



### **Stage 3 Sutton Bassett to Braybrooke 6.1 miles**

(estimated start time 10.40 a.m)

Starting from the Dingley Road, just south of Sutton Bassett approx. 200 metres from Harborough Road, run in the opposite direction to the incoming runner towards Sutton Bassett at the junction with Harborough Road.

Turn right into a narrow tarmacked track.

Carry on past Lodge Farm buildings on your left.

Through a gate onto a broad track (Midshires Way).

With hedgerow on the right follow the track uphill mainly to a gateway which merges with MacMillan Way and go through the gate, turn right follow the track uphill until you come to a corner section of hedgerows. Right in the corner of the hedges is a gate.

The path goes on to the right with the hedgerow on the left now.

Carry on and bear right where two tracks merge and then still with hedgerow on the left carry on for another 500 metres and there is a gate and stile on the left where the path changes direction to the left.

Continue downhill to the next gate onto the edge of a crop field with hedge on the right.

There is a warning of a badger set on this section (take care as they are huge!).

Just off the corner of the field is a gateway, the gate itself is broken and in the hedge.

Go straight on through crop field 200 metres to a gate and stile.

The path proceeds diagonally uphill to merge with another track, follow on to the right with hedge on the left for 200 metres, on the left is a gate and stile – you need to go over the stile across the field at an acute angle to a stile just to the left of the corner of the field.

This takes you onto the A427 west of Brampton Ash.

You must cross the road at this point.

**DO NOT carry on the main track to the A427.**

**The road crossing from the stile is direct and is much safer and MUST be used!**

Take care crossing the busy road to a stile on the opposite side of the road.

Brampton church is to your left but aim to the right of the church.

The path is diagonal across the field to a gate at the end of a small spinney.

Follow the path signs in same direction crossing through gates of a small plantation strip.

Follow the line of a fence on the left with farm buildings which comes out onto the road through two stiles.

Turn right and carry on down the road for about 1 ¼ miles where the road then leads on to the right to the A6 bypass island.

**DO NOT CROSS THE A6 HERE.**

Just before you get to the first T junction after Hermitage Cottages, there is a track off to the right, follow track to the main road 100 metres where there is a recognised crossing to the right of the A6 island.

Great care will be needed still but you must cross here!

Opposite is a gate marked Jurassic Way, this leads on through an Equestrian centre and is clearly marked-leading onto the road.

Turn left under the railway bridge and onto the Braybrooke Desborough road.

You must stay on the road, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE RAILWAY ANYWHERE OFF ROAD.**

Turn right and run on the road into Braybrooke, carry on through the village over the medieval bridge crossing the river Jordan.

Turn left at the church carry on past the church and into New road with new houses on the left (Do not go back up Griffen road into the village).

The changeover is just past the last house on a farm track going away from the village.