

LEG 2 – TOLLARD ROYAL TO OKEFORD HILL Distance – 5.1m approx.

START POINT... GPS = 50.916255, -2.194988 **WHAT3WORDS** – printer.runs.jaundice

END POINT... GPS = 50.883090, -2.267675 **WHAT3WORDS** – facing.saddens.tactical

The second leg of the Wessex Ridgeway Relay takes us from the A350 to Okeford Hill, near the beacon. You will head through Shroton before beginning the climb up to the ancient hill fort, Hambledon Hill. After crossing the river, and going through Shillingstone there is a 2nd steep climb up to Okeford Hill. There are a few road crossings – please take care.

1. **0.00m – NOTE – The marshal will pass you a wrist band, begin the leg when instructed by the marshal!** Head Southwest along Frog Lane towards Shroton (Iwerne Courtney). You can see Hambledon Hill in the distance.



2. **0.3m** – At the crossroads, leave the road and take the footpath (follow the signpost to Fairfield Road)



3. **0.32m** – Continue to the right to take the footpath.



4. **0.45m** – At the end of the footpath, join Fairfield Road, heading South



5. **0.5m** – Continue along the road until you reach the cricket pitch, head over the stile to begin the climb up Hambledon Hill. Once over the stile, head left and follow the chalk track.



6. **0.65m** – Take the right-hand path, heading West up the hill. Continue on the track until you reach the trig point.



7. **1.30m** – At the top of Hambledon Hill (near the trig point), turn left onto the footpath heading Southeast.





8. **1.45m** – Through the gate, continue straight following the edge of the field. Signposted Hanford 3/4m



9. **1.55m** – Follow field around to the left, keep the woodland to your right. Heading Southwest.



10. **1.75m** – Through the gate, continue down the hill.



11. **1.9m** – At the bottom of the hill, head right through the gate, follow the wooded track to join the road



12. **2.0m** – Left to join the road – take care on the road section!



13. **2.2m** – Turn right into Handford School, heading Southwest. You can see Okeford Hill in the distance, this is your destination!



14. **2.35m** – Veer right at the fork, heading towards the farmyard.



15. **2.4m** – Turn right and pass through the double gates. Continue straight across the farmyard.





16. **2.45m** – Over the gate, continue straight over the field, heading West.



17. **2.7m** – At the far end of the field, through the gate, following the path left into the woodland. Heading South.





18. **2.85m** – Stay on the path until you reach the gate at the end of the woodland, heading South. Go through the gate and continue straight, keeping the river to your right.



19. **3.0m** – Turn right and cross the river bridge, through the gate on the far side and bear slight left across the field, heading West.



20. **3.1m** – Through the gate, continue along the track, under the railway bridge, continue to the road junction.



21. **3.5m** – Carefully cross the road, through the gate and head to the far end of the field, heading South



22. 3.65m – Head through the gate, turn right to head along the road.



23. **3.7m** – Turn left at the T junction, heading Southeast.



24. **3.75m** – Ignore the first track on the right, stay on the road.



25. **3.8m** – Take the 2nd track on the right (follow the signpost to Okeford Hill).



26. **4.3m** – At the top of the hill, take the right-hand fork, follow the signpost to Okeford Hill, heading South.



27. **4.35m** – Continue straight, do not take the right-hand fork.



28. **4.5m** – Continue straight, heading Southwest.



29. **4.75m** – Continue straight, do not take the righthand fork. Heading Southwest.



30. **4.85m** – Continue on the track into the wood.



31. 4.95m – Straight on, pass around the gate, heading West.



32. **5.1m** – You have reached the changeover point for Leg 3! Carefully cross the road and pass the wrist band to your next runner.

