lane and thro 2 fords	22.4
1.4	L at T into Lester Square and follow road uphill to Right	23.8
0.8	R at T (sp Burley)	24.6
1.40	L (no sp) at Burley Cross into Pound Lane	26.0
3.47	R (sp Avon Tyrrel) into Braggers Lane and over CG	29.5
0.50	R into UK Youth FINISH	30.0

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0.4	L at T (sp Burton) still Lyndhurst Rd	3.7
0.9	R on LH bend (no sp) into Hawthorn Road	4.5
0.0	1st L (no sp) into Tin Yard Lane	4.6
0.5	L at T (no sp)	5.1
0.2	R at T beside Lamb Inn (no sp) into Burley Rd and immed	5.3
0.0	L (sp Ripley) into Harpway Lane	5.3
0.6	SO at X (sp Ripley) still Harpway lane	5.9
2.2	L at T (sp Ringwood)	8.2
1.6	R and immed R at grass triangle (sp Crow)	9.8
1.4	CG	11.1
0.2	R at T (no sp)	11.3
1.1	R at T (no sp) 30mph sign	12.4
0.2	2nd L (no sp) into Forest Rd (6' 6" sign)	12.6
0.2	Ford	12.8
0.9	L at T (no sp)	13.7
0.2	1st R before 40mph zone sign into Mill Lane and thro 2 fords	13.9
0.9	L at T into Lester Square and follow road uphill to Right	14.8
0.5	R at T (sp Burley)	15.3
0.9	L (no sp) at Burley Cross into Pound Lane	16.1
2.2	R (sp Avon Tyrrel) into Braggers Lane and over CG	18.3
0.3	R into UK Youth FINISH	18.6