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## Bad weather route – Winter Half Tour of Bradwell – Route Description

This document is provided to assist you in navigating your way around the race route safely and is to be read in conjunction with the supplied Race Map.

### To Checkpoint 1

From the start follow the flags through the field. Continue up to the next gate and follow the wall up the left edge of the steep field to emerge through a gate onto Brough Lane (track). Turn Right. Continue on this track as it climbs and bends leftwards around the head of Overdale where the angle eases and you get to punch at CP1 on the small bridlegate, just where the Abney track joins **NB: Not the wide gate and stile**. Close it behind you.

### Checkpoint 1 – 2/3

Now you may get a view of the route ahead. Continue on the main track passed the mast, then start the track descent into Shatton. At the bottom of the hill, turn Right and follow the road through Shatton to the road crossing. Once you have punched, your timer stops to allow you time to cross the road safely – it resumes again when you've crossed the road and punched the control on the gate, Checkpoint 3.

### Checkpoint 3 – 4

Pass through the gate, pass under the railway line and turn immediately left on the footpath which follows the edge of the field to the Quaker House. Turn Left and then Right to pop out on the disused railway line, the DVH Way. Take the first footpath on the Left, a single track leading up into the middle of Thornhill. Where you meet the road, turn Right and take the next Left turn. Follow this road for 300m to a Right turn up a no through road and at its end continue direct up the footpath, gently climbing towards Win Hill. Stay on this path uphill to the gateway, Checkpoint 4.

### Checkpoint 4 – 5

Follow the wall line on the left, climbing slightly then flat and descending to the biggest wall stile in the world! Over and down the fields below to reach the road at Aston. Traffic! Turn Right on the road and follow it passing Birchfield Hall to the next Right turn, along the drive to Farfield Farm. Keep straight on, under the railway line, past the cemetery to turn Left on the road to emerge at Killhill Bridge. Continue to the Edale road, turn Right and follow this to the Left fork towards Losehill Hall Hotel. Head up the road, bearing Left at the fork to take the next stile on the Right, the sunken path up towards Lose Hill. Where the path towards the summit continues direct after leaving the trees, trend leftwards contouring with the wall line towards Lose Hill Farm. Continue on the footpath on the uphill side of the farm, to Checkpoint 5, at the SE corner of the trees.

### Checkpoint 5 – 6

Immediately head off due South, downhill on the footpath leading to Spring House Farm. Just after the farm, turn Right on the footpath heading West to pass behind the YHA Losehill Hall. Take the next Left to follow the track to a junction with the road just before Spital Bridge. TRAFFIC. Cross the road with care and heading into Castleton, take the Footpath on the Left, signed to Hope. Follow this on track then field paths to Checkpoint 6 at the railway.

### Checkpoint 6 – Finish

Nearly there! Cross the railway with care and continue in the same line following the field paths alongside Peakshole Water to meet the Pindale Road just outside Hope. Turn Left and in a few metres turn Right up Eccles Lane, the road straight back to Bradwell. Appreciate the scale of the cement works either side of the road, keep on this to the road junction.

TRAFFIC. Cross with care to the Sports Club and the finish on the field.