

## Written Description for the Round Rotherham 2008

<b>Directions:</b> L left R right ½L, ½R half left, half right X cross X Rds cross roads SA straight ahead	<b>Codes:</b> BR bridge FP footpath FB footbridge RWY railway CP car park RD road	<i>recent changes are in italics</i>  L bank: refers to left bank of river or stream as viewed, not necessarily as it flows
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Leave Event Centre, follow College road to roundabout, cross it to Manvers roundabout. Take 3rd exit Barnsley A6023 (to right of MANVERS sign) on FP/cycle track. Pass 4 roundabouts. Continue on FP to fork. ½ L, then R, up slope to Blue Bridge. Cross BR, L, then ½ R across grass to lakeside path. At end of lake, ½ L (do not cross bridge) to path junction. L along main (level) hard-surfaced FP, signed TPT. Keep on this hard-surfaced FP, under bridges, and follow it right across a BR to a RD. Cross RD, under metal arch, after 200 m ½ L, signed Elsecar, on narrow path, cross RD (under another arch). Surfaced path, parallel to dual carriageway, to access RD to Retail Park. Cross Rd, R of Morrisons, down slope, following surfaced path, ½ R after clear area, eventually joining canal towpath. Follow canal 1 km to yard in **Elsecar**. Follow fence on L by RWY to stile, L on track, over level crossing. ½ R on track uphill, sweep R to top of field, take path into woods. Path (rutted) sweeps R down and L up. At end of wood, take track (½R) (NOT field path ½L). Follow track to RD. Turn L, follow RD to cross roads (**Wentworth**). SA. ½ R then 600 m along surfaced track. ½L (concrete track @ 4-way junction by house). Cross track. Downhill path between fences/hedges, L following stream then R & L at gated BR, R uphill to track, L & R to RD, L through **Thorpe Hesley** to X Rds. R then L down fenced steps at first RD corner into housing estate, to RD at bottom of hill. R then L down fenced path. Cross stream, ½L through hedge, take R path to gap/stile on R. Straight uphill to crest of ridge. L, follow ridge 1 km to RD, R through **Scholes** to 90° R bend in rd where take FP ½L for 20 m, then R uphill across open land 500 m to Keppels Column (landscape feature). Cross stile behind column (NOT corner of field) to RD in housing estate, turn R, L at main RD, first RD R (golf signs). Continue 100 m, turn L (RD junction) 100 m to RD bend. R at gates in security fence, follow path/surfaced path between fences and hedge, SA down, CP at park RD **GRANGE Checkpoint (1) Grid Reference SK 391940 (open 07:30 to 10:40)**

Follow fence round football pitches, L at corner. At end of low wooden pole fence, R along edge of rough ground to small path. Contour across slope (take care) to larger path, then L steep downhill, cross path, ½R path, cross stream at BR. R uphill to RD. Cross to track, uphill 200 m, with fences on R - ignore gates even if open, R at gap with handrails in hedge just after fencing. In field follow chain link fence on R to RD. **Hilltop**. SA on fenced path at L of new houses. SA and slightly R alongside fence to pylon at bottom of hill. Cross stile by pylon, drop to RD, cross to track, through steel gates (to be opened on the day), for 30 m, R down small path to R at wooden gateposts, cross rough land/stile to RD. (NB if there are any problems at this track, see \$\$ below) Turn L for 200 m to bus shelters. Turn R after TDE before Roebuck - path in small gap between security fences, R in front of next security fence, parallel to railway, to another small gap to FB over RWY, down steps and R along R bank of river for 1 km. Pass locks, L, cross BR, FP to RD, **Tinsley**. Cross RD, turn R then L after bus stop to service RD then follow main RD (Bawtry Rd) past Pike and Heron and schools. After 1 km turn R (Park House Lane, the RD after the school). At end, just before DHL CP, turn L on fenced path for 30 m, turn R still between (damaged) fences to field, follow fence on L to stile and RD, turn R, go under BR, turn R down Wood Lane (name board was missing). L at end, at new roundabout (The Car People on L, airport on R), follow RD to roundabout after bus shelter. L on site RD, cross site works, follow line of landing lights to field/site corner adjacent to main RD, down steps and follow fence below main RD and R after bridge. Then L on obscure at end of security fence on path across rough land, fork R twice, emerge onto open land then L alongside hedge to FP to L of wooden fence in front of houses. Follow FP, cross RD, FP between fences. Follow RD to **Catcliffe**. L at main RD, R at mini roundabout, follow RD to L bend, past track (to Wilf Jay's), R at FP sign, through gate up bank, follow path to fence, turn L. Follow fence, R at corner, then L to cross FB over RWY.

(\$\$ if there are any problems at gated track, follow road to Left (slightly uphill), then Right down Richmond Rd (1st on R) to bottom, R and at main Rd SA to path opposite)

**TREETON checkpoint (2) Grid Ref. SK 427874 (Open 8:40 to 12:00)**

Take track by RWY for 400 m. At track junction go L, pass club house, at bend in track go R across concrete BR, follow lakeside path to terraced houses. 100 m SA to main RD, cross dual carriageway, turn R for 150 m - over BR. After joinery works, L on Public Footpath (Trans-Pennine Trail) between fences. Take cycle track alongside fence and under viaduct. Continue parallel to RWY, under (new) RD BR, R to RD and double back over BR. 100 m after RWY, R back along track to RWY (or down steep bank to track) to continue on opposite side of RWY to **Rother Valley Park**. At fence corner, ½L up flood bank, follow L bank of river to RD. SA along RD, follow park access RD to main RD. Cross RD, turn R (downhill). L along tarmac track just before stream (bridge). Follow track to canal, merge to towpath, uphill (**Norwood**). Follow canal bank. Continue 200 m after gate "Fishing Strictly Private", ½L then ½ R over rough land to stile. Follow R edge of field to motorway embankment, R on track, L under BR, R parallel to motorway. At fence corner, take trod ½L over hill to stile at summit, continue down to **Woodall** village. SA through village, L at FP (hidden) after Todd's cottage, before barn, across field aiming for church, 800 m to stile, ½R, 4 stiles in line, R across field to

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playground and stile to village hall, off car park, **HARTHILL checkpoint (3) Grid Reference SK 492806 (Open 9:45 to 14:00).**

Go onto RD, L, after pub take FP (snicket) to main RD, L then R up FP up steps AFTER wide drive. Follow FP, cross lane up access track to stile (½R). Follow path in line of hedges (3 stiles), aim for L side of woods. SA to second wood, ½R in front of wood to lane. Turn L then R on signed FP at stile, cross 3 fields to lane, cross lane, SA 2 km over fields aiming for path to R of farm in valley. Follow path past farm, along earthbanks, to RD (**Top Hall Farm**). Turn R, then ½L over stile (opposite RD junction) go diagonally across field to gap in hedge on R. Follow hedge at back of airfield, go through farm to lane, turn L (downhill), L at 1st junction, R at 2nd junction signed Turnerwood. Go SA at 1st bend on field path to lane, R to canal BR at **Turnerwood**. Follow L bank of small stream to stile, **cross railway by level crossing – obey marshal's instructions** - turn R, follow path on L bank of ditch to farm complex. At RD, turn L through gate up walled track to wood, down, cross BR and follow waymarked track through golf course to main RD. **Cross road – obey marshal's instructions** - (L and R) to track, past executive houses, L up lane (signed), down to cross-roads (Butchers Arms, **Woodsetts**), SA for 100 m, turn R to **WOODSETT Checkpoint (4) G. R. SK 555838 (Opens 10:45; Competitors arriving after 16:00 may be asked to retire)**

Go diagonally across playing field to stile, L along RD to end of village, L on track opposite shops. R after 400 m in front of hedge, SA 1 km across fields. After causeway between ponds turn L opposite house, cross fields to stile near Wallingwells house. Turn R along track, ½ R. After 600 m, just before tarmac RD/housing estate/first lamppost, take hidden path through shrubs to L then R of field (at edge of housing estate – **Carlton-in-Lindrick**) to RD. Turn L, 200 m, turn acute R on FP. *Warning – this FP is overgrown and flooded at access point – continue 15 m along RD, R back on yourself. Regain FP when possible.* After 600 m ½ L, turn R across parkland to BR by swimming pool and park RD by **Langold Lake**. Turn R, then L across dam, follow park RD to park gate. Turn L, after 20 m turn R on FP at back of parking area. Follow FP through woods to stile. Turn L along track past fields, through wood to lane. Cross to (initially) wide track, downhill to **FIRBECK Checkpoint (5) in hall. Grid Reference SK 564886 (open 11:30 to 17:30)**

Turn L along RD. After 100 m, turn R (opposite RD) along signed FP/track. Follow zig-zag track. After L corner in earthwall, go SA (ignore FP sign) along hedge. After 400 m, turn R at gate, go L of house to track, turn L. At lane, go sharp R down then up to main RD. Turn L, after 20 m at gateway go over stile and turn R aiming for stile just R of ruin (**Roche Abbey**). Follow path/track to R of stream for 1.5 km. Go ½R uphill to pylon, turn L then L under RWY (small BR). Continue along path/track (crossing lane) to playing field. ½L to stile, cross fields (more stiles) then R into Maltby churchyard, out at lych gate, go uphill, turn R at T junction, cross RD then L up broad steps, cross main RD (**Maltby**), go up side RD (B-road) past schools. Follow round to L, then SA on minor RD where B-road bends R. 600 m to **MALTBY checkpoint (6)** (on L of RD at grassy area) **Grid Reference SK 519925 (Opens 12:00; Competitors arriving after 19:00 may be asked to retire)**

Continue along RD, SA at crossroads to track. L in front of gate, follow wall round, first down 50 m, turn R, 100 m, ½R up walled track. Follow track 1.5 km to RD at farm. Turn R follow RD 200 m then L to Micklebring. Follow RD through village to 4-way junction. Turn ½R, (L of small village green) to FP (signed) after barn after last house on L Follow path on L of field to stile at L corner (below M18 motorway). Take path alongside fence (below M18) over 3 stiles to surfaced track. Turn R, under motorway, then L on track parallel to M18. After 100 m, R at stile, indistinct path (field edge) to FB (planks) over stream and R round end of hedge. Defined FP across field to gap in hedge, cross railway cutting on bridge. Cross stile to left of gate after bridge. Follow track to L of fence (small trees on left), to end of fence. Cross track. Cross small field, to L end of hedge at opening. Don't go through opening but take track to L of hedge to left of opening, to R of a field. Follow track above reservoir (on left) and L of fenced area to hamlet. Turn R at track (beware of stone blocks blocking end of track). You are now on the old route at Firsby Hall Farm. Follow track between buildings first L and then R down over stream. Turn L on signed FP across field (uphill) to escarpment, ½ R to woods, immediately turn L down FP (½ L, following L edge of wood). Becomes track, then lane. At main RD (**Hooton Roberts**) go SA down lane, ½ R. Lane becomes track. Follow to L at end in field to gate, go down field to **OLD DENABY checkpoint (7)** at RD **Grid Reference SK 479988 (Open 12:45 to 21:30)**

Go R along RD, bends R, turn L at telephone box (Ferry Boat Lane). **Cross railway by level crossing – obey marshal's instructions** - over river to canal. L, then ½ R on path UNDER BR. Follow towpath 500 m, ½ L at earthbank to Mexborough station CP. take small BR under RWY, bends R on FP. Follow R bank of river. Leave river along fenced FP, SA at RD. On BR, after RWY, turn L down steps to **Swinton**. SA along RD, bends R, turn ½L through pub CP to canal towpath. Follow towpath under BR, then R up field to RD to L of BR over RWY. (Do not attempt old route, following fence by RWY) L at RD, R into Hatherley Rd and join cycle track on right (at corner, between 48 and 50). Follow illuminated cycle track to Dearne Valley College and where path emerges to college grounds (and road) take RD to L to Sports Centre and **FINISH (8). The Event Centre will be locked for the night at 23:00.**

**Congratulations! You've worked through that. Now you only have to do it!**