

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April: OUTLINE of SHORT ROUTE 44km (27miles)

This route starts through Burley heading south-east through Sway to reach Lymington. The return route skirts the southern edge of the Forest, crosses the A35 into open forest and comes back to Avon Tyrrell via a cycle track on the former Brockenhurst to Ringwood railway line.

- From Avon Tyrrell to Burley then around the fringes of the village on the forest edge.
- Re-join the Brockenhurst Road to dip under the A35. The section of straight road, after the A35, was built on the former Brockenhurst to Ringwood railway line hence the station tearooms on the right.
- Climb up to Wilverley Plain with long views to the right including Sway Tower in the distance (more about this later) and then to the left across the forest lawn of Horseshoe Bottom. After dipping into and climbing out of Long Slade Bottom you turn into Sway Village.
- Back in the open forest for a short way before leaving it across a cattlegrid to reach Pennington Common and Pennington itself, which is now merged with the built up area of Lymington.
- The route crosses the A337 then skirts the south of Lymington to reach the Lymington River at the Town Quay. The Quay was once a busy commercial port exporting salt to Newfoundland and timber for boat building to Norway. A brewery on the quay shipped beer to the Isle of Wight. While still home to about 12 commercial fishing boats, today it is a tourist destination with berths for visiting leisure boats. The Puffin ferry operates a foot passenger service to the Isle of Wight in summer months. There are public toilets on the Quay.
- From the Quay into the town centre High Street. Lymington is a Georgian market town. The weekly street market is held on Saturdays (morning and early afternoon). There is a local museum in New Street with interesting displays about all aspects of history and life of Lymington. There are numerous pubs, restaurants, cafes and fish and chips. You leave Lymington along New Street (beside Costa Coffee), to head north out of town.
- Continuing on small lanes at one point you eventually arrive in Flexford Lane. In this lane are various houses and lodges constructed with mass concrete and at the top of the lane on your left is Peterson's Tower. Andrew Peterson made his fortune in India as a barrister. When he retired to the New Forest he became interested in experimenting with mass unreinforced concrete construction and built various concrete buildings, including a grand house, for himself, piggeries, lodges, a trial tower and Peterson's Tower itself. Intended to be a mausoleum for himself, it is 218ft high with 13 storeys built with moving shuttering over a 5-year period – all by hand with one donkey to power the winch. As you continue along Barrows Lane you can see other buildings, the trial tower and the piggeries.
- The route continues through Tiptoe village. Quiet now, but in the 1880s this was where Mary Girling's Shaker religious sect set up camp to await the second coming of Christ. Scandals of weird rituals and nudity escalated to end with questions in the House of Commons and headlines in the Times newspaper.
- The route enters the open forest again north of New Milton and after a right / left zigzag to cross the A35, you cross a couple of fords and descend into a dip to turn left onto the cyclepath along the old railway track. The incongruous house here is on the site of a former small crossing keeper's cottage. The track leads to a car park on the road back to Avon Tyrrell

km	Instruction	total
0.0	L at T from UK Youth	
0.6	Over CG and L at X (sp Burley)	0.6
3.5	R at T at Burley Cross (sp Brockenhurst) and immed	4.0
0.1	L beside Queen's Head PH into Chapel Lane	4.1
0.6	R (no sp) into Beechwood Lane	4.7
0.8	Follow road sharp R into Bennetts Lane	5.5
0.7	L at X (no sp)	6.2
1.9	CG	8.0
2.1	CG	10.1
1.0	R (sp Sway) and R at T (no sp)	11.1
2.0	1st R (sp Sway)	13.1
0.5	CG and immed L (no sp) into Manchester Rd	13.6
1.2	L at T (no sp) and CG and immed	14.8
0.0	R (sp Pennington) into Pitmore Lane	14.9
1.1	CG	16.0
1.8	SO at X (sp Pennington)	17.8
2.3	L (7.5T lorry restriction) into North St [Musketeer PH on Left]	20.1
0.6	SO at O (sp Riverside Marinas)	20.7
0.7	L at mini-O into Belmore Lane	21.4
0.2	1st R (no sp) into Daniels Walk	21.6
0.4	R at T (no sp) into Church Lane and	22.0
0.1	1st L (no sp) into Grove Rd	22.1
0.4	R (actually SO) at T (no sp) into Nelson Place	22.5
0.1	1st L as road turns sharp R into Quay Rd	22.6
0.1	Lymington Quay (and Quay hill - cobbled and pedestrianised)	22.7
0.2	Retrace and R at T (no sp)	22.9
<b>0.3</b>	<b>Follow road R to L at T (no sp) and climb hill into Lymington High St</b>	23.2
0.3	R into New Street between Boots and Costa Coffee	23.5
0.4	L at T (sp New Milton) and immed R (no sp) beside Borough Arms PH into Lower Buckland Rd	23.9
0.9	R at T onto A337 and immediate	24.8
0.0	L (sp Hordle) into Sway Rd	24.8
0.8	Fork R (sp Passford House Hotel) into Mount Pleasant	25.7
1.6	L (no sp) beside battlement hedge on right into Kings Hyde	27.2
0.4	R at T (no sp) and	27.7
0.1	1st L (no sp) into Kings Lane	27.7
0.9	L at T (no sp)	28.6
0.3	L at T (no sp)	28.8
0.7	1st R (no sp) into Flexford Lane and over bridge	29.5
0.9	R at T (no sp) into Barrows Lane	30.5
0.8	SO at X (no sp) 14'3" sign	31.2
1.2	L at T (no sp) Mead End Rd	32.4

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1.2 R at T (no sp) opposite Tiptoe Garage	33.7
1.2 CG	34.9
0.4 R at T (sp Lyndhurst) into Holmsley Rd	35.3
2.1 CG and R at T (sp Lyndhurst) [fast traffic]	37.4
0.4 1st L (no sp) 40mph zone sign	37.8
0.6 2 fords	38.5
0.8 CG	39.2
0.4 L onto gravel cyclepath in dip where it crosses road (isolated house on left beside track)	39.6
2.0 At barrier walk R on gravel path and through car park to road	41.7
0.2 L at T from car park and over bridge	41.8
1.7 R (sp Avon Tyrrel) into Braggers Lane and over CG	43.6
0.5 R into UK Youth FINISH	44.1

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