

## **8 - Harthill to Van Dyk Hotel --- 2.97 miles**

1. *Exit the car park opposite house No. 13 and turn left to walk up the road. At the mini roundabout, **turn right to follow the road towards Barlborough Cam.** This is Union Street. As you reach Union School, Union Street becomes Winney Lane. **Continue straight ahead** and the road starts to climb uphill, passing the village hall and a chip shop*
2. *Approximately 110m beyond the chip shop and immediately before a bungalow named 55 Winney Hill, you will see a metal public footpath sign. **Turn left to walk up the lane as indicated.** This lane climbs very steeply, wooden fence on your right, into an open field with hedge on your left.*
3. *At the top of the hill, **go round the chicane stile.** Continue straight ahead along the field edge – very open field on your right. You now have a very clear view of the wind turbines. The track starts to bend slightly left and swings down to meet a tarmac road – this is Harthill Field Lane. **Here turn right.***
4. *After about 400m, the lane swings right, then 50m later swings round to the left. 120m later you come to a tree in the hedgerow on your right where there is a stile. **Cross over to walk along the field heading towards the farm – hedgerow on your right.***
5. *Approximately 20m before the end of the field, you will see a gap in the hedge – **pass through and continue walking towards the farm as indicated by the yellow arrow on the wooden post.** Hedge on your left.*
6. *On reaching the farm buildings you will see a gate. **Go through and walk between the buildings as indicated by the yellow arrow.** You are now passing through Grange Farm.*
7. *At the end of the farm buildings **turn 90° left and go through a gate, then turn 90° to a small stile on the right of a fence.** Cross over and continue straight ahead – hedge on your right and open field on your left. There may be cattle and a bull in this field – be very wary.*
8. *Once at the far side of the field you will see a stile - **cross over and turn right as indicated by the yellow arrow.** Walk along the top of the next field with hedge on your right.*
9. *At the point where the hedge ends **turn 45° left to walk diagonally across a field** (you will see a small copse in the distance, use this as a guide to cross this field). Once across the field you meet a stump in the ground on which is a yellow arrow on a green background on it. **This leads you across the next field towards the left of the farm buildings (Castle Hill Farm) where you will meet another crossing over a fence.***
10. *Once over the stile **continue straight ahead, with the farm buildings on your right, towards another stile over a fence as indicated by the yellow arrow.** Cross over and **continue straight ahead still with farm buildings on your right.***
11. *On your right you will see a fence post and a gated entrance, at this point **turn right and then immediate left to walk down the lane leading away from the farm.** This becomes a tarmac lane with hedge on your left and fields on your right.*
12. *After a while the lane descends and the hedge on your left disappears and then you get hedge on your right. The lane starts to rise gently to meet a road. After about ½ mile you reach Walls Lane. **Turn left and then immediate right as indicated by the public footpath sign to walk up a second lane.***
13. *On reaching the gate, pass through the gap on the left and continue along the track heading towards a stone cottage. You will notice a couple of small ponds. Once past the cottage **continue along the tarmac lane.***

14. *At the end of the lane you meet the A619. **Here turn right, do not cross but walk along the grass verge for approximately 200m until you reach some buildings. On reaching the gate to the property called South Gate, cross over the road.***
15. ***Once across turn right to walk along the pavement past Van Dyk Hotel and then the garden centre. The checkpoint is at the far end of the garden centre car park.***

**This is checkpoint 8.**