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THE BCQ QUESTIONS BOOK

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01 CORNWALL

The most south-westerly county in England, and the starting point for many End to End cycle rides, Cornwall is perhaps best known for its dramatic and rugged coastline. Numerous small fishing villages nestle into coves and inlets, while others enjoy wider, sheltered bays. Reminders of Bronze and Iron Age history abound in stone circles, barrows, cairns, etc., and legends of King Arthur live on at Tintagel. The area's Celtic past is still evident in the names of many isolated farms and small hamlets, the prefix 'Tre' meaning 'homestead'. Abandoned tin and copper mines and a coastline littered with shipwrecks convey the difficulties of ordinary life here in years gone by. Fortified castles testify to the struggles and extent of the Civil War. Today, protection takes the form of sanctuaries and zoos for rare birds, seals and monkeys. Cycling here can certainly be hilly but the views are rewarding.

BCQ011 Boscastle

OS 190, SX 0972 9135, QV 0-2, Jan 2024

To whom did this bridge belong in 1887? (Following the 2004 floods, a stone tablet is now built into the perimeter wall of the The Good Stuff café, by a Rose Bush.)

Access/Other Notes: The Boscastle Blow Hole, known as the Devil's Bellows, can be seen in action in the harbour about an hour either side of low tide.

BCQ012 St. Mawes

OS 204, SW 8476 3301, QV 3-0, May 2022

There is a weathervane on top of the ticket office located on the quay. What does it commemorate?

BCQ013 Zennor

OS 203, SW 4541 3839, QV 0-2, Aug-2024

There is a plaque on the wall of a private house next door to Zennor Chapel, now a private residence, what is Frederick Christian Hirst commemorated for?

Access/Other Notes: The road is a one way street, in the direction towards the village centre. Note also the plague stone adjacent to the checkpoint.

BCQ014 Mullion

OS 203, SW 6783 1904, QV 1-0, Jun 2021

In the boundary wall of the white house on Nansmellyon Road (B3296 towards Mullion Cove), is a blue arch with a glass front and a clock at the top of the arch. Within the cabinet there is a mercury barometer and thermometer. What Royal National Life Boat Institution number is given at the top of the barometer?

BCQ015 East Looe

OS 201, SX 2564 5314, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

By whom was the sundial on the Looe Town Beach sea front presented?

BCQ016 Callington

OS 201, SX 3598 6957, QV 4-0, Jun 2021

Who designed and painted the large wall painting on the end wall of the house in Well St?

02 DEVON

The contrast between land and sea depicts Devon. The wild, heather covered expanse of Dartmoor, home to a unique breed of ponies and many grazing animals, is the largest and highest tract of open land in Southern England. Elsewhere, more gentle terrain provides fertile growing conditions that feed the cows that produce cream for the famed Devon cream teas. Rivers and streams have carved deep 'combes' into the land, dry ones now evident in sunken lanes. The county's two coastlines are both dramatic, with sandy beaches and stark cliffs rising from the sea. Plymouth's sea-faring history is told through exhibits of the many ships that sailed from her docks to settle the 'New World' or to fight off the invading Spanish. Derelict mines and numerous ruins from prehistoric times are scattered about the countryside, and the principal city of Exeter, with its famed cathedral, offers considerable architectural and historical interest.

BCQ021 Hartland

OS 190, SS 2350 2473, QV 1-1, Jun 2021

About two miles west of Hartland Village, on the road to Hartland Quay (Stoke), is St Nectans Parish Church. At the entrance to the church is a stone memorial seat. Who was killed in action in 1942?

Access/Other Notes: There is a slope down to the checkpoint with steps at the bottom. A handrail is provided along the slope and for the steps.

BCQ022 Lynmouth

OS 180, SS 7226 4967, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The stone tower at the entrance to the harbour was destroyed by the flood of 1952. When was it rebuilt?

BCQ023 Malborough

OS 202, SX 7070 3980, QV1-0, Jun 2021

How many saint/apostle-like figures appear along the top of the sundial on the south facing wall of All Saints Church?

BCQ024 Lydford

OS 191, SX 5091 8474, QV 2-0, Jun 2021

Just inside churchyard of St. Petroc's church, by the iron archway, are three plaques on the roadside wall. What type of trees were planted to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War 2?

Access/Other Notes: The church is famous for the Watch Makers Tomb and epitaph. The tomb with a simplified inscription is outside the church entrance, and the original gravestone with epitaph is displayed inside the church.

BCQ025 Ottery St. Mary

OS 192, SY 0986 9556, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In the entrance to St. Mary's Church what is the date of the Will of Thomas Axe?

BCQ026 Manaton

OS 191, SX 7497 8131, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What occasion from 1897 is commemorated in the inscription on the metal seats on the village green?

03 SOMERSET

The variety of terrain that Somerset has to offer makes it particularly suitable for all levels of cycling. To the west are Exmoor, once a Royal Forest, and the Quantock Hills, both known for their populations of red deer and past literary figures. Within their hills are remote lanes and small, attractive villages. The northern coastline, with picturesque tidal harbours at Watchet, Minehead and Porlock, can be rugged but also rewarding. From the seaside resort of Weston-Super-Mare, a toll road leads up to Worlebury Hill, site of an Iron Age camp, offering views across the Bristol Channel to Wales. More centrally, the 'levels' are drained fenland, now agricultural expanses, with the attractions of Glastonbury Abbey, Wells Cathedral and the caves at Cheddar and Wookey Hole. The bustling city of Bristol and the architectural legacy of 18th century Bath, on the northern edge of the county, offer a further contrast.

BCQ031 Ebbor Gorge

OS 182, ST 5206 4847, QV 2-2, Aug 2024

How many pillars support the shelter roof over the information point near the entrance?

Access/Other Notes: Access via the adjacent National Trust car park which is rough but level ground.

BCQ032 Ham Hill Country Park

OS 193, ST 4777 1682, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

At the top of the hill at the road junction is a disused drinking fountain. What event does it commemorate?

BCQ033 Westhay

OS 182, ST 4377 4274, QV 3-0, May 2022

Just north of Westhay Bridge is a stone plinth with a plaque. Who is named at the bottom of the plaque?

BCQ034 Penselwood

OS 183, ST 7558 3143, QV 2-0, Nov 2020

In the end wall of the village hall, near the church gate, is a post box. What is the Post Box number?

BCQ035 Dunster

OS 181, SS 9915 4381, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

How many horizontal (spoked) rafters are there to the Yarn Market?

BCQ036 Exford

OS 181, SS 8525 3835, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

How many arches has Exford Bridge?

04 DORSET

Spared the intrusion of major road building, Dorset retains a peaceful character. Even its seaside towns, with the exception of Bournemouth, have a traditional feel. The chalk Purbeck Hills, on the eastern side of the county, blend into the South Dorset Downs near scenic Lulworth Cove. Near Weymouth, Portland Bill rises out of the sea, and from there a long Shingle beach stretches westwards. Dairy farms thrive in fertile Blackmore Vale, and the wild heath land of Thomas Hardy's novels covers much of the central area. Many places mentioned in Hardy's books can be found, and his Dorchester home can be visited, as can that of T. E. Lawrence ('of Arabia' fame) near Moreton. A particularly good tithe barn exists at Abbotsbury, and the Cerne Abbas Giant is one of the best chalk figures in the country. Miles of remote lanes lead through quiet villages enhanced by thatched cottages and houses made from local golden stone.

BCQ041 Sturminster Newton

OS 194, ST 7864 1407, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

On the White Hart Alehouse in Market Cross there is a CTC "Winged Wheel" plaque. What word is inscribed on the top of the plaque?

BCQ042 Hardy Monument

OS 194, SY 6131 8758, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Inscription on the stone seat a few yards to the south-east of the Monument to Sir Thomas Masterman Hardy. In whose memory was this stone seat given?

BCQ043 Milton Abbas

OS 194, ST 8063 0181, QV 2-0, Nov 2020

Opposite the church is a terrace of restored Almshouses, when was the plaque to commemorate their restoration unveiled?

BCQ044 Durlston Head

OS 195, SZ 0349 7724, QV 1-2, Jul 2023

According to the stone plaque behind the Globe at what rate does the common black swift fly?

Access/Other Notes: Good but steep track from car park to the base of the Globe, however the last bit up to the globe is via steps, however cycling is restricted beyond the car park.

BCQ045 Cerne Abbas

OS 194, ST 6658 0121, QV 1-1, Mar 2023

Stand in front of the door of the church, in Abbey Street, roadside entrance, not the one opposite the war memorial. Who does the bench to its right commemorate?

BCQ046 Beaminster

OS 193, ST 4802 0131, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

By whom was the memorial to Elizabeth Julia Robinson of Parnham in the Market Cross in The Square erected?

05 WILTSHIRE

The rolling, wooded hills of the Marlborough Downs, the peaceful expanse of the Vale of Pewsey, the great chalk Salisbury Plain and the pretty Wylde and Nadder Valleys running westwards from Salisbury offer a tremendous variety of cycling in Wiltshire. In these valleys lie prosperous market towns, charming villages and country houses. Particularly worth visiting are the tithe barn at Tisbury, one of the longest in the country, the preserved 18th century village of Lacock with its abbey, the oft-photographed village of Castle Combe, the stately homes of Longleat and Wilton House and the magnificent cathedral in Salisbury with the tallest spire in England. Stone villages and walls are typical of the area. The Kennet and Avon Canal, with its 29 locks, crosses the county, and the 160-mile Wiltshire Cycleway encircles it. Some of the nation's most important prehistoric sites - Stonehenge, Woodhenge, and Avebury - are found here.

BCQ051 Ramsbury

OS 174, SU 2740 7153, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

What do the plaques on the Village Hall wall opposite Kennet House commemorate?

BCQ052 Malmesbury

OS 173, ST 9330 8723, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

How many pillars support the Market Cross?

BCQ053 Lacock

OS 173, ST 9153 6843, QV 2-0, Nov 2020

According to the plaque on lower right hand side of the war memorial in West St, who were the sculptors?

BCQ054 Hanging Langford

OS 184, SU 0322 3708, QV 2-0, Oct 2010

On the corner of 'The Upper' is a letterbox. What is the letter box built into and what is the roof covering made of?

BCQ055 Broad Chalke

OS 184, SU 0408 2530, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What is the phrase over the Church gate?

BCQ056 Alton Barnes

OS 173, SU 1054 6215, QV 2-0, Nov 2020

Who provided funding to the Coronation Hall?

06 HAMPSHIRE

Mention Hampshire and one immediately thinks of the New Forest with its ancient oak and beech trees, unfenced heath land covered in gorse and heather and freely wandering ponies and cattle. Whilst the area is worth a visit, there are four lovely river valleys also waiting to be discovered: the Meon, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; the Itchen, passing through Winchester, an important Roman city and Saxon and Norman capital; the Test, famed for trout fishing, with reeds and water meadows lining its banks; and the meandering Avon. Throughout the county are attractive villages, hangers, sunken lanes and hills rising above 500ft giving distant views. Alongside commercial ports, the south coast offers yachting harbours, the former shipbuilding centre of Buckler's Hard and Portsmouth's naval base. Not far inland lie small villages with Saxon churches and flint-and-brick farmhouses that seem to have changed little in the past century or two.

BCQ061 Broughton

OS 185, SU 3079 3302, QV 4-0, Aug 2022

On the corner of High St and Plough Gardens is a well house. What were the conditions at the time the well was made?

BCQ062 New Forest Rufus Stone

OS 195, SU 2702 1249, QV 0-1, Mar 2021

Who, according to the iron monument standing beneath an oak tree, shot the arrow which killed King William the second, surnamed Rufus, and on what day?

Access/Other Notes: There is an underpass under the A31 at SU 2681 1199, which is accessed from Minstead on the south side of the A31, via School Lane, which becomes a gravel track after Furzey Gardens and underpass is on right about 1.3km from the Village Hall. On the north side of the A31 there is permissive cycle path from the underpass to the checkpoint.

BCQ063 Winchester

OS 185, SU 4852 2933, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

King Alfred's Statue, at the east end of The Broadway, near the River Itchen - Give the sculptor's name and date erected.

BCQ064 Hambledon

OS 185, SU 6764 1667, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Bat & Ball Public House just north of Broadhalfpenny Down - What are the dates on the Cricket Memorial opposite the Pub?

BCQ065 Selborne

OS 186 SU 7411 3376, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

On the wall to the left of main entrance to the church is a plaque commemorating the Selborne Yew and when it fell on the church. What was the date?

BCQ066 Alresford

OS 185, SU 5882 3254, QV 1-1, Sep 2021

In Station Road, New Arlesford, adjacent to Alresford Surgery is a 'Public Convenience.' On the external wall is a plaque, to whom does this refer, and to what group did they belong?

07 ISLE OF WIGHT

Adopted during the Victorian era as a holiday island, the Isle of Wight has retained this character, particularly through its many picturesque villages and harbours. Only 23 by 13 miles at its widest point, an enjoyable exploration of the Island can be done in a relatively short amount of time. The coastal road that goes all the way around the Island carries most of the traffic, but other than in the height of summer, it is suitable for cycling. Several minor roads criss-crossing the interior lead to pretty villages and items of historical interest including an ancient long barrow near Mottistone, water mills at Calbourne and Carisbrooke, the ruins of Appuldurcombe House and a 15th century church at Shorewell. At the western tip of the island is Alum Bay, famous for cliffs made up of many colours of sandstone, and the tall chalk stacks known as the Needles.

BCQ071 Freshwater Bay

OS 196, SZ 3420 8606, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What type of roof does St. Agnes' church have?

BCQ072 Godshill

OS 196, SZ 5296 8170, QV0-0, Oct 2010

What is the date on the Wesleyan Chapel?

BCQ073 Culver Down

OS 196, SZ 6332 8564, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

On Culver Down there is an unusual obelisk. To whom was this erected?

BCQ074 Cowes

OS 196, SZ 4853 9664, QV 2-1, Nov 2020

On the sea wall of Egypt Esplanade, opposite its junction with Egypt Hill, is plinth with lion mounted on it. What are the names of the Engineer and the Clerk?

BCQ075 Havenstreet

OS 196, SZ 5559 8978, QV 2-0, Nov 2020

At the entrance to Havenstreet station, what is the maximum penalty for omitting to shut and fasten the gate?

BCQ076 Calbourne

OS 196, SZ 4249 8657, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

By the gate of the Church is a lamp post. In whose remembrance is it? (while in Calbourne do not forget to visit Winkle Street)

08 WEST SUSSEX

With the South Downs covering a significant part of it, West Sussex has a deserved reputation for being a hilly county. The land has a feeling of closeness that envelops the visitor. The hills can be steep, the valleys narrow and the lanes sunk into the surrounding woods, though in the east the terrain allows for some flatter farmland. Running the width of the county is the South Downs Way. This off-road but well surfaced route follows the edge of a ridge for most of the way, and there are some significant climbs and descents to negotiate. The River Arun, with its namesake castle, park and town, offers a gap in the Downs leading north to the valley of the River Rother. The county is rich in history, with ancient tracks criss-crossing the land. Roman villas have been excavated at Bignor and Fishbourne, and a long section of Roman wall remains at Chichester.

BCQ081 Midhurst

OS 197, SU 8873 2145, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

Set within the NE corner of the old town hall (now a café) in Market Square, are the town Stocks and Pillory. Who was the last person to be sentenced to use them and how long for?

BCQ082 Chichester

OS 197, SU 8606 0482, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Just east of the Cathedral at the junction of East, South, West and North Streets is a clock tower known as the City Cross. How many sides has the City Cross?

BCQ083 Arundel

OS 197, TQ 0197 0701, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Give the date in Roman Numerals when Arundel Bridge was rebuilt?

BCQ084 Rogate

OS 197, SU 8075 2383, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

On main road opposite the church is the White Horse public house. What date is on the blue and white tile plaque on the front wall?

BCQ085 Kirdford

OS 197, TQ 0181 2660, QV 2-0, Mar 2021

At the south end of the village by the T junction is the Village cross with bench seats on all sides. On the plaque, what evidence is given for Roman- British culture?

BCQ086 Steyning

OS 198, TQ 1790 1136, QV 1-0, Sep 2021

Opposite St Andrews Church is a white statue. What does the statue's foot rest on and when was it discovered?

Access/Other Notes: for an off road alternative at BCQ086ORA Cissbury Ring, see [Off Road Alternative](#). If you do BCQ086ORA you do not need to do this one.

09 EAST SUSSEX

The South Downs enter East Sussex in the west, reaching one of their highest points at Ditchling Beacon then gradually making their way to the sea at Beachy Head. The South Downs Way, a long distance path, follows the ridge line for most of its course. To the north the uplands of the Weald rise to their highest point in the Ashdown Forest, a mix of wild heath and moorland, rocky outcrops and woodland and herds of deer. Between these lies a wide expanse of farming and cattle grazing land, with quiet lanes and meandering streams, extending to the Pevensey Levels. Coastal towns vary in their character, from the lively town of Brighton with its Royal Pavilion to quieter retirement communities such as Bexhill and Eastbourne. The chalk-cut figure of the Long Man near Wilmington, a Norman castle at Hastings, Battle Abbey and villages with entries in the Domesday Book all testify to the rich heritage of the area.

BCQ091 Rye

OS 189, TQ 9221 2061, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

When was the Landgate built?

BCQ092 Battle

OS 199, TQ 7518 1574, QV 1-0, Nov 2020

At the west end of Marley Lane, is the NT Lake Field. On the stone tablet how far is Stamford Bridge?

Access/Other Notes: The tablet can be seen from the roadside of the fence/gateway.

BCQ093 Mayfield

OS 188/199, TQ 5870 2701, QV 1-0, Nov 2020

The design of the village sign won an award, what was the award and how much was won?

BCQ094 Ashdown Forest

OS 188, TQ 4741 3009, QV 5-0, Nov 2020

At the junction of B2026 and B2188 is the King's Standing car park site: At the King's Standing Clump just beyond the car park, who are named in memory on the sign?

Access/Other Notes: The ground is mostly level smooth grass from the car park.

This general area was the inspiration for A.A. Milnes Hundred Acre Wood and the Winnie the Pooh stories.

BCQ095 Beachy Head

OS 199, TV 5884 9560, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

In the centre of the grassed area on the cliff top is a walled seated enclosure with a plaque. What year was signalling first conducted from this point?

Access/Other Notes: The access from the road is mainly smooth grass, about 200m. The west end of the Peace Path provides a smooth way up from the road, without a gate.

BCQ096 Ditchling Beacon

OS 198, TQ 3334 1295, QV 4-0, Nov 2020

On the left of the car park at its entrance is an information board. What rare orchid may be found if you look closely?

10 KENT

Known as the 'Garden of England' for its many hop fields and fruit orchards, Kent offers a rich variety of terrain. Much of it is uplands: the escarpments of the Greensand Ridge, the white cliffs of Dover, the rolling North Downs and the chalk rim of the Weald. In the South are the flat, sometimes below sea level, Romney Marshes where cattle and sheep graze. In contrast to the bustling towns of Rochester, with its Dickensian connections, Royal Tunbridge Wells, once an elegant spa, and Sevenoaks, there are many peaceful villages. Prestigious houses and castles including Knole, Sissinghurst, Hever and Leeds vie for attention with castles and towers built for coastal defence. The county's long contact with the Continent has shaped its cultural and commercial background, and today, two waymarked routes lead cyclists via quiet lanes from the channel ports to the historic cathedral city of Canterbury.

BCQ101 Otford

OS 177, TQ 5263 5938, QV 1-0, Nov 2020

On the wall of the Lutyens Church Hall in the High St, there is a mosaic depicting Otford through the ages. Who was the mosaic artist?

BCQ102 Biddenden

OS 189, TQ 8512 3837, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Corner of the High Street and A262 is a tiny green with a sign showing figures known as the Biddenden Maids. Give their names?

BCQ103 Offham

OS 188, TQ 6573 5728, QV 1-0, Aug 2022

On the village green at the crossroads is a relic of the Middle Ages. What would happen if you did not hit it?

BCQ104 Lamberhurst

OS 188, TQ 6762 3621, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

On the left side of the Memorial Hall are some commemorative railings which were cast in Lamberhurst. To which famous cathedral were they supplied?

BCQ105 Canterbury

OS 179, TR 1499 5784, QV 1-0, Nov 2020

In the Butter Market opposite the Cathedral Gateway, is a war memorial. Who unveiled the war memorial?

BCQ106 Hythe

OS 179, TR 1588 3471, QV 2-1, Aug 2024

There is a grey water fountain* on Military Rd where it meets with Dymchurch Rd. There is a Psalm quoted near the top. What is the Psalm that is quoted?

Access/Other Notes: * It was blue, it may be grey primer, so if the colour changes, please email bcq@cyclenguk.org

11 SURREY

Despite its close proximity to London, Surrey has retained a rural atmosphere, particularly in the southern parts where farmland and parks are still extensive and where sandy soil has led to the preservation of wild heath land and heather-covered hills. In the chalk uplands of the North Downs, the Pilgrims Way traverses the county. From Leith Hill, the highest point in southern England, and Box Hill there are good views extending to the coast. In many areas there is a wealth of sunken lanes and byways hiding in deep beech or pine woodlands leading to picturesque villages and hamlets, many of which, like Shere and Wonersh, display Surrey's architectural speciality - houses with red tile-hung walls. At Cobham one of the 13 semaphore stations used by the Admiralty in the early 19th century still stands. Quiet roads lead to the far south-west of the county and the heath lands round Hindhead.

BCQ111 Pirbright

OS (175)/186, SU 94573 55958, QV 3-0, Aug 2024

On the green, on the south side of the village hall, is the Pirbright village sign. What is the last word on the line below Pirbright?

BCQ112 Godstone

OS 187, TQ 3568 5148, QV 1-1, Sep 2021

In Church Town, east of Godstone, are the St. Mary's Alms Houses and chapel, which were designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott. On the north end of the building next to the church on the roadside, is a plaque, what number S. C. C. Building of Special Interest is it?

BCQ113 Okewood

OS 187, TQ 1278 3803, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In the church porch, what is the date inscribed above Leviticus XIX 30?

BCQ114 Shere

OS 187, TQ 0732 4785, QV 1-0, Aug 2024

Who unveiled the village sign in December 2000?

BCQ115 Box Hill

OS 187, TQ 1797 5117, QV1-0, Apr 2019

At the viewpoint wall, where did Leopold Salomonds come from?

BCQ116 Tilford

OS 186, SU 8718 4352, QV 2-1, Nov 2020

Tilford West Bridge is now used as a foot/cycleway. According to the plaque on it, who built it in the thirteenth century?

12 GREATER LONDON

Stretching from Hillingdon to Havering, from Enfield to Croydon, and bounded by a 'green belt', Greater London contains many open spaces, such as Osterley Park, Richmond Park and Harefield district in the west, Enfield Chase and the Lee Valley in the north, and Banstead and Biggin Hill in the south. Historic places abound in the outlying areas, such as the tithe barn at Harmondsworth, Greenwich Observatory, Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge in Epping Forest near Chingford, Charles Darwin's house near Downe and nearby Eltham Palace. Several suburbs have retained much of their village character, with open fields, patches of woodland or stretches of riverside separating them from each other. Quiet roads can often be used to link places of interest, and cycle routes are being established to avoid busier roads. Even within Inner London, routes through residential neighbourhoods, alongside canals, through parks and along the River Thames offer enjoyable cycling. **Note: For information on cycling in the Greater London area visit www.tfl.gov.uk.**

BCQ121 Greenwich

OS 177, TQ 3889 7733, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

At the Royal Observatory beneath the Shepherd Clock and above the Standard Measures is a plaque. What is the height above sea level at Newlyn?

BCQ122 Richmond Hill

OS 176, TQ 1828 7401, QV 4-0, Jun 2021

Opposite the Ashburton towards the top of the hill, you can see a seating area with binocular. Next to the binoculars is a stone plinth with a metal plaque celebrating 100 years of Richmond, Ham and Petersham Open Spaces Act 1902. Which County Councils took action to save the view?

Access/Other Notes: Use the wide shared use path alongside the road, as there is limited access by steps from the road at the checkpoint location.

BCQ123 Epping Forest

OS 177, TQ 3973 9477, QV 2-0, Apr 2019

Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge has a single chimney stack, but how many separate chimneys are at the top?

BCQ124 Camden Lock

OS 176, TQ 2869 8410, QV 1-1, Sep 2021

On the finger posts (two, one at each end of the lock) in the middle of the canal at Hampstead Road Lock, what are the distances to Liverpool and Little Venice?

BCQ125 Globe Theatre

OS 176/177, TQ 3217 8054, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

By Thames Path near Southwark Bridge. On metal gates at riverside entrance to the Globe Theatre are a number of small iron figures represented in Shakespeare plays. What are the two other figures on the bottom row of the right hand gate?

Bird _____ Deer _____ Cat

Access/Other Notes: If the gates are open, the figures are "behind" the gate.

BCQ126 Gunnersbury Park

OS 176, TQ 1909 7925, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Between the Gunnersbury Museum and Small Mansion on the Terrace side is a pedimented arch with a commemorative plaque on each wall. Who is the MP named on them?

13 BERKSHIRE

The county of Berkshire is long and narrow. In the east its northern border is formed by the River Thames, its lush valley highly populated yet very rural. The river flows from one attractive town to the next, from Sonning and Shiplake to Marlow and Maidenhead, in the shadow of heavily wooded hills. The locks along the river are often of interest, and at Hambleden is an oft-photographed white-boarded mill. The terrain is rolling, with particularly extensive views from Winter Hill near Cookham. Windsor Castle and Great Park lie just within the county, along with Eton College. Further west are the River Lambourn and the Kennet and Avon Canal, and to the north of these are the Lambourn Downs, dotted with ancient burial mounds. Part of the prehistoric Ridgeway Path runs westwards from Streatley. Nearer the southern border are Inkpen Hill and Walbury Hill, the highest chalk hills in England. Combe Gibbet, a hanging place for felons and highwaymen, still stands there.

BCQ131 Streatley

OS 174, SU 5833 8070, QV 3-0, Dec 2021

At the top of the hill, in the far corner of the carpark, is a post with 3 National Trusts signs on it. What is the last word on each of the 3 signs?

Access/Other Notes: Just beyond the post there is a gate way that gives a view across the area.

BCQ132 Hungerford Common

OS 174, SU 3539 6798, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

There is a plaque at the eastern edge of Hungerford Common north of the road leading to Kintbury: How many copper beech trees have been planted here by the Trustees of the Town and Manor of Hungerford in December 1998 to celebrate the millennium?

BCQ133 Fawley

OS 174, SU 4001 8061, QV 0-1, Sep 2021

There is a monument 0.5 mile south east of Fawley. How old was Philip Musgrave Neeld when he died?

BCQ134 Walbury Hill

OS 174, SU 3702 6207, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

On north side of road near north west Car Park. According to plaque on large stone which Regiment trained on these Downs for an assault on the Merville Battery?

BCQ135 Waltham St Lawrence

OS 175, SU 8295 7692, QV 1-1, Jun 2021

When was the pound, the enclosed area that forms an island in the road, presented to the village and by whom?

BCQ136 Aldermaston

OS 174/5, SU 5965 6505, QV 2-0, Dec 2021

On the south side of Church Road/Red Lane is the lychgate to the church of St Mary the Virgin. When was the lychgate erected and by whom?

14 OXFORDSHIRE

Steeped in history, Oxfordshire is also endowed with a rich architectural legacy. In Oxford itself, the university colleges are renowned for their exteriors, and tall church spires are a marked feature of the horizon. Away from the city can be found many stately homes from various periods, from Elizabethan Kelmscott Manor and the Jacobean manor house of Grey's Court to the 18th century Blenheim Palace, its garden one of Capability Brown's masterpieces. Along the River Cherwell and elsewhere lie many picture book villages built of the local mellow stone. Dorchester Abbey and the 13th century Great Coxwell Tithe Barn are also fine examples of their kind. Most of the terrain is no more than undulating, but to the northwest begin the Cotswolds, and to the southeast the Chiltern Hills start to rise. The Vale of White Horse, with the oldest hill figure in Britain, is largely flat farmland with pleasant villages.

BCQ141 Oxford

OS 164, SP 5151 0684, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

A domed building, Rhodes House in South Parks Road, has a carving of a Sailing Ship in stone above the door. What are the words on the carving?

BCQ142 Souldern

OS 151, SP 5229 3170, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

Set in the side wall of the church *with the tower*, under a small window, is a stone tablet. What date is given in Roman numerals?

BCQ143 Kencot

OS 163, SP 2548 0471, QV 1-1, Aug 2024

What is the date on the base of the village sign, on the Green, next to the War memorial?

Access/Other Notes: The sign has been removed for repair following storm damage, but the base is still there and the question can be answered. Please update on situation to bcq@cyclenguk.org.uk

BCQ144 Great Coxwell

OS 163/174, SU 2691 9403, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

The wall of the Tithe Barn facing the road has a large door with a gable over it. How many openings (small square putlog holes) are there in this stone gable?

BCQ145 Cogges

OS 164, SP 3616 0966, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

A plaque in the lychgate of St. Mary's Church commemorates the planting of an oak tree in the field opposite. It was planted to mark the coronation of whom?

BCQ146 Stoke Row

OS 175, SU 6796 8408, QV 3-0, Aug 2022

In the centre of the Maharajah's Well under the canopy is the well mechanism with a golden elephant on top. What are two words above the date on the front of the mechanism?

Access/Other Notes: The well was a gift from the Maharajah of Benares, returning help a local resident gave by sinking a well in India, at a time when Stoke Row was suffering water shortages.

15 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Stretching from the Chiltern Hills in the south to the Aylesbury Plain in the north, Buckinghamshire is a county of two faces. The chalk Chilterns, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, rise sharply near Wendover with steep lanes leading away from the main valleys, but there are miles of quiet valley roads and ridge roads offering distant views. The Icknield Way and Ridgeway Path are popular cycling routes, and the leafy Burnham Beeches, an expansive tract of woods, are another popular cycling area. 18th and 19th century flint and brick houses with thatched roofs are plentiful in villages nestled between wheat fields. The Aylesbury Plain and the rolling land extending north provide good dairy farming and grazing land. It is a quiet region with plenty of minor roads leading to ancient churches, historic pubs, stately homes such as Claydon House and Waddesdon Manor, and interesting windmills at Quainton and Brill.

BCQ151 Jordans

OS 175/176, SU 9734 9140, QV 2-0, Mar 2023

According to one of the plaques on right of front of 'Estate Office' on village green, what role did Monica Martienssen start in 1963?

BCQ152 Quainton

OS 165, SP 7464 2016, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What is the date on the decorative stone slab set over the door of Cross Farmhouse at the top of the Green?

BCQ153 Wing

OS 165, SP 8804 2257, QV 0-1, May 2022

On the church what is the year, shown in large metal figures, high on the exterior south wall (side with only one year)?

BCQ154 Nether Winchendon

OS 165, SP 7331 1222, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In whose reign was the stone built letterbox near the church built?

BCQ155 Prestwood

OS 165, SP 8623 0195, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Near to Honorend Farm, 1.5 miles north west of Prestwood, there is a monument in the memory of whom?

BCQ156 Hambleden

OS 175, SU 7839 8653, QV 0-1, May 2022

Who was the manufacturer of the disused water pump on a small "island", by an oak tree, in the village centre?

16 BEDFORDSHIRE

Bedfordshire is well served by a network of quiet country roads linking many small, attractive villages. There are no real hills, but the countryside is by no means flat everywhere. Large expanses of the land are given over to market gardening and rolling grassy pastures. The River Great Ouse meanders through the heart of the county. It was also the home and preaching ground of the author of *The Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan. From the appropriately named town of Sandy, home to a major RSPB nature reserve, a wooded Greensand Ridge stretches west to Woburn, the location of Whipsnade Wild Animal Park. In the southwest lies the high ground of the Dunstable Downs, formed by the easternmost edge of the chalk Chiltern Hills. The climatic conditions there make this a popular area for gliders. Near Bedford town are the 1000-ft long airship hangars of Cardington, now a ballooning centre, and the Old Warden Airfield.

BCQ161 Woburn

OS 165, SP 9491 3314, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

At the main crossroads, on the opposite corner to the Woburn Hotel, what is the letter below the crown on the gable ends of the old Town Hall (now an Antiques shop)?

BCQ162 Whipsnade

OS 166, TL 0093 1804, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Whipsnade Tree Cathedral. Who conceived the cathedral and when did tree planting begin?

BCQ163 Sharpenhoe

OS 166, TL 0653 2957, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

At Sharpenhoe Clappers car park: what are the names of the long distance paths which cross the road and car park and are shown on the green signs?

BCQ164 Stevington

OS 153, SP 9920 5277, QV 1-2, Sep 2021

How many steps from the ground to the door of the Windmill?

Access/Other Notes: The last 250m to the windmill is along a track at the side of a field.

BCQ165 Bedford

OS 153, TL 0575 4953, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

Plaque on the south side of the suspension bridge. Who opened the suspension bridge on the 11th July 1888?

BCQ166 Old Warden

OS 153, TL 1384 4400, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

On war memorial what is the surname of Alfred & Herbert H who died in The Great War 1914-1918?

17 HERTFORDSHIRE

Hertfordshire's undulating chalklands contain many pockets of unspoilt countryside. Open fields of wheat and barley give way to stands of beech woods on higher ground, particularly nice around Ashridge Park. In the west, lovely villages are tucked into the deep wooded valleys of the Chiltern Hills, such as Chipperfield, Flaunden, Ashridge and Sarratt. Near Tring large reservoirs, also nature reserves, feed the Grand Union Canal. A monument nearby commemorates the 3rd Earl of Bridgewater, pioneer of Britain's canal system. The ancient city of St. Albans has Verulamium a Roman theatre and a cathedral with the second longest nave in the country. Further east, Hatfield House stands as an excellent example of Jacobean architecture, and much of Georgian Hatfield town remains. The village of Much Hadham is also delightful. Prehistoric Icknield Way and the earthworks of Grim's Dyke complement Roman roads such as Watling Street and Ermine Street. Ivinghoe Beacon, rising to 756 feet, offers extensive views.

BCQ171 St. Albans

OS 166, TL 1464 0714, QV 0-2, May 2022

At the Clock Tower, at the south end of Market Place, you will find the date of Queen Eleanor's funeral cortege rested on its way to Westminster. What is the Date?

BCQ172 Aldbury

OS 165, SP 9651 1254, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

By The Greyhound Inn public house and opposite Town Farm. What shape is the knocker at No. 25?

BCQ173 Ayot St. Lawrence

OS 166, TL 1948 1683, QV 3-0, Aug 2024

200m north east of Shaw's Corner are the ruins of Ayot St. Lawrence Old Church. The current gate is a recent replacement. Who made the original gate? (Plaque on road side of gate, top left hand corner).

Access/Other Notes: The ruins are now considered unsafe, and access is not permitted.

BCQ174 Ashwell

OS 153, TL 2668 3969, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

Name the lane alongside Ashwell Museum? (Name is on side wall of the Museum).

BCQ175 Westmill

OS 166, TL 3684 2708, QV 0-1, May 2022

The village pump bears an inscription. What is the third word, from the hole above the spout?

BCQ176 Great Amwell

OS 166, TL 3725 1255, QV 1-2, May 2022

At "tow path" level, by the kissing gate, about 150 yards SE from the bridge alongside the footpath is a New River Information Board. When was the aqueduct constructed and where does it flow to in London?

18 ESSEX

Essex is often misrepresented as a flat county and an extension of London. Whereas it may not offer panoramic views, it has much to please the eye. South of the attractive market towns of Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow, are many pretty villages such as Finchingfield, Thaxted, the Bardfields and the Rodings, characterised by pargeted thatched cottages, village greens and duck ponds. From the River Crouch northwards, the coastal area is a mix of mud-flats, salt marshes, islands, estuaries, fishing villages and popular holiday resorts. Open heaths, farming country and some woodland typify the interior. Much of this was a hunting forest until recent times, though Epping and Hatfield Forests still stand today. Town names such as Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Layer-de-la-Haye serve as reminders of Norman occupation, others like Fingringhoe and Langenhoe were left by the Anglo-Saxons, and it was at Colchester that Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni, sacked the Romans.

BCQ181 Maldon

OS 168, TL 8573 0682, QV 1-0, Jan 2020

On the Hythe Quay is a large RED Buoy (Not the mine). What is inscribed on its plaque?

BCQ182 Greensted (nr Chipping Ongar)

OS 167, TL 5388 0297, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

To the right of the entrance to Greensted church. Which century is the Crusader's Grave?

BCQ183 Audley End House

OS 154, TL 5233 3802, QV 0-1, Mar 2023

Over public entrance (south of house) there is an arch. What date, in Arabic numerals (normal numbers), does the arch bear?

BCQ184 Castle Hedingham

OS 155, TL 7873 3560, QV 1-1, May 2022

At the junction of Sudbury Road with Bayley Street, is a triangular island with a village sign and an information board next to a large tree. What event is recorded on the information board?

BCQ185 Thaxted

OS 167, TL 6118 3093, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

Four properties from the Guildhall in Town Street (Square), on the south west side is No 19, The Steps. According to the blue plaque, who lived there and when?

BCQ186 Wivenhoe

OS 168, TM 0387 2145, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

According to the blue plaque on the building on the north waterfront, to the right (east) of the Rose & Crown public house, which Actor-Manager lived there (and dates)?

Access/Other Notes: The foot ferry runs infrequently.

19 CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Cambridgeshire is probably best known for its University and its Fens; both certainly need to be seen to be fully appreciated. However, there is a surprising amount of variety in the county. North of the city of Cambridge, the land opens up, at first to the Rivers Great Ouse and Cam then to the ditches of the Fens themselves with their causeways and wind pumps. Dominating the fens is Ely Cathedral, the town of Ely being an island before the great period of draining occurred. Nearby, Wicken Fen has been kept undrained as a nature reserve. Further north near Wisbech are orchards and bulb fields. The market towns of Huntingdon, St. Neots and St. Ives on the northwestern side are particularly worth a visit. The southern part of the county is higher with winding lanes, trees and hedges to break up the expanse of cereal crops, and many attractive villages.

BCQ191 Cambridge

OS 154, TL 4479 5835, QV 0-1, Aug 2024

What is the shape of the letter box at the gateway to Kings College?

Access/Other Notes: The area is currently surrounded by scaffolding, if you ask a guide nicely they should point you to where you need to look. Please provide any update to bcq@cyclinguk.org

BCQ192 Friday Bridge

OS 143, TF 4659 0472, QV 2-0, Apr 2019

How many ducks and horses are there on the village pictorial sign?

BCQ193 Ely

OS 143, TL 5394 8029, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What stands on the green 80 yards in front of the main entrance of the Cathedral?

BCQ194 Great Chishill

OS 154, TL 4132 3885, QV 1-0, Jun 2021

What makes the windmill unique out of the seven open trestle postmills in the UK?
(See information board)

BCQ195 Hilton

OS 153, TL 2924 6621, QV 3-0, Dec 2021

On the information board about the maze, there are two circular drawings, one is labelled Hilton, what is the other labelled as?

Access/Other Notes: The maze may be roped off most of the year.

BCQ196 Grafham Water

OS 153, TL 1664 6809, QV 0-1, Dec 2021

What is the name of this car park and the other two car parks?

20 SUFFOLK

Once cloaked in forests, Suffolk is now a much more open county, particularly on the eastern side where there are extensive farms. Southwards the terrain becomes somewhat hillier, rising to over 400 feet. The churches and houses in several attractive villages, such as Lavenham, Long Melford, Clare and Cavendish, show off the arts of half-timbering, pargeting (often pink), flint work and thatching to a splendid degree. The eastern coastline, typified by flat, sandy heath land, has some charming seaside towns and a wealth of bird life, with Avocet nesting on Minsmere and Havergate Island. Aldeburgh, a flourishing town in its own right, is also the home of a major summer music festival. The lower reaches of the River Stour, as it runs through water meadows lined with willows, is Constable country. Many of the venues for his paintings, such as East Bergholt, Flatford Mill and Dedham Vale, have changed little since his time.

BCQ201 Framlingham

OS 156, TM 2883 6353, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

At the junction of Saxmundham (B1119) and Bradingham (B1120) Roads is a well. When were the funds for the well promised?

BCQ202 Bury St. Edmunds

OS 155, TL 8554 6422, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

On one of the plaques in the Abbey Gateway. What rebuilt date is recorded?

BCQ203 Dunwich

OS 156, TM 4775 7059, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

At the Museum the anchor was recovered from the seabed off Dunwich. What year did the Navy survey and find it?

BCQ204 Lavenham

OS 155, TL 9160 4930, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Give the name of the man who presented the Guildhall to the National Trust as recorded on wall of the Guildhall?

BCQ205 Flatford

OS 169, TM 0771 3325, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

What is the name on the gate of the house, that is set back from the road, on the opposite side of the lane to Flatford Mill?

BCQ206 Woodbridge

OS 169, TM 2706 4915, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Give the date of the Victorian fountain / pump standing on Market Hill beside the Shire Hall.

21 NORFOLK

Norfolk is a hillier county than often envisaged, particularly on the ridge backing the north coast. Sweeping sandy beaches line this coast, with many roads leading to inland villages that had access to the sea in centuries past. Blakeney Point and Scolt Head Island are havens to bird life. Waves have long battered the cliffs south of Cromer, slowly eroding the shores. Nearer Great Yarmouth, ancient peat workings have formed shallow, reed-fringed lakes known as the Broads, an area full of nature reserves and many quiet lanes for cycling. The reeds are used locally for thatching. Nearby, in the seaside resort of Great Yarmouth, is a monument to Lord Nelson, born at Burnham Thorpe. Much of the centre of the county is extensively devoted to agriculture, yet wilder areas and woodland also exist. Norwich is worth a visit, with its cathedral, castle, Georgian square of Tombland and cobbled Elm Hill.

BCQ211 Swaffham

OS 144, TF 8185 0903, QV 2-0, Oct 2010

In the extreme north west corner of the town square is the town sign depicting the Pedlar of Swaffham. What is he holding in his right hand?

BCQ212 Thetford

OS 144, TL 8695 8314, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

In King St, what does the statue of Thomas Paine hold in his right hand?

BCQ213 Geldeston

OS 134, TM 3892 9188, QV 4-1, Nov 2020

Outside the WHERRY INN is a cast iron Sustrans fingerpost. What are the mileages to Loddon, Norwich and Beccles?

BCQ214 Sutton

OS 133, TG 3866 2346, QV 2-0, Apr 2019

Sutton Methodist Chapel has two foundation stones. What is the name of the M.P. who laid one of them?

BCQ215 Stibbard

OS 132, TF 9819 2832, QV 1-1, Aug 2024

What does the memorial depict that commemorates the Golden Jubilee of the Women's Institute?

BCQ216 Swannington

OS 133, TG 1343 1904, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

South of the church, on the west side of the road, what was placed there in memory of her husband Hastings Parker in 1888?

22 GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The penetration of the River Severn deep into its heart divides much of Gloucestershire into three distinct parts. To the west, the Forest of Dean rises not far from the north bank of the Severn. Covering some 27,000 acres of woodland and winding valleys, its forest tracks contain miles of off-road cycling. The flatter central Severn Vale offers gentle pottering along quiet lanes with views of the Malvern and the Cotswold Hills. Gloucester has its cathedral and docks, Cheltenham its elegant Georgian architecture, and Tewkesbury its half-timbered Tudor buildings and a fine abbey. The eastern side of the county is dominated by the wide, rolling Cotswold Hills, their picturesque villages hewn out of local honey-coloured stone. The medieval wool trade provided for large houses and gardens as well as magnificent churches. Although the Cotswold villages can be busy with tourists in summer, the area remains a popular touring area for cyclists.

BCQ221 Newent

OS 162, SO 7226 2582, QV 2-0, Aug 2022

Adjacent to the stilted Market Hall on Bury Barr Lane, there is a statue of an equine world champion. What is the name of the Rider?.

BCQ222 Birdlip

OS 163, SO 9312 1536, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

Barrow Wake View Point. What does the Panorama show at 1 mile distance?

BCQ223 Stow on the Wold

OS 163, SP 1907 2601, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Just south of the junction of A424 with A429 on north side of Stow there is a drinking fountain on east side of the unclassified road leading to the town centre. Who presented it and when?

BCQ224 Cirencester

OS 163, SP 0228 0204, QV 3-0, Jan 2024

At the west end of the Market place is a bronze sculpture/statue Pink Lady Dancing with Big Brown Dog. As with all art, the statue might not look as described! It looks like a Hare/Rabbit with human hands dancing with a dog whose head looks a bit like that of a horse. What is featured at the top the dog's tail?

BCQ225 Winchcombe

OS 163, SP 0243 2824, QV 0-2, Aug-2022

War Memorial to the Great War 1914-18. Whose name follows King, T?

BCQ226 Mitcheldean

OS 162, SO 6638 1857, QV 1-0, Aug-2022

Why is the gate to the church yard, on the High St opposite the Co-Op, closed at night?

23 HEREFORD & WORCESTER

Though separated by the Malvern Hills, Herefordshire and Worcestershire share a quiet, peaceful atmosphere with lush pastures and broad plains that are more gently picturesque than dramatically beautiful. The River Wye winds through wide, open valleys for much of its journey through Herefordshire, but cuts through deep gorges near Symond's Yat. Along the River Dore lies the scenic Golden Valley, its hills providing views to the Black Mountains and Wales. Daffodils in spring and hops and cider apples in summer are a significant feature of the rolling landscape of the west. Northeast of the Malverns, Worcestershire is generally flatter, the land devoted to orchards and market gardens, particularly in the Vale of Evesham. The River Teme valley and mid-reaches of the River Severn are also worth exploring. Black-and-white half-timbered houses proliferate in both counties, the towns and villages of Ledbury, Evesham, Weobley and Elmley Castle displaying particularly good examples.

BCQ231 Hereford

OS 149, SO 51064 39841, QV 4-0, Jan 2024

In the city centre, at the end of St John's St, in the grounds of Hereford Cathedral is a statue of a man with bike. There is an inscription on the base. What are the trees singing? **Access/Other Notes:** you may need to brush leaves aside.

BCQ232 Eardisland

OS 149, SO 4194 5862, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

Outside the Cross Inn is an old style AA box. What is its serial number?

BCQ233 Tenbury Wells

OS 137/138, SO 5956 6860, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

When was the Teme Bridge partly rebuilt and widened?

BCQ234 Worcester

OS 150, SO 8465 5478, QV 0-1, Sep 2021

On the middle of the bridge across the River Severn, side opposite the cathedral, is a plaque, who opened the bridge to traffic on October 28th 1932?

BCQ235 Evesham

OS 150, SP 0360 4369, QV 0-1, May 2022

Junction of Vine Street and Merstow Green, opposite Ye Olde Red Horse pub is a tall mile-stone, by the stocks. According to the plaque at its base (can be obscured by flowers/weeds), when was it believed to have been erected?

BCQ236 Malvern Hills

OS 150, SO 7629 4040, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

There is an imposing stone plaque at British Camp just off the road, through the gate, on the right of the path. On the plaque who described the view from the beacon as "The goodliest vista in England"?

24 SHROPSHIRE

The wide Severn Valley divides Shropshire into two areas. North of the historic county town of Shrewsbury, a broad plain of rich agricultural land extends to the county's 'Lake District' at Ellesmere where rare birds inhabit the meres. Quiet roads and rivers meander past charming villages liberally sprinkled with black and white timbered houses. To the east, the Severn flows past the conical, 1334-foot high mound of the Wrekin, through the Ironbridge Gorge, a major centre of the Industrial Revolution in England, and thus on to Bridgnorth, a market town built on two levels. In the rolling hills to the south are the lovely towns of Bishops Castle and Church Stretton, and also more serious hills– the Long Mynd, Wenlock Edge and the Clee Hills. Further south is the village of Clun, it's history dating back to the Bronze Age, Corve Dale, with attractive 15th and 16th century manor farms, and the lovely Georgian town of Ludlow.

BCQ241 Ellesmere

OS 126, SJ 4003 3486, QV 1-0, Nov 2020

On Cross St, near the public conveniences, is a memorial with three round portraits on the top. Who is the former local resident that is celebrated?

BCQ242 Shrewsbury

OS 126, SJ 4878 1247, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Opposite St. Chad's church adjacent to the war memorial there is a stone balustrade providing the park boundary. Who erected it and when?

BCQ243 Much Wenlock

OS 127, SJ 6238 0005, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

By Wenlock Priory in the road called the Bullring you will find the Priory Hall, now the village hall. What was it previously and between which dates? The plaque is now located inside the gateway, on the wall of the building.

BCQ244 Bishops Castle

OS 137, SO 3234 8895, QV 2-0, Aug 2022

On the downhill wall of the old town hall there is a commemoration stone. What are the dates of the borough's claim to fame?

BCQ245 Ludlow

OS 137, SO 5096 7459, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

At the entrance to Ludlow Castle, on the LEFT hand side facing the castle, where and when was the cannon captured?

BCQ246 Bridgnorth

OS 138, SO 7173 9303, QV 2-1, Jan 2024

In Castle Terrace HIGHTOWN is the upper station of the Castlehill Cliff Railway. Next to the station is a bay window with information about the railway. When was the railway opened and by whom?

25 WARWICKSHIRE & WEST MIDLANDS

Warwickshire is properly in the Midlands, a cross in the town of Meriden marking the geographic centre of England. To the north and west, the industrial conurbation of Birmingham and its suburbs have claimed much of the land, though there are a few attractive market towns linked by country lanes and numerous canals. Near Meriden is the historic city of Coventry, known for bicycle manufacturing and its great cathedral standing next to the ruins of the one bombed in World War II. Southwards the scenery opens up to a varied and beautiful landscape. Gentle green countryside predominates, though the views from Edge Hill, site of the first major Civil War battle, can be dramatic. Warwick, best known for its medieval castle, is a pleasant Georgian and Tudor town, as is nearby Leamington Spa. A bit further south lies Shakespeare country, Stratford-upon-Avon its major tourist attraction, laced by canals and rivers.

BCQ251 Warwick

OS 151, SP 2804 6472, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Unusual pillar box by West Gate and Lord Leycester Hospital. According to the nearby plaque when and where was it cast and what is its shape?

BCQ252 Meriden

OS 139, SP 2391 8227, QV 0-1, Jun 2021

On the green in Meriden near to the Cyclist's Memorial there is an ancient cross which marks the geographical centre of England. How old is it and when was it re-erected at its current location?

BCQ253 Stratford-Upon-Avon

OS 151, SP 1847 5474, QV 2-0, Oct 2010

By the fence outside Ann Hathaway's Cottage there is a SV plate. What are the numbers?

BCQ254 Packwood House

OS 139, SP 1738 7225, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

What is the inscription at the bottom of the Sundial on the eastern face of the main Building?

BCQ255 Chesterton Windmill

OS 151, SP 3486 5936, QV 0-2, May 2022

A unique stone windmill was built here by Inigo Jones. How many columns does the windmill stand on and what is the diameter of the brake wheel (see plaque on one of the columns under the windmill)?

Access/Other Notes: There is a wide grass track from the road to the windmill, cycling up to the windmill is not prohibited.

BCQ256 Rollright Stones

OS 151, SP 2962 3095, QV 2-1, Jan 2024

On the opposite side of the road to the Rollright Stone Circle stands a single upright stone (The Kingstone). How is its shape described on the information board?

26 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Largely an agricultural county, its broad open landscapes broken by the odd farm building or occasional church spire, Northampton has not suffered from industrial sprawl. The River Nene, once a major part of the tanning process, flows through Fotheringhay where Mary Queen of Scots lost her head. Now used for recreational purposes, it is joined on its course by the Grand Union Canal, a mecca for narrow-boaters. 200 years of canal history is displayed at the Stoke Bruerne Waterways Museum. Rockingham Forest was royal hunting land, and some patches of woodland still remain. History manifests itself near Rushton, where the Triangular Lodge, a three-sided building where everything comes in sets of three, was reputedly a meeting place for the Gunpowder Plot conspirators, and at Naseby where the fateful Civil War battle was fought. Two crosses erected to commemorate the passing of Queen Eleanor's funeral cortege still remain at Geddington and Hardingstone.

BCQ261 Fotheringhay

OS 142, TL 0600 9317, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Inscription in the porch of the church. Who was the first principal of Balliol College, Oxford?

BCQ262 Geddington

OS 141, SP 8945 8302, QV 1-1, Sep 2021

There is a plaque fixed to the Queen Eleanor Cross. How many of these Crosses were built?

BCQ263 Naseby

OS 141, SP 6878 7796, QV 1-1, May 2022

On a small green in Church St, almost opposite with the junction with Carvells Lane, is what is left of an ancient monument. What was it originally and where was it first located?

BCQ264 Castle Ashby

OS 152, SP 8596 5934, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

In the village, to the west of the castle at a crossroads is a stone column standing adjacent to a signpost to Castle Ashby House. What is the year shown on the column below the crown, the letter 'N' and the words, Castle Ashby?

BCQ265 Stoke Bruerne

OS 152, SP 74337 49922, QV 1-0, Aug 2024

At the tunnel end of the Canal Museum, just beyond the café extension is a small fenced off area with a few exhibits. How far is Uttoxeter according to the mile post?

BCQ266 Culworth

OS 152, SP 5430 4695, QV 3-0, Jul 2023

On the end cable wall of a large "house" is an interesting clock. What is one of the two years given just below the centre? Note one year may be obscured at certain times of the day.

27 LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

Leicestershire and Rutland contain a rich heritage of fine buildings and attractive market towns. Mainly agricultural, the landscape is pleasantly varied. In the north, the craggy, granite hills of Charnwood Forest slope eastwards down to rolling wolds where a maze of attractive roads dip and climb. Beyond, peaceful lanes and gently rolling countryside lead to the Vale of Belvoir overlooked by its beautiful castle. Loughborough, with the largest bell foundry in Europe, has a bell tower with 47 bells. There is a five-arched packhorse bridge at Anstey and splendid views from Mountsorrel. In the south, secluded by-ways meander through a landscape of open fields and waterways. At Foxton, two tiers of five locks raise the Grand Union Canal by 75 feet. Tiny Rutland is surprisingly hilly and includes Rutland Water, a vast reservoir created in the 1970s; a 24-mile cycle track follows its shores. The impressive Harringworth Viaduct carries the railway over the River Welland.

BCQ271 Bottesford

OS 130, SK 8071 3915, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

North of the church, very near the tower, is an old cottage. What date is set in dark bricks on the gable end facing the tower?

BCQ272 Rutland Water

OS 141, SK 8760 0750, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

Adjacent to Egleton Church is the tiny former Egleton school, erected in 1867. What is the animal in the top carved stone?

BCQ273 Foxton

OS 141, SP 7012 8999, QV 2-0, Jun 2021

On the side wall of the Village Hall in Middle Street, is a plaque concerning a Lancaster and its crew lost at Foxton. What is inscribed between "Lancaster" and "who"?

BCQ274 Market Bosworth

OS 140, SK 4099 0313, QV 3-0, Mar 2023

On the right hand side of the gateway to Bosworth Hall Hotel, is a Green Plaque. Who used to live there?

Access/Other Notes: The drive to the hotel, gives access to craft workshops and a cafe behind the hotel.

BCQ275 Bradgate Park

OS 140, SK 5234 0985, QV 0-2, Mar 2023

A circular plaque, dated 1970, is mounted on the right-hand pillar of the main entrance gates from the Newton Linford car park. What is its two-word inscription?

Access/Other Notes: Cycling is permitted through the park between this entrance and the car park at the Hallgates entrance on Roecliffe Rd, but not at busy times, ie weekends and bank holidays, and you must cycle slowly.

BCQ276 Breedon-on-the-Hill

OS 129, SK 4056 2331, QV 2-1, Jul 2023

In the churchyard, beside the path leading to the south door of the church, is a grave with a large white stone cross. Where and when did Claude George Taylor die?

28 LINCOLNSHIRE

Perhaps the largest agricultural county in England, Lincolnshire is a quiet, expansive area, sparsely populated with little traffic. The countryside around The Wash is ancient peatland, drained since the Roman times. These Fens provide rich soil for growing a variety of crops, including the vast bulb fields around Spalding. Enormous skies offer spacious views punctuated by windmills and church spires. To the northwest, a thin strip of high land runs north-south through the county, taking in the ancient Roman city of Lincoln, its cathedral dominating the sky for miles around. In the east the Wolds present a greater challenge – 40 miles of rolling hills, deep valleys and hanging beechwoods. Along the coast lie sand dunes and flat marshland with windmills and several nature reserves. Points of interest include Tattershall's medieval fortified manor house, West Deeping's watermill, the largest single-hand clock in the world at Coningsby and many Dutch gabled houses.

BCQ281 Lincoln

OS 121, SK 9786 7190, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Whose statue stands in the north east corner of the Cathedral grounds close to the Eastgate?

BCQ282 Walesby

OS 113, TF 1380 9240, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

All Saints church known as the Ramblers church has a window with three panes, one pane of Ramblers, one of Christ. What is depicted on the other pane?

Access/Other Notes: There is a dirt track 400m up the hill to the church. The window can only be seen from the inside and the church is normally open. If the church is closed, please take a photo of bike and church sign.

BCQ283 Crowland

OS 142, TF 2394 1024, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

On a plaque fixed to the three legged Trinity Bridge whose charter first mentioned the bridge and when?

BCQ284 Spilsby

OS 122, TF 4014 6613, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

There is a statue of a famous Lincolnshire man in Market Square. Who was he, when was he born and what did he discover?

BCQ285 Heckington

OS 130, TF 1459 4355, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

Outside Heckington Windmill is a red Pillar Box. What is the maker's name along the lower front side?

BCQ286 Stamford

OS 141, TF 0281 0711, QV 0-2, Jan 2024

What is the name of the Brothers in stone on the building next to the Odd Fellows Hall 1876 in All Saints St?

29 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Nottinghamshire lies tucked between the Derbyshire hills and the Lincolnshire fens, its countryside comprised of pastures and mixed farming, wooded in the south and more open in the north. The southwest was historically colliery country, many of the spoil heaps having now been planted and grassed, with the remnants of Sherwood Forest extending north from there. Near Worksop are the 'Dukeries', gentle wooded hills where Dukes and Earls built their stately homes. At Clumber Park, though the house has gone, the grounds still contain acres of forest walks and rides. The impressive Norman Minster church at Southwell is worth a visit for its almost rural setting and its stone carvings of foliage, as is Newstead Abbey, former home of Lord Byron. The landscapes of D.H.Lawrence's novels and short stories can still be seen to the east of Eastwood. The city of Nottingham itself has several museums exhibiting the history and industrial heritage of the county.

BCQ291 Harworth

OS 111, SK 6170 9171, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

Enter the town cemetery by the West Gate (closes at dusk or 6pm). On the left is a black headstone, which is the grave of Tom Simpson (Racing Cyclist). Complete the text, "His body ached".

Access/Other Notes: The nearby Bircotes & Harworth Sports & Social Club has a room full of Tom Simpson memorabilia.

BCQ292 North Leverton

OS 120, SK 7752 8199, QV 3-0, May 2022

Which organisation donated the right hand white gate in front of the mill?

Access/Other Notes: There were two gates, but one has gone missing. Please provide any update to bcq@cyclingguk.org

BCQ293 Clumber Park

OS 120, SK 6257 7454, QRO, Nov 2020

The Stables. How many bells can you see in the octagonal clock tower?

Access/Other Notes: This is in the National Trust Clumber Park Estate.

BCQ294 Hickling

OS 129, SK 6909 2949, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What unlikely animal is mentioned on the information board at Hickling Canal basin?

BCQ295 Eastwood

OS 129, SK 4659 4704, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

What is inscribed on the plaque above the door of D. H. Lawrence's birthplace in Victoria St?

BCQ296 Nottingham

OS 129, SK 5697 3958, QV 0-0, Jul 2019

There is a statue of Robin Hood to the south (left) of the Castle Gatehouse. Who is shown fighting Guy of Gisborne's men on one of the adjacent plaques?

30 DERBYSHIRE

The countryside in south Derbyshire is undulating and pastoral, its rivers meandering past fields of barley and wheat. It boasts large halls at Kedleston and Melbourne, ruins at Duffield Castle and Dale Abbey, a model village at Sudbury and a three-quarter mile long, 10-arched bridge and causeway at Swarkestone. Centrally, high ridges, rolling hills, wooded dales and green river valleys make up the landscape. Bakewell, known for its tarts and warm, brown stone buildings, and the Matlock towns and villages sit in an area rich in history and archaeology. The crowning glory lies north in the Peak District where high, rocky crags rise from rugged, exposed moorland, giving dramatic views. Well-dressing villages such as Eyam, Tideswell and Wormhill, great houses of Chatsworth and Hardwick and the reservoirs of the River Derwent all contribute to the beauty of the area. The Tissington and High Peak trails offer extensive, if easy, off-road riding.

BCQ301 Derwent Reservoir

OS 110, SK 1676 9386, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

At the end of the metalled road at the top reservoir is a small round-about with a tree. According to the plaque, who planted it and when?

Access/Other Notes: See [Off Road Alternatives](#) regarding track around the reservoir.

BCQ302 Millers Dale

OS 119, SK 1414 7332, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Just to the east of the old railway viaduct, what date is on St. Anne's Church clock?

BCQ303 High Peak Trail

OS 119, SK 2754 5518, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What is the gradient on the steep hill warning sign on the High Peak Trail opposite the Middleton Top Engine House?

BCQ304 Hardwick Hall

OS 120, SK 4623 6376, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

In front of the hall by the main gate is a mounting block. How many steps has it?

Access/Other Notes: The checkpoint is in the middle of the National Trust Hardwick Estate. In addition to the main visitor entrance and exit, there is an entry/exit point for cycles at SK 4712 6477 on the road between Rowthorne and Ault Hucknall. No ticket is required to view the checkpoint.

BCQ305 Marston Montgomery

OS 128, SK 1344 3789, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

On the shelter 100m to the south west of the church gate way are two plaques. What are the names of the two monarchs?

BCQ306 Derby

OS 128, SK 3534 3660, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

On the cycle route by the River Derwent is the old Silk Mill. What type of engineer is mentioned on the blue plaque by the entrance? **Access/Other Notes:** The Silk Mill is claimed to be the World's First Modern Factory and is now the Museum of Making. Note also the wall painting. The cycle route alongside the River Derwent may be closed when the river floods.

31 STAFFORDSHIRE

Rugged, stone-walled moorlands, where wallabies run wild and crags tower above the roads, typify northern Staffordshire. Further south they give way to lush valleys, dense woodlands and open, undulating dairy farming country. The Rivers Churnet and Manifold flow gently through verdant valleys with pleasant villages. The market town of Cheadle in the North Staffordshire hills, with its 200-foot tall church steeple visible for miles around, and picturesque half-timbered Tudor houses, offers a gateway to the Churnet valley. Placid canals and sparkling reservoirs add to the beauty of the landscape. Even the industrial towns are set in rural countryside. A few of the traditional brick ovens of the Potteries remain, and a museum of pottery exists in the village of Lorton. Minor roads penetrate the expansive protected moorland of Cannock Chase with its birch and oak woods and indigenous heather. Further east is the Needwood Forest with its oaks and hollies.

BCQ311 Leek

OS 118, SJ 9854 5665, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In the town centre the Public Library and Information Centre in Stockwell Street bears an inscription "Nicholson Institute". What years are above this inscription?

BCQ312 Ilam

OS 119, SK 1353 5084, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The monument in the centre of the village is a replica "Eleanor Cross". How many sides has the central column?

BCQ313 Slindon

OS 127, SJ 8255 3254, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

On the A519, by the turn signposted Apsley $\frac{3}{4}$, 2.3 miles north of Eccleshall is a disused drinking fountain. Who donated it to the village?

BCQ314 Lichfield

OS 128, SK 1168 0969, QV 1-0, Jun 2021

In Dam St, is Speakers Corner. Between what hours can any member of the public speak?

Access/Other Notes: Speakers corner is also on Cycle Route 54 which has no barriers between Bird St and St Chads Rd. Dam St (cycling is permitted) is also accessed from the Market St/Bore St but it is a one way system heading E-W

BCQ315 Kinver

OS 138, SO 84522 83383, QV 1-0, Jan 2024

Under the clock in the middle of the Kinver Village Clock Shelter in the High Street, is a plaque about whose memory the clock is, the name is difficult to read. What are the dates?

BCQ316 Cannock Chase

OS 127, SJ 9801 1653, QV 1-1, Aug 2024

The Katyn Memorial. To whom is the memorial dedicated, where were they murdered and when?

32 CHESHIRE

A county mostly pastoral in nature, Cheshire's large farms and country estates impart an air of peaceful prosperity. Extending from the west, the vast undulating Cheshire Plain, well watered by rivers and canals, offers miles of mostly gentle cycling amongst dairy farms, villages with attractive churches and the heavily wooded Delamere Forest. South and east, the land becomes hillier, with wooded ridges and ruined castles offering good views of the surrounding countryside. Near Congleton and Macclesfield the terrain turns to wild, craggy moorland with gritstone farmsteads above narrow valleys. At Anderton a canal lift hoists vessels from the River Weaver to the Trent & Mersey Canal, and near Knutsford is the Jodrell Bank radio telescope. Several large houses dot the county, including the intricately half-timbered Little Moreton Hall and Bramall Hall, and the medieval city walls, cathedral and timber-framed Rows (shops along raised covered walkways) of Chester are worth a visit.

BCQ321 Audlem

OS 118, SJ 6598 4364, QV 2-0, Oct 2019

Near the Church Tower is a memorial honouring the villages dead from many conflicts. Who is the only person to lose their life in the Suez Conflict?

BCQ322 Knutsford

OS 118, SJ 7525 7864, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Memorial Tower to Mrs Gaskell in King Street. What does the plaque near the base of the tower commemorate?

Access/Other Notes: King St is one way heading north.

BCQ323 Chester

OS 117, SJ 4071 6634, QV 2-1, Nov 2020

Eastgate where the old City Wall crosses Eastgate Street has an archway surmounted by a clock. According to the inscription on the east face of the arch at whose expense was it erected in AD MDCCLXIX?

Access/Other Notes: The answer is also available on a small plaque on the SW side of the gateway. The city centre has a one way system and pedestrianised areas.

Eastgate St is one way going east.

BCQ324 Sandbach

OS 118, SJ 7587 6083, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

In the Market Square, who cares for the Saxon Crosses?

BCQ325 Stretton Watermill

OS 117, SJ 4547 5300, QV 2-1, Aug-2024

According to the information board by the car park, when was the thatch replaced by slates?

BCQ326 Great Budworth

OS 118, SJ 6644 7754, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In the village centre is a public house, what is its name?

33 Merseyside & Environs

Merseyside, bisected by the river Mersey, with its 800 year old ferry service, shipping industry, famous waterfront and restored South Docks, is an area of great contrasts. Liverpool boasts two spectacular cathedrals amongst other sights. To the north is a fine coastline featuring sand dunes and pine woods (with red squirrels), leading across fertile flatlands to hills topped by the Lancashire Beacons. The Martin Mere Bird Sanctuary, 15th century Rufford Old Hall and Knowsley Safari Park offer interesting diversions. To the east is the spectacularly half-timbered Speke Hall, the impressive Runcorn/Widnes Bridge and Daresbury, birthplace of Lewis Carroll. Southwest lies the Wirral Peninsula with its pretty countryside and contrasting villages such as Port Sunlight, Parkgate, Thornton Hough and Burton. The sandstone ridges offer magnificent views to the east and west. Wirral Country Park is partly open to cyclists. Eureka, the famous cyclists' cafe, is at Two Mills a short distance over the Cheshire border.

BCQ331 Liverpool

OS 108, SJ 3383 9033, QV 0-1, Aug 2024

On the Waterfront the main doorway (facing the river) of The Royal Liver Building. Who laid the foundation stone, situated to the right?

Access/Other Notes: The Royal Liver Building is fenced off at present due to building work. Please provide update on situation to bcq@cyclenguk.org.uk

BCQ332 Grange

OS 108, SJ 2224 8662, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Tall sandstone column with large ball on top (previously a mariner's beacon) on the A540, Column Road. What date was the foundation stone laid?

BCQ333 Parkgate

OS 117, SJ 2788 7823, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Halfway along the river front behind Mostyn Square Bus Terminus is St. Thomas' Church, The Fisherman's Church. How many windows are glazed on the south-west elevation, i.e. facing the River Dee?

BCQ334 Port Sunlight

OS 108, SJ 3367 8449, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Very impressive war memorial at the crossing of The Causeway with King George's Drive/ Queen Mary's Drive, in the centre of this world famous village. What is the English inscription, facing outwards, on three of the four sections of the surrounding wall?

BCQ335 Daresbury

OS 108, SJ 5806 8280, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

All Saint's Parish Church with famous stained glass window dedicated to the life of Lewis Carroll, who was born in the village. What year is on the external rainwater pipe hopper heads?

BCQ336 Southport

OS 108, SD 3572 1989, QV 1-2, Jan 2024

On Marshside Road by a bus stop is the Marshside Fogbell (formerly known as the Fernley Observatory), when was it rebuilt and by who?

Access/Other Notes: There is another Fernley Observatory in Hesketh Park, Southport. Hence look for Marshside Rd and not the observatory for directions.

34 LANCASHIRE & GREATER MANCHESTER

Wedged between the sea and the mountains, Lancashire presents two opposite aspects. Along the coast is the low-lying rolling plain of the Fylde with quiet twisting lanes, scattered farms and villages and coastal salt marshes. Glasson Dock, possibly the oldest existing tidal dock in England, marks one end of the River Lune cycle path. Magnificent views can be had across Morecambe Bay to southern Cumbria, and the limestone headland near Silverdale, with nature reserves nearby, has been designated an AONB. Inland, stretching almost to Yorkshire, the ancient royal hunting territory of the Forest of Bowland rises to over 1700 feet. Whalley, with its railway viaduct and ruined 13th century abbey, and Clitheroe with its 12th century castle keep, are charming market towns. Southern Lancashire and Greater Manchester are centres for the cotton industry, but in wooded valleys above the busy valleys are great Halls, Tudor farmhouses, peaceful reservoirs and old stone churches.

BCQ341 Styal

OS 109, SJ 8399 8341, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

Off the B5166, near the locked gates to Styal Mill is an unmade track (Holts Lane). How many front doors are there in the row of terraced houses?

BCQ342 Newhey

OS 109, SD 93586 11526, QV 1-0, Jan 2024

At the traffic light controlled junction (staggered crossroads) of A640 (Newhey Rd and Huddersfield Rd) and A663 (Shaw Rd) is New Cotton Corner, (NE corner). What was sited there from 1845?

BCQ343 Newchurch

OS 103, SD 8229 3937, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

What is the emblem below the clock on the church tower? Is it an eye, a hand or a foot?

BCQ344 Dunsop Bridge

OS 103, SD 6571 5009, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

Who designed the sign at the entrance to the village hall (name bottom LH corner)?

Access/Other Notes: Some claim Dunsop Bridge is the centre of Great Britain, the actual geographic centre is nearby. The Village Hall does refreshments on Sundays in the summer months.

BCQ345 Leighton Moss R.S.P.B. Sanctuary

OS 97, SD 4767 7502, QV 1-3, Jan 2024

At the Visitor Centre/ café what year is engraved high on the right hand gable wall of the Visitor Centre/café?

BCQ346 Inglewhite

OS 102, SD 5474 4001, QV 2-0, Apr 2019

Opposite the green is a single story building with a yellow AA sign; how far is it to London?

35 ISLE OF MAN

The Isle of Man, rising from the Irish Sea to over 2000 feet, covers only 227 square miles but is laced with some 500 miles of quiet roads. It is largely blanketed with gorse and heather, though the lanes in the relatively flat plain of the north meander through wooded countryside with many picturesque villages. The hillier south tends to be less sparsely settled but has many sandy beaches and attractive harbours at Peel and Port St. Mary. Douglas, the main town and entry port for the island, is where the famed Manx cats are bred. Loxey is home to the world's largest industrial water wheel, formerly used in the lead mines. From there a mountain railway climbs Snaefell, and a road goes 1300 feet up it. At Castletown, a town of narrow streets and quaint houses, is Castle Rushen, a good example of a medieval fortress, and Cregneish has an open-air folk museum illustrating whitewashed crofts and farming and fishing implements.

The Isle of Man is famous for motor sports as there is no upper speed limit on the roads outside of towns. In addition to the Mountain Circuit and motorcycle TT, there are other events and circuits which are used. Before planning a visit check to see what events are scheduled and their associated road closures.

BCQ351 Castletown

OS 95, SC 2649 6740, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Market Square. Tower to commemorate visit of John Wesley. What is the date?

BCQ352 Cronk y Voddy

OS 95, SC 2952 8629, QV 0-1, Jan 2020

From the village on the A3, take the lane signposted Peel. In the hedge at the first crossroads is a black and white sign. What is written on it in Manx and English?

BCQ353 Lingague

OS 95, SC 2163 7113, QV 2-1, Nov 2020

On hillside about 1 km south of Lingague, on the A36, there is a stone bench in memory of John Nicholson, artist. Which item that he designed was painted here?

BCQ354 Baldrine

OS 95, SC 4275 7940, QV 0-1, Jan 2020

$\frac{3}{4}$ mile due south on the A2, follow the signs to Old Lonan Church. Here in the graveyard is a free standing Celtic cross. What is the number on the small metal disc?

BCQ355 Maughold

OS 95, SC 4927 9170, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

In the churchyard is an open fronted building to the right side of the gateway. How many ancient Manx crosses are on display, (see panel on the right hand wall)?

BCQ356 Andrease

OS 95, SC 4153 9930, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

According to the War memorial by the Parish Church who was a Bombardier R.F.A.?

36 WEST YORKSHIRE

Long associated with the wool and cloth trades, West Yorkshire is a county with two faces. In the valleys of the Rivers Colne, Calder and Aire sit the mills, their slender chimneys piercing the sky, and the towns that serve them. Some fine Victorian architecture can be found, the railway station at Huddersfield being one of the best examples of its kind in England. Above all this are the wild moors of the Brontë sisters' novels, separating one town from another. Old clothiers' houses and weavers' cottages remain from the time when the cloth trade was a cottage industry. Greystone farms work the land, their fields separated by miles of stone walls. Two staircases of locks raise the Leeds & Liverpool Canal 100 feet near Bingley, and the best preserved section of Roman Road in Britain runs along Blackstone Edge. It is a landscape that offers exciting and challenging cycling.

BCQ361 Halifax

OS 104, SE 1062 2585, QV 2-1, Aug 2024

100m N of Shibden Hall is a craft display. What craft is represented?

Access/Other Notes: The estate grounds are open 24/7 with no charge to access the checkpoint. The best access is via the Upper Car Park on Shibden Hall Road.

BCQ362 Haworth

OS 104, SE 0302 3722, QV 1-0, Jun 2021

On the wall of the Black Bull pub, on Main St is a plaque giving information about a Bronte family member. Which Freemasons Lodge met at the Inn?

Access/Other Notes: Main street is a steep cobbled hill and can be crowded with tourists. The checkpoint is best approached from the top.

BCQ363 Bingley

OS 104, SE 1076 4003, QV 1-0, Jun 2021

Five Rise Locks. At the end of Beck Lane, by the swing bridge across the canal is a stone house with two plaques relating to the canal. One gives a lot of detail about the locks. Who was the stonemason from Wilsden?

Access/Other Notes: The canal tow path either side of the Five Rise Locks is wide, with some width restrictions at least a meter wide for at least 2 miles in either direction. At the top of the steep descent from the Top Lock, there is a chicane restriction with a gap for about 1 metre

BCQ364 Otley

OS 104, SE 2017 4561, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

There is a blue plaque on the end house, adjacent to the Manor House in Manor Square. When and where was Thomas Chippendale born?

BCQ365 Sandal

OS 110, SE 3382 1816, QV 1-0, Dec 2021

Just beyond the far corner of Sandal Castle car park, on Manygates Lane, is an information board. What years was the castle first excavated and then extensively excavated?

Access/Other Notes: If the car park is closed, there is an opening about 0.9m wide next to the car park gates.

BCQ366 Holme Moss

OS 110, SE 0960 0399, QV 2-0, Apr 2019

At the entrance to the transmitter station, to the RIGHT of the gates is a sign concerning ICE, what colour are the lights surmounting it?

37 EAST RIDING of YORKSHIRE

Bounded on three sides by the River Derwent, the Humber and the North Sea, East Yorkshire has a long maritime history. Hull is the third largest port in England, and Goole, 42 miles from the coast, is the furthest inland seaport. The Georgian market town of Beverley, with its splendid Minster, is the historic capital. Running north-south through the county, and forming its northern border, are the Yorkshire Wolds, rolling hills rising to over 500 feet in places and offering good views either side. To the west lie the ancient market towns of Howden and Pocklington with their equally ancient churches; Pocklington also has the largest pond of water lilies in Europe. On the east side, the undulating Holderness plain, with its 2-mile long Hornsea Mere, leads to the long sandy coastline. Chalk cliffs provide havens for thousands of seabirds near Flamborough Head. Unspoilt villages, ruined abbeys and large country houses abound.

BCQ371 Beverley

OS 107, TA 0301 3988, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The North Bar, the only one remaining of 5 guarding main entrances of the town. Who built it, when and how much did it cost?

BCQ372 Flamborough

OS 101, TA 2542 7065, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

What shape is the Weather Vane on top of the lighthouse?

BCQ373 Sledmere

OS 101, SE 9290 6469, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

"Waggoners Memorial", near the replica Eleanor Cross, who was the sculptor, foreman and mason?

BCQ374 Howden

OS 106, SE 7488 2828, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

In the road called Market Place is the Shire Hall. From the Blue plaque, name the four previous uses of the building.

BCQ375 Welwick

OS107, TA 3355 2147, QV 4-0, Dec 2021

On the north side of the B1445, away from the road, in the tree/hedge line, is the sculpture Gunpowder. Treason and Plot. Where did the Wright Brothers live?

Access/Other Notes: Access to the sculpture is over a grassed slope, as the sculpture is about 15m from the road. If heading away from Welwick, it is easy to miss the sculpture.

BCQ376 Stamford Bridge

OS 106, SE 7136 5557, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

On the main road in the village centre is a small memorial garden to the Battle of Stamford Bridge. On the stone base of the stone pillar are two plaques, one in English and the other in Norwegian. On the Norwegian plaque, what are the first two words?

Access/Other Notes: There is another memorial at the site of the battle just beyond the end of Whiterose Drive, SE 7190 5536.

38 SOUTH YORKSHIRE

A mixture of industrial towns and open countryside, South Yorkshire offers a variety of cycling and places of interest to visit along the way. Sheffield lies on the edge of the Peak District National Park, its moors and reservoirs being within reach of the city to the west. Sheffield Manor was home to Mary Queen of Scots for many years, and its museum tells of her time there. The area between Barnsley and Holmfirth provides challenging and scenic cycling, the terrain levelling off as it nears Doncaster. 12th century Conisbrough Castle is the oldest surviving circular keep in England, and the Castle at Pontefract, a town with many 18th century buildings, has Civil War connections. Other buildings of note include 18th century Wentworth Woodhouse, with the longest frontage in England, the half-timbered 15th century barn at Gunthwaite Hall, and Victorian Broadsworth Hall. Roche and Monk Bretton Abbeys are also of interest.

BCQ381 Burbage Rocks

OS 110, SK 2618 8296, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Near the top of the hill on the road between Ringinglow to Hathersage, there is a layby on the south side. Through a pedestrian gate is an information board mounted on a pile of boulders. How many rocks make up the bottom row of the side with the information board?

BCQ382 Langsett Reservoir

OS 110, SE 2127 0036, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

There is a Latin inscription on the tower on the dam. What three towns or cities are mentioned?

Access/Other Notes: For the more adventurous, the bridleway Cut Gate provides a direct route to BCQ301 Derwent Reservoir.

BCQ383 Campsall

OS 111, SE 5445 1408, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The church has the finest Norman tower in Yorkshire. How many arches are there in the main doorway?

BCQ384 Roche Abbey

OS 111, SK 5425 8989, QV 1-2, Aug 2022

Enter the ruined stone Gatehouse (just before the English Heritage entrance), what is visible behind the gated doorway?

Access/Other Notes: This is an English Heritage site. You do not need a ticket to view the checkpoint. The road down is cobbled and can be slippery when wet.

BCQ385 Worsbrough

OS 110, SE 3466 0321, QV 1-0, Aug 2024

In Worsbrough Country Park, about 0.9 mile along the “walk” on the south side of the reservoir from the entrance to the mill, is a wooden mural depicting a mining scene. How many “quarry tubs” is the horse pulling?

Access/Other Notes: The “walk” is very wide, at least 3m and is a flat, relatively smooth surface path. The path from The Trans Pennine Trial across the reservoir dam to the mill is just about wide enough for an ordinary bicycle.

BCQ386 Hooton Pagnell

OS 111, SE 4856 0810, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

An unspoilt village worthy of exploration. When was the Buttercross erected?

39 NORTH YORKSHIRE

One of the largest counties in England, North Yorkshire brings together vast areas of great contrasts. The Vale of York, a fertile agricultural plain, cuts a broad swath through the centre of the county. Fountains Abbey, Ripon Cathedral and the spa town of Harrogate all lie in this area, as does the city of York with its Minster, 12th century city walls and old narrow streets. The Pennines and the Yorkshire Dales National Park dominate the western half of the county. The dramatic landscape can be steep and rocky or sloping and green. Hardrow Force and Aysgarth waterfalls, Ribbleshead viaduct, Richmond Castle, Bolton Abbey, Malham Cove and the peaks of Ingleborough, Wharfedale and Pen-y-Ghent are just some of the highlights. To the east, the North York Moors rise sharply to a heather covered plateau with steep, secluded valleys sheltering greystone villages, then drop to a coastline of cliffs and fishing villages.

BCQ391 Settle

OS 98, SD 8171 6346, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What is the height above sea level on the South Bound platform on Settle Station?

BCQ392 Askrigg

OS 98, SD 9481 9101, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In the centre of the village opposite the church. What are the two signs on the wall of Sykes's House?

BCQ393 Harrogate

OS 104, SE 3150 5535, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

On the Wetherby Road, what is the name of the well at the Pump House?

BCQ394 Naburn

OS 105, SE 6002 4620, QV 1-1, Jul 2023

On the Solar System Way just north of Naburn, and on the south side of the bridge across the River Ouse, by the road bridge is a planet. Below the planet are three plaques. What is the date that is given at the end of the last line on the plaque with the detailed information about the planet? **Access/Other Notes:** There are good access points to the B1222 Naburn Lane by the checkpoint, and to Acaster Lane on the Bishopthorpe side of the river bridge. The path is very narrow at the Riccall end of the Solar System Way.

BCQ395 Cropton

OS 94, SE 7572 8921, QV 2-0, Dec 2021

On the side of the road are the remains of the Cropton Village Well House. How deep is the well?

BCQ396 Egton

OS 94, NZ 8087 0659, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Opposite the garage is Egton Cross. In whose memory is it?

40 CUMBRIA

There is more to Cumbria than its mountainous central area, but the spectacular scenery of the Lake District manifests itself throughout the county, even if only for the wonderful views of it from afar. The granite outcrop of Scafell Pike, at 3209 feet, is the highest point in England, and the highest mountain passes in the country are also to be found here, with six roads rising above 1000 feet. Beneath the craggy peaks are eight major lakes, each reachable by roads running through green valleys, though a few roads can be heavily trafficked in summer. Nestled between the Lakes and the Pennines, the Cumbrian Cycle Way follows the Vale of Eden south on quiet roads through rolling countryside, beyond the attractive market town of Appleby in Westmorland, across to Kirkby Stephen and up the dramatic valley of Mallerstang. Stone circles, ruined abbeys, ancient castles and Hadrian's Wall provide links with the past.

BCQ401 Cockermouth

OS 89, NY 1216 3070, QV 2-0, Mar 2023

On the south side of Main St is the Black Bull pub. What two rivers are named on the plaque to right of main door (one below pub sign) just above head height?

Access/Other Notes: There is a similar sign by the entrance of The Bush, about 200m further along the road to the west. It is worth comparing the two!

BCQ402 Ravenglass

OS 96, SD 0851 9656, QV 4-0, Aug 2022

On the approach road to Ravenglass Station, Ravenglass & Eskdale Rly and Network Rail platform for Barrow in Furness (east side), is a signpost. What is the very top word on the round disc at the top?

BCQ403 Ambleside

OS 90, NY 3760 0462, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Bridge House the "Smallest House" in England is found astride the river alongside Rydal Road. How many steps comprise the stone outside spiral staircase?

BCQ404 Dent

OS 98, SD 7050 8700, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In the cobbled centre of village is a stone memorial drinking fountain. What is the name and dates of the local geologist commemorated by it?

BCQ405 Crosby Ravensworth

OS 91, NY 6214 1481, QV 1-1, Dec 2021

What are the inscriptions on either side of the two roses carved on the church porch?

Access/Other Notes: In the graveyard, plot 105 (see church porch for a location map), in the NW corner near the gate, is the grave of a cyclist who was found on nearby Haberwain Ridge.

BCQ406 Brampton

OS 86, NY 5307 6109, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

In the centre of the Market Place is the eight sided Moot Hall. According to the "tablet" at the foot of the steps what is the name and year of birth of the poet?

41 DURHAM

Only somewhat less dramatic than its neighbours, County Durham is largely characterised by medium sized fields, small market towns, unspoilt villages and uncrowded roads. The Pennines on its western border offer rugged moorland scenery leading to high plateaux, with the spectacular waterfalls of Caldron Snout and High Force plunging from the rocks. The open dales are covered with stone-walled fields and derelict miners' cottages, the small mining towns and villages perched precariously on the slopes. At Darlington, Stephenson's early steam engine marks the 'birthplace of the railway', and near Stanley, where the first single-span stone bridge was built to carry coal wagons, the vast Beamish Museum illustrates the county's industrial heritage. The eastern coastline is a mixture of long sandy beaches, low limestone cliffs and colliery villages. The pride of the county is the medieval city of Durham with its 11th century castle and 12th century cathedral.

BCQ411 Durham

OS 88, NZ 2741 4256, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

There is a statue of Neptune in the Market Place. Which river does this refer to?

BCQ412 Stanhope

OS 92, NY 9967 3919, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

A fossilised tree stump can be seen in a gap in the churchyard wall: what type of tree is it, and where is it from?

BCQ413 Bishop Auckland

OS 93, NZ 2130 3012, QV 0-1, Jan 2020

In which monarch's reign was the post box to the right of the clock gateway to Auckland Park installed?

BCQ414 Barnard Castle

OS 92, NZ 0503 1633, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

At the bottom of Newgate is the octagonal 'Butter Market'. There is a blue plaque on an inner arch near the entrance. What did farmers' wives sell around the veranda?

BCQ415 Sedgfield

OS 93, NZ 3444 2884, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

Hardwick Hall Country Park. According to the plaque at south end of the Serpentine Bridge it was restored in 1994 to match the original bridge of which year (the bridge is shown on OS50k map just below the "u" of Temple ruin)?

BCQ416 Middleton-in-Teesdale

OS 91/92, NY 9475 2542, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The drinking fountain commemorates a testimonial presented to R.E. Bainbridge. Which company's employees presented this to him?

42 NORTHUMBERLAND / TYNE & WEAR

Separated from Scotland by the Cheviot Hills, Northumberland is one of the largest counties in England but also the least populated. Its turbulent history caused it to develop more recently than other areas, and thus left its countryside largely unspoilt. Much of the land is open with large farms, few natural woods and few towns or substantial villages. However, in recent years the Forestry Commission has planted hundreds of thousands of acres of trees for industry, and with this has come new reservoirs, including Kielder Water, forest tracks, camping sites and shelter for many species of wildlife. In addition to the bulk of Hadrian's Wall, substantial fortified castles, such as those at Bamburgh, Dunstanburgh and Alnwick, lie in varying states of preservation, alongside many stately homes. Berwick-on-Tweed is enclosed by the only complete 16th century fortifications in Britain. The often sandy coastline has many offshore islands with lighthouses and bird colonies.

BCQ421 Cambo

OS 81, NZ 0264 8568, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

A stone on the side of the Village Hall (which is virtually opposite the drinking fountain) commemorates a famous gardener. Who?

BCQ422 Blanchland

OS 87, NY 9658 5037, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

After which Lord is the pub named?

BCQ423 Whittingham

OS 81, NU 0707 1188, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In the village there is a monument of a man with a dog. Who does this commemorate?

BCQ424 Bamburgh

OS 75, NU 1780 3491, QV 2-0, Apr 2019

At the tower end of the churchyard is an elaborate Victorian family tomb to the heroine Grace Darling. From the plaque, what is her MIDDLE name, and dates of birth and death?

BCQ425 Haydon Bridge

OS 86/87, NY 8445 6323, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

About 1 mile south of Haydon Bridge on the A686 main road is a memorial. This is a cross by the roadside and tells the story of some noblemen. Where were they beheaded?

BCQ426 Near Horncliffe

OS 67/74/75, NT 9345 5105, QV 0-2, Jul 2023

The Union Suspension Bridge over the River Tweed. Plaque at south-east approach. When was the bridge strengthened?

Access/Other Notes: A major overhaul of the bridge was completed in 2023. If a plaque is added regarding this overhaul, please send photo to BCQ@cyclingsUK.org.

43 SOUTH WALES

Though historically associated with industry and mining, the counties of South Wales have green rolling hills and unspoilt coastline to offer the cyclist willing to meet the challenges of 'lumpy' terrain. Monmouthshire, east of Abergavenny, is flatter and more pastoral. The wooded Wye Valley, an AONB and forming the border between England and Wales, shelters the graceful Tintern Abbey. Further west is the picturesque valley of the River Usk, its namesake town the site of a Norman Castle and 13th century gatehouse. Numerous ruined castles are dotted about the whole area, many built to guard the border against frequent raids. The leafy Vale of Glamorgan, west of Cardiff, offers pleasant unspoilt scenery and sea views, and the Gower Peninsula, the first AONB, has superb beaches, coves and fishing villages. Inland are many mountain-biking opportunities such as at Afan Argoed Country Park, north of Port Talbot, and The Gap ride in the Brecon Beacons.

BCQ431 Porth Eynon (Port Eynon)

OS 159, SS 4671 8536, QV 1-1, May 2022

In St Cattwg's churchyard is a distinct white memorial (the Lifeboat's Crew Memorial). What was the name of the Lifeboat?

BCQ432 Afan Forest Park

OS 170, SS 8210 9507, QV 0-1, May 2022

On the brick plinth below the wagon at the entrance to the Visitor Centre. When was the Swansea Bay and Rhondda Tunnel opened?

Access/Other Notes: There is access from the adjacent cycle route, but it is the single track Green Rookie MTB trail, with a one-way system. I rode it ok with 25mm tyres, but care is needed by the road bridge. The cycle route is tarmaced and has K barriers.

BCQ433 Merthyr Tydfil

OS 160, SO 0617 0929, QV 1-0, May 2022

About 500m south of Pant Station, just north of the junction of Pant Road with Tai yr Efail, is a pub named after a local hero. Who was the local hero (see plaque on pub wall)?

BCQ434 Llanilltud Fawr (Llantwit Major)

OS 170, SS 9675 6872, QV 0-2, May 2022

In Church St, who presented the Town Hall Clock?

BCQ435 Tintern Abbey

OS 162, SO 5326 0006, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

On entrance road to Abbey about 100 yards from the A466. According to the plaque on the boundary wall to the Abbey in which year was Brass first made by alloying copper with zinc near this place?

BCQ436 Llanthony

OS 161, SO 2884 2783, QV 2-0, May 2022

Opposite the entrance to Llanthony Priory is St. David's church. What are the last 2 words in the line under "LLanthony" on the board immediately to the right of the church entrance?

44 SIR GAERFRYRDDIN (CARMARTHENSHIRE)

Carmarthenshire presents a more serene, less dramatic face than its northern neighbours. The terrain is made up of gentle hills rather than severe mountains, making farming viable, though east-west roads can rise sharply from the river valleys. Wide beaches of firm sand, including the 5-mile length of Pendine Sands, stretch along the south coast, their headlands rising quickly from them. Near the point where the Rivers Taf and Tywi come together at a wide tidal estuary is Laugharne and the simple boathouse where the poet Dylan Thomas lived. Coracle fishing, involving small round boats covered with tarred canvas, has continued on the Tywi and Teifi since pre-Roman times. Dating from even earlier, Carn Goch, measuring half a mile across, is the largest Iron Age hill fort in Wales. Ruined castles and Arthurian legends abound; even the town of Carmarthen has magical roots, its Welsh name, Caerfyrddin, meaning Merlin's Town.

BCQ441 Pentwyn (Pendine)

OS 158, SN 2342 0794, QV 1-2, May 2022

On the Sands between 1924 & 1927 the Worlds Land Speed Record was broken five times. According to the plaque on the wall of Beach Hotel, sea wall side, who set the record in 1924 and what was the speed?

BCQ442 Llanymddyfri (Llandovery)

OS 146, SN 7677 3440, QV 2-0, May 2022

Opposite the porticoed (pillared) Market Hall is the Kings Head Inn. Underneath the veranda over the entrance is a blue plaque. What was established there in 1799?

BCQ443 Dryslwyn

OS 159, SN 5545 1989, QV 4-0, Dec 2021

On the west side of road are the remains of railway level crossing gates. By the old gate post is a sign relating to railway history. What is given on the third line of the sign?

BCQ444 Cenarth

OS 145, SN 2686 4154, QV 2-0, May 2022

By the river, next to a small car park on the B4332, is what looks like a Tŷ Bach (little house). From the plaque at the rear (river side), what does the district council strongly advise?

BCQ445 Porth Tywyn (Burry Port)

OS 159, SN 4463 0027, QV 4-1, May 2022

There is a wooden buoy near the lifeboat station. What was moored there on 18 June 1928?

Access/Other Notes: There are a number of different monuments around the harbour and in Stepney Rd opposite the war memorial related to this item.

BCQ446 Talylychau (Talley)

OS 146, SN 6322 3279, QV 1-0, May 2022

On the gate under the arch, who prohibited cycling?

Access/Other Notes: The adjacent abbey ruins is a CADW site with free entry when the grounds are open, but there are steps down to access the grounds.

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45 SIR BENFRO (PEMBROKESHIRE)

Pembrokeshire is best known for its wild and weather-beaten rocky coastline. Cliffs drop sharply to the sea below, and sheltered coves, stack rocks, sandy bays and stone chapels create a spectacular scene, worth a detour on dead-end roads. The coastal islands of Skomer, Caldey and Ramsey teem with bird life and grey seals. Caldey also has an ancient priory church and a modern monastery. Standing stones, earthworks and the like are dotted around the countryside. Much of the interior is rolling hills that rise only occasionally above 100 feet, though the Mynydd Preseli in the north of the county, source of the stone for Stonehenge, is an exception, with many peaks over 1000 feet. Milford Haven provides one of the largest natural harbours in Britain, while St. David's holds the claim as being Britain's smallest cathedral city. A point above Whitesand Bay offers, on a clear day, views across to Ireland. The south of the county is known as Little England Beyond Wales as few people speak Welsh, this is reflected in some English place names which have no Welsh equivalent.

BCQ451 Hwlfordd (Haverfordwest)

OS 157, SM 9527 1560, QV 0-1, May 2022

Near St. Mary's church in the High Street at the junction with Dark Street is a five foot high marble pillar to William Nichol. When was he burnt at the stake? **Access/Other Notes:** High St is a One Way street, heading west/uphill. Dark St provides a route back down the hill.

BCQ452 Neyland

OS 157, SM 9665 0488, QV 2-0, Apr 2019

On Brunel Quay is a statue on a plinth. According to the plaque, on what date did the Prince of Wales unveil the statue?

BCQ453 Tyddewi (St. David's)

OS 157, SM 7521 2537, QV 1-0, May 2022

On Y Popls (The Pebbles) is Porth Twr. There is a slate plaque concerning its opening. What is the first word on the third line of text?

BCQ454 Carew

OS 157, SN 0468 0371, QV 0-1, May 2022

Near the entrance to Carew Castle is a 13ft. high Celtic Cross. Who according to the inscription near the Cross was the son of Etguin? **Access/Other Notes:** Good views of Carew Castle (CADW) can be seen from the tide mill and dam at the end of Castle Lane

BCQ455 Pentre Ifan

OS 145, SN 0994 3702, QV 0-3, Jan 2024

From the Tourist Information board what is the weight of the Capstone?

Access/Other Notes: This is on a CADW site with free admission. Access to the site is by a gated path from the entrance at SN 1010 3704, it is possible to take your bike up to stones

BCQ456 Mynachlog Ddu

OS 145, SN 1352 3028, QV 1-1, May 2022

On the south side of the road is the Waldo Stone. What is the last word on the plaque facing the road? **Access/Other Notes:** An adjacent rock to the Waldo Stone has details about Waldo. On the north side of road is another monument with connections to Stonehenge.

46 CEREDIGION

A quiet part of Wales, with much bird life, Ceredigion has much of local interest to offer. Forty miles of sandy beaches, cliffs, coves and small harbours stretch from Cardigan to just beyond Aberystwyth. Traditional fishing ports are now used for recreational boating. The River Teifi, forming the border with Carmarthenshire, has a long association with coracle fishing. Upstream of Cilgerran castle lies the attractive village of Cenarth, a designated conservation area housing the National Coracle Centre and a fishing museum. Nearby other museums illustrate Welsh industries and crafts. A narrow gauge railway follows the Rheidol Valley from Aberystwyth to Devil's Bridge, near where the River Mynach plunges 300 feet through a deep gorge. In the east, agricultural land gives way to the Cambrian Mountains, the location of three of the most remote youth hostels in Wales, the Llyn Brianne reservoir and a remote mountain road from Tregaron to Abergwesyn.

BCQ461 Pontarfynach (Devil's Bridge)

OS 135/147, SN 7652 7556, QV 0-1, Jul 2023

2 miles south east of Devil's Bridge on the B4574 at the top of a hill is a stone arch adjacent to the road. According to the plaque on the arch which monarch's jubilee was the arch erected to commemorate and in which year? **Access/Other Notes:** The checkpoint is just outside the village of Cwmystwyth, but the centre of Pontarfynach is nearer.

BCQ462 Ystrad Fflur (Strata Florida)

OS 135/147, SN 7459 6575, QV 0-1, May 2022

Lych-Gate to St Mary's churchyard next to the entrance to Strata Florida Abbey. Who presented the Lych-Gate of Tintern Oak and when? **Access/Other Notes:** The adjacent abbey is a CADW property with paid admission, that is free when the visitor centre is closed

BCQ463 Trefenter

OS 135, SN 6079 6786, QV 1-0, May 2022

There is a monument on the hill to the south east above Trefenter. This monument was erected in memory of four Welsh poets, what is the name of the lake (llyn) in the "SE" corner between two of the names? **Access/Other Notes:** The monument is about 100m away from the road, with a grass/heather path terrain up to it. The easiest way to the stone is from the east side, there is a path from the road at SN 6084 6785

BCQ464 Llanbedr Pont Steffan (Lampeter)

OS 146, SN 5778 4811, QV 0-2, May 2022

Who presented the fountain, which looks like an obelisk, at the junction of A475 and A485, to this town?

BCQ465 Llyn Brianne

OS 146/147, SN 7923 4854, QV 0-1, May 2022

On the Dam to the Reservoir (through the gate and over the bridge) are stone plaques. What according to the plaques is the maximum water depth and the reservoir capacity?

Access/Other Notes: Access to the checkpoint is through a pair of gates.

BCQ466 Cei Newydd (New Quay)

OS 145, SN 3892 5978, QV 0-1, May 2022

Outside the Black Lion Hotel, on Glanmor Terrace, (where incidentally, Dylan Thomas used to write (and drink)), there is a metal triangle set into the wall. Which Cycling Association put it there? **Access/Other Notes:** Glanmor Terrace is a one way street, in the direction of the harbour.

47 POWYS

Although Powys is the largest county in Wales by area, it is the least densely populated. Most of the towns lie along the eastern side in the broad valleys of the River Severn, Wye and Usk. Numerous ruined castles testify to less settled times. Many roads follow the contours, leading into the more rural west, but as they approach the Cambrian Mountains, the terrain becomes more mountainous. Welsh is also more often heard. Accessible from Rhayader are the large man-made reservoirs of the Elan Valley, set against a backdrop of 2000-ft peaks, serving the water needs of Birmingham. Lake Vyrnwy and Llyn Clywedog further north do the same for Liverpool. The 'land of water' theme is continued in many towns with 'Wells' as part of their name, though they no longer function as spas. In the south, the Brecon Beacons rise even higher, with rocky gorges, limestone caverns and gushing waterfalls.

BCQ471 Montgomery

OS 137, SO 2227 9646, QV 2-0, Jul 2023

On the north side of Broad St, is a short terrace (5 doors). On the side of the end shop (fish bar, town hall end) is a plaque. What was Broad St called in the 13th and 14th Centuries?

BCQ472 Llanidloes

OS 136, SN 9542 8452, QV 0-1, Jul 2023

On the ground at one end, corner, of the Old Market Hall is a stone on which John Wesley is reputed to have preached during his visits. In which years did these visits take place?

Access/Other Notes: April 2023 the Old Market Hall was under restoration with barriers around the building. However, the checkpoint item was accessible. Please provide updates if this changes to BCQ@cyclimguk.org

BCQ473 Dylife

OS 136, SN 8358 9595, QV 0-1, May 2022

On the mountain road between Machynlleth and Dylife (3 km north west of Dylife and on Machynlleth side, and about 500m from the summit) is a slate circular viewpoint. This is a memorial to which broadcaster, author and traveller?

BCQ474 Llangasty Tal-y-llyn

OS 161, SO 1328 2620, QV 2-1, Aug-2022

At the end of the lane, beyond the church, is an information board about the shores of Llyn Syfaddan (largest natural lake in South Wales). What is the Welsh name of the bird shown next to the Otter/Dyfrgi?

BCQ475 Old Radnor

OS 148, SO 2499 5907, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What is the name in inverted commas on the grave of William Walter Morgan which lies to the left of the path to the church from the lych gate?

BCQ476 Cwm Elan (Elan Valley)

OS 147, SN 8688 6362, QV 0-1, Sep 2021

On the plaque on the south west pillar on top of Claerwen Dam, who was the Chairman of the Water Committee at the inauguration of the reservoir on 23.10.52

48 GWYNEDD & YNYS MÔN (ANGLESEY)

Most of Gwynedd is dominated by Snowdon, at 3559 feet the highest peak south of Scotland, and Snowdonia National Park. It is a dramatic area of wild mountains, high passes, steep slopes, craggy peaks and huge rock slabs. In contrast to this harshness are richly wooded forests, cascading waterfalls and mirror-like lakes. Cycling here is challenging, but the rewards of achievement and awesome views from some of the passes can make it worth the effort. Nearer the coastline and southwards, the land opens up to hill farms and glens. Three narrow gauge railways operate in the area. Most of the Llein Peninsula is a mixture of pastures and woods set in undulating, sometimes hilly countryside, though the southern coast has many busy resorts, and the Yr Eifl massif rises nearly 2000 feet in the north. Anglesey, abundant with ancient ruins, consists mostly of farmland and stone villages, away from its rugged coastline.

BCQ481 Porth (Port) Amlwch, Ynys Môn (Anglesey)

OS 114, SH 4505 9348, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

At Porth (Port) Amlwch, on the east bank of the river. What is the date over the door at the east end of the harbour building?

BCQ482 Pont Aberglaslyn

OS 115, SH 5943 4625, QV 4-0, Jul 2023

Set into the parapet of the bridge, on the north side, at ankle height, are two old milestones. How far is it to Beddgelert?

BCQ483 Llangian

OS 123, SH 2953 2893, QV 1-0, Jul 2023

To the left of the Llangian Church Hall, at the Road junction in the village is a sign concerning Best Kept Village. One sign is in Welsh (Cymraeg) and the other English (Saesneg). On the Welsh side what are the four letter initials at the very top?

BCQ484 Llanystumdwy

OS 123, SH 4757 3857, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Describe the animals which surmount the rear gates to the museum opposite the Lloyd George Memorial.

BCQ485 Llanuwchllyn, Llyn Tegid

OS 125, SH 8799 2999, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

What animal is depicted in the coat of arms above the front door of the last house on the left immediately before the station?

BCQ486 Abergynolwyn

OS 124, SH 6776 0696, QV 2-0, Jul 2023

On the corner of the car park, on the main road (B4405) by Y Ganolfan (Community Centre) is a memorial to a local slate quarry. What is the first word (Cymraeg/Welsh) below the first set of dates?

49 CONWY

With a main road dominating its coastline, and tall mountains and narrow valleys inland, Conwy may not be an easy county to cycle in, but it has many interesting towns and villages, historic places and natural beauties that should appeal to a visiting cyclist. Its sandy beaches and mild climate have encouraged lively summer resorts along its northern coast, though the roads around and up to Great Ormes Head offer good views of Snowdonia and Anglesey. The historic walled town of Conwy, with its medieval Aberconwy House and museums, sits next to its massive castle and comparatively delicate iron bridge. The River Conwy rises 15 miles up its narrow valley, past the market town of Llanrwyst, to the wooded village of Betws-y-Coed. From there one road leads to Dolwyddelan Castle and another to the delightful Conwy Falls, Machno Falls and Fairy Glen. To the east, roads climb over the wooded Cambrian Mountains.

BCQ491 Pentre Foelas

OS 116, SH 8727 5148, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

At the northern end of the bridge in the village there is a monument to Lt. Col. C. A. Wynne-Finch. What are the dates on the monument?

BCQ492 Gwytherin

OS 116, SH 8763 6146, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What is the first name on the War Memorial just outside the church gate?

BCQ493 Llyn Crafnant

OS 115, SH 7535 6155, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The monument at the north east end of the lake records the gift of the lake and land to the people of Llanwrwst. By whom?

BCQ494 Betws-yn-Rhos

OS 116, SH 9066 7356, QV 0-1, Jul 2023

What is the first name on the War Memorial to the west of the church gate? (visible from the road). **Access/Other Notes:** You may need to move a reef or two to one side to see the name.

BCQ495 Tŷ Mawr - Wybrnant

OS 115, SH 7701 5243, QV 5-0, Dec 2021

At a small common on a bend in the lane is a National Trust property. On the main National Trust sign, which is bilingual, what is the second line of the English descriptive text about the property, ie below the text below Tŷ Mawr Wybrnant?

Access/Other Notes: Easiest approach is from the SE, but is accessible by cycle from the NE, ie A470 Betws-Y-Coed direction along a gated road. However, the road is in poor condition with grass in the middle of the road for much of the way. This may be an issue for tricycles.

BCQ496 Caerhun

OS 115, SH 7766 7041, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

To one side of the church lychgate is a stile of three steps over the wall. What were they installed for? (See adjacent information board.)

50 DENBIGHSHIRE / FLINTSHIRE / WREXHAM

With the exception of flat plains between Wrexham town and the Cheshire border, the three counties in the northeast corner of Wales are generally a sparsely populated area of mountains and moorlands with spectacular scenery. As the River Dee passes into the Llangollen Valley, so does the Llangollen Canal, the two following a parallel course through the narrow valley until the canal crosses the river on Telford's 19-arched Pontcysyllte aqueduct, near the ancient Roman Bont Bridge. Also near Llangollen, in the picturesque hamlet of Llantysilio, is the impressive Cistercian abbey, Valle Crucis. The Pistyll Rhaeadr waterfall, the highest in Wales, descends from the east flank of the Berwyns. From Rhyl on the north coast, the River Clwyd cuts a broad valley between the mountains on its path south to Ruthin, an old market town with Civil War and Arthurian associations. Three impressive castles remain at Chirk, Ruthin and Denbigh.

BCQ501 Cyffylliog

OS 116, SJ 0597 5776, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

The signpost at the road junction: how far is it to Nantglyn?

BCQ502 Carrog

OS 125, SJ 1147 4375, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What is the name of the inn close by the northern end of the bridge over the River Dee?

BCQ503 Rhuddlan

OS 116, SJ 0235 7813, QV 2-0, Jul 2023

On the corner of Ffordd Fawr (High St) and Stryd y Senedd (Parliament St) is a memorial stone to an important 13th Century building. What are the two words on the top line?

BCQ504 Maen Achwyfaen

OS 116, SJ 1289 7881, QV 0-2, Jul 2023

By the junction signposted Tre-mostyn ½, in the adjacent field is a magnificently preserved Celtic Cross with ornamentation. When was it first thought to be erected?

Access/Other Notes: Grid reference is for kissing gate at the road end of the path to the cross. The cross is about 50m from the road.

BCQ505 Llangollen

OS 117, SJ 2024 4451, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

At Valle Crucis Abbey about 120 yards north from the telephone box is Eliseg's Pillar, an ancient monument. Who was Eliseg?

BCQ506 Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog

OS 125, SJ 1583 3298, QV 1-1, Sep 2021

On the B4500 north of the river bridge, where the road bears right is an old milestone (metal plaque). Which town's name appears twice and how far is it?

Access/Other Notes: for an off road alternative, BCQ506ORA Nant Rhydwylym Pass, see [Off Road Alternatives](#). If you do BCQ506ORA you do not need to do this one.

51 DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

From the hills and moors of Glentrool Forest to the Solway Firth, this region of the Scottish Lowlands offers much beauty. The valleys of Nithsdale, Annandale and Eskdale flow through grassy green hills where sheep graze in summer to the broadening agricultural coastal plain. Black, hornless Galloway cattle, red deer and wild goats can be found in the moorland. The Rhins, a hammer-shaped peninsula in the extreme southwest, is the most southerly point in Scotland. Robert Burns was buried in Dumfries where his house is now a museum. Five bridges, including one from the 15th century, span the River Nith. In the market town of Kirkcudbright, its harbour dominated by castle ruins, a 17th century cross stands in front of the old courthouse. Ruined castles recall early battles for Scottish independence. The 18-foot high Runic Ruthwell Cross and fragments of St. Ninian's monastery at Whithorn are evidence of early Christianity in the area.

BCQ511 Langholm

OS 79, NY 3630 8469, QV 0-2, Dec 2021

What date is shown on lamp posts on road bridge crossing the river?

Access Note/Other Notes: A world famous engineer has associations with the town and the road bridge in particular, and with BCQ636 Craigellachie.

BCQ512 Glentrool

OS 77, NX 4159 8035, QV 1-1, Sep 2021

The Bruce Stone. On the REVERSE side of the stone is an engraved date. What is it?

Access Note/Other Notes: If you can't make it to look at the reverse, take a photo of your bike with the stone in front

From the end of the tarmac road, it is about 150m along a track/path to the Bruce Stone. The road becomes a track that is Cycle Route 7 Off Road route towards New Galloway, which is a hard pack forest road, with some barriers across it which may be difficult to pass as no path is provided around them.

BCQ513 Creetown

OS 83, NX 4754 5891, QV 1-1, Jan 2020

Adjacent to the clocktower in Creetown is a carved sphere. According to the plaque alongside, who carved it, and what are his dates?

BCQ514 New Abbey

OS 84, NX 9637 6624, QV 0-1, May 2022

Carvings on house wall next to front door of Rosewall Cottage, No. 14 Main Street. What do they represent?

BCQ515 Keir

OS 78, NX 8559 9350, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

At Courthill Smithy the first bicycle was built by the inventor Kirkpatrick McMillan. According to the plaque on the wall about which year was this?

BCQ516 Mull of Galloway

OS 82, NX 1565 3039, QV 2-0, Jul 2023

Beyond the gate at the end of the car park, in front of the lighthouse is a signpost. How far is the gannets' winter home?

Access Note/Other Notes: The Mull of Galloway is the southernmost point of Scotland.

52 BORDERS

From the Cheviot Hills and the Southern Uplands, several rivers flow into the rich farmland of the broad Tweed Valley. Much of the region is rural in character, with sheep farms set between steep hills in the higher ground west of Hawick, rolling grass moorlands enclosing farmland in deep valleys near Roxburgh, and a rich agricultural plain south of the Lammermuir Hills. The countryside around Abbotsford, former home of Sir Walter Scott, was a source of inspiration for his historical novels. Centuries of warfare between the Scots and the English took their toll on border towns, though Hawick's 12th century Baron's Tower remains as does 13th century Hermitage Castle south of there. The abbeys at Jedburgh, Kelso, Melrose and Dryburgh also owe their ruin to constant plunder. Numerous ancient hill forts can be found near Roxburgh along with Roman camps, forts, signal stations and Dere Street. Traquair House is one of the oldest inhabited houses in Scotland.

BCQ521 Coldstream

OS 74, NT 8431 3968, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

A plaque over the entrance to the museum records the Headquarters of the Coldstream Guards. What is the earliest date on the plaque?

BCQ522 Traquair

OS 73, NT 3263 3512, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

At the public entrance to Traquair House on the B7062 are blocks of cottages. How many chimney stacks are on the RIGHT hand block?

BCQ523 Selkirk

OS 73, NT 4684 2838, QV 0-1, Sep 2021

Near the top of the climb on the main road (A707) from the bridge over Ettrick Water, a tablet on a wall just below West Port marks the site of? (with connections to a famous poet)

BCQ524 Broughton

OS 72, NT 1126 3614, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

War memorial in village has only one woman's name. What is it?

BCQ525 Hawick

OS 79, NT 5043 1480, QV 0-1, Sep 2021

The Horse monument at the north end of the High Street. What does it commemorate?

Access Note/Other Notes: The High Street is one way running north to south. Take a look at the clock opposite. At the south end of the High St there is another memorial celebrating the 500th anniversary of the same event.

BCQ526 St. Abbs

OS 67, NT 9196 6731, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Who was the Harbour Master, St. Abbs 1966 - 1986 commemorated on the small plaque on right, just before arriving at the harbour?

53 THE LOTHIANS

Bordered on the south by the Lammermuir, Moorfoot and Pentland Hills, the Lothian regions offer a mix of farmland, rocky coastline, prosperous villages and gently rolling uplands where sheep farming prevails. Numerous castles are scattered across the region, including Linlithgow Palace, a favourite royal residence during the Middle Ages, the precipitously perched Tantallon Castle and the ship-shaped Blackness Castle. There are many buildings of historic interest, including St. Michael's Church and the splendid mansion of Hopetoun House in Linlithgow, the Romanesque parish church at Dalmeny and the Town House in the market town of Haddington. Pit graves and burial mounds give evidence of prehistoric settlement in West Lothian. The capital city of Edinburgh, steeped in history and graced with fine buildings, has much to offer the visitor.

BCQ531 Gifford

OS 66, NT 5344 6811, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

Two plaques on the wall opposite Yester Parish Church. On the left hand one, what important document did the person sign?

BCQ532 North Berwick

OS 66, NT 5486 8534, QV 1-0, Dec 2021

At the start of Rotary Way (a path) of Beach Rd (B1346), by the golf club, is a small wooden statue of a famous local golfer. Who was he and which US president was he invited to play with?

Access/Other Notes: Beach Road is a one way street running west to east, ie towards the harbour.

BCQ533 Dalkeith

OS 66, NT 3327 6737, QV 2-0, Mar 2023

On the corner of the High St (A604) and Tait St, is a shop set back from the road with a red "Dalkeith I woz here" plaque. Who used to run the shop as a boutique?

BCQ534 Ratho

OS 65, NT 1394 7092, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

Alongside the northern towpath on the east side of the canal bridge is a large zinc coloured sculpture. What does it depict?

BCQ535 Blackness

OS 65, NT 0552 8019, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

To right of entrance to Blackness Castle is a building with the ticket office and shop. According to the plaque on the wall when was this barrack block built?

Access/Other Notes: This is a Historic Environment Scotland site. You do not need a ticket to view the checkpoint.

BCQ536 West Calder

OS 65, NT 0169 6312, QV 0-2, Mar 2023

What is the motto above the clock on the memorial on the south side of Main Street (A71), near the CoOp?

54 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE

Named after its market town in the fertile Clyde valley, South Lanarkshire is largely given over to the cultivation of fruit and vegetables (often under glass) and fields for cattle, sheep and pigs. It is also known for the heavy draft horse breed that originated there. Craignethan Castle enjoys a picturesque setting on the River Nethan, and Bothwell Castle at Uddingston is the largest and finest 13th century stone castle in Scotland. Relics of the area's industrial past can be seen at Biggar and New Lanark. Near the latter is the 90- ft waterfall of Cora Linn, the most spectacular of the Clyde Falls. Hamilton is an attractive town set in pleasant surroundings settled since prehistoric times. Nearby High Parks contain the ruins of Cadzow Castle and rare wild cattle. South in the Lowther Hills, Leadhills, rising to 1350 feet, is one of the highest villages in Scotland and the birthplace of poet Allan Ramsay, instigator of Britain's first lending library.

BCQ541 Forth

OS 72, NS 9420 5380, QV 2-0, Mar 2023

Between the two upstairs windows of 70 Main Street (A706) just north of the church, is a "Winged Wheel". What are the words on top of the "Winged Wheel"?

BCQ542 Covington

OS 72, NS 9751 4000, QV 2-0, Mar 2023

At the junction with the lane, is a monument. Who visited Covington Mains Farm?

BCQ543 Lanark

OS 71/72, NS 8803 4261, QV 1-1, Mar 2023

On entering New Lanark Village (World Heritage Site) there is a memorial stone in an old graveyard adjacent to the old church/chapel on the hillside as you descend into the village. Who erected it and for whom?

BCQ544 Strathaven

OS 71, NS 70165 44492, QV 4-0, Jan 2024

By the entrance to the car park in Common Green is a sculpture of a man and a dog. On the plaque there is a circle, with 4 numbers, in the bottom left hand corner. What is the first number?

BCQ545 Douglas

OS 71, NS 8353 3075, QV 2-1, Jan 2024

In Douglas Township, opposite Morrison's on Main St, is a small monument which features an old lintel from the house of a former resident. What household item is featured in the centre of what was the old lintel?

BCQ546 Hamilton

OS 64, NS 7235 5557, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

There is a plaque on the left hand side of the main gateway to the Old Parish Church, just of Cadzow St. Who designed the present building?

55 AYRSHIRE & ISLE OF ARRAN

From its concave coastline, Ayrshire rises some 2000 feet to its eastern boundary. The coast has lush pastures for dairy farming. Further inland lies windswept moorland, grazing land for cattle and sheep and a Roman fort at Loudoun Hill. A museum stands next to the cottage in Alloway where Robert Burns was born, and Brig o' Doon, of Burns's poem *Tam o' Shanter*, is nearby. Many other towns and villages have further associations with the poet. Noted castles and abbeys include Culzean, Killochan, Dundonald and Crossraguel. The Isle of Arran is noted for its varied scenery, most dramatic in the north where it is dominated by Goat Fell (2,868 ft). The surrounding glens abound in grouse and red deer. The southern landscape is gentler and more pastoral with ancient standing stones. The Caves of Haakon IV sheltered Robert the Bruce. South of Brodick in Lamlash Bay lies Holy Island containing St. Molais' Cave.

BCQ551 Loch Doon

OS 77, NX 4840 9499, QV 1-0, Sep 2021

Late 13th century Loch Doon Castle was taken down and re-erected at its present location, due to the loch being raised by the Hydro Electric Scheme. What type of masonry does the castle have?

Access/Other Notes: The Forest Drive heading west from the end of Loch Doon towards Stincar Bridge has 5 miles of hard pack forest road, with some barriers across it which may be difficult to pass if they are closed as no path is provided around them.

BCQ552 Girvan

OS 76, NX 1910 9852, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Leave Girvan on the A77 heading north. Just past the railway bridge is a memorial to Alexander Ross who was shot in July 1831. What was his occupation?

BCQ553 Electric Brae, nr. Ayr

OS 70, NS 2542 1315, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The Electric Brae, known locally as Croy Brae, is an optical illusion. Written on the cairn in the layby, what is the gradient or slope from the bend to the glen?

BCQ554 Largs

OS 63, NS 2077 5768, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What does "The Pencil" commemorate and what date?

BCQ555 Rowantree Toll

OS 77, NX 3527 9068, QV 0-1, Sep 2021

The David Bell Memorial, what is sculpted in bronze on top of the memorial?

Access/Other Notes: David Bell was a cycling journalist known as The Highwayman. The memorial is midway between the two roads on a grassy slope with step up to the memorial. If you can't make it to the memorial itself, take a photo of your bike by the Bell's Memorial sign on the lower road.

BCQ556 Lamlash, Isle of Arran

OS 69, NS 0267 3107, QV 1-0, Jul 2023

On the green in front of a long terrace of single storey houses, is the Memorial to the Arran Clearances. How many souls embarked on April 5th 1829?

56 STRATHCLYDE

This region covers, some of the counties and districts from the former Strathclyde Region, which was abolished in 1996. It covers the area that lies within the narrow strip of Scotland that separates the Firth of Clyde from the Firth of Forth. The Roman Antonine Wall stretched for 37 miles across this strip; its preserved fort of Rough Castle and other remains can be seen near Bonnybridge. More recently, the Forth Canal provided a link between the two Firths. The Kilpatrick Hills and Campsie Fells rise North of Glasgow, then fall to Loch Lomond. Balloch Castle and Ross Priory lie along edge of the loch. The town of Dumbarton, where the Cutty Sark was built, is dominated by a volcanic rock (240 feet), a defensive stronghold for centuries. Further east the land is more gentle and agricultural, with lochs and reservoirs in the rolling hills. At Port Glasgow, south of the Clyde, the elegant 15th century Newark Castle remains virtually intact. The City of Glasgow is largely new, apart from the cathedral and Provand's Lordship.

BCQ561 Lochwinnoch

OS 63, NS 3735 6128, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Clochoderick Stone (an example of a glacial erratic) is thought to be the burial site of which monarch of the ancient Kingdom of Strathclyde? (See information plaque.)

BCQ562 Lochgoin

OS 64, NS 5283 4695, QV 2-1, Mar 2023

South East of the B764 between Fenwick and Eaglesham, at Soame Bridge, is a metaled lane to the old Lochgoin settlement. Around the Monument base there are listed several names.

Who is the only person listed with both a forename and a surname?

Access/Other Notes: There are two tracks from Soame Bridge, the one on the right is metaled and will be less busy. The one on the left is a wide dirt access road to the wind farm. It can be used as a route to/from the checkpoint as well.

BCQ563 Lennoxton

OS 64, NS 6269 7868, QV 2-1, Jan 2024

On Crow Rd (B822), on the end wall of the cycle shop in the entrance yard to Campsie Golf Club is a mural of Phillipa York in her cycling heyday. What does the middle line of the black plaque above her left hand say?

Access/Other Notes: If you don't know who Phillipa York is – look her up!

BCQ564 Dunmore

OS 65, NS 8937 8945, QV 1-1, Mar 2023

About 2 kms of Airth at Dunmore is a well. According to the plaque on the memorial over the well who built "the school and village of Dunmore together with this well" and when were they completed?

BCQ565 Balloch

OS 56, NS 3905 8304, QV 2-0, Apr 2019

There is a blue clock face on the castle turret, what's the year recorded in the corners?

BCQ566 Chryston

OS 64, NS 6909 7096, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Next to the Miners Club there is a memorial (with a half colliery wheel) to the Auchengeich Colliery Disaster of 1959. How many men died in the disaster?

Access/Other Notes: This is on the Glasgow to Cumbernauld cycle route.

57 ARGYLL & ISLE OF BUTE

The scenic richness of Argyll and Bute extends from the wild remote moors of the northern mountains to its jagged coastline and on to the islands of the Inner Hebrides. Roads are few and tend to follow the coast or run alongside a loch. Inveraray, with its castle and lovely wood, is the ancestral seat of the Campbells. Kilmory's churchyard displays Celtic crosses and tombstones, and nearby are several ancient burial mounds. Oban serves as the gateway to the islands, the largest and most northerly of which is Mull. Beyond its fishing village of Tobermory, settlements are few and small, but there are several ancient castles, including Moy and Duart. The 12th century cathedral on Iona commemorates St. Columba's establishing the Celtic church there. Jura, with mountains running down its length and a loch nearly bisecting it, is sparsely inhabited. Staffa is the site of Fingal's Cave, and Islay, noted for its fine beaches, contains several Celtic crosses.

BCQ571 Tobermory, Isle of Mull

OS 47, NM 5055 5529, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The Clock Tower on the stone pier (opposite Co-Op shop). In whose memory was the tower erected and when did she die?

BCQ572 Gruline, Isle of Mull

OS 47/48, NM 5494 3984, QV 2-1, Nov 2020

There is a Mausoleum to the "Father of Australia." The FARTHEST End is sealed with a large white marble slab. What is the scripture verse carved on it?

Access/Other Notes: The Mausoleum is about 0.7km up a dirt track from the road.

BCQ573 Campbeltown

OS 68, NR 7191 2034, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The Town Hall/ Council Chambers in Main Street is a cream building with octagonal clock tower. What is the Latin inscription in the panel over the main door?

BCQ574 Strachur

OS 56, NN 0791 0066, QV 0-2, Dec 2021

On south west approach to Strachur according to the memorial where and when was Donald MacLachlan mortally wounded?

BCQ575 St Blanes, Isle of Bute

OS 63, NS 0931 5307, QV 1-0, Jul 2023

At the end of the road to St Blanes a small car park/bus turning area and access to St Blanes church. By the gateway is a sign about St Blane's Church. What is the last word before "Cared for by....."?

Access/Other Notes: There are wonderful view across to the mountains of Arran from the road to St Blanes. (Weather is not guaranteed!) If planning an onward train connection at Wemyss Bay from the Bute ferry, allow plenty of time, as cycles may be unloaded last.

BCQ576 Helensburgh

OS 56, NS 2938 8232, QV 1-0, Jul 2019

On the seafront to the west of the pier is an obelisk commemorating Henry Bell. In which years was he born, and did he die?

58 STIRLING & CLACKMANNANSHIRE

Straddling the Lowlands and the Highlands, Stirling and Clackmannanshire present the two faces of Scotland. In the south and east, the river valleys offer rich agricultural land and wild peat bogs. Below the Ochil and Gargunnock Hills, Doune Castle, Inchmahome Priory, Menstrie Castle and Castle Campbell lie in varying states of preservation. The region played an important part in Scotland's struggle for independence in the great battles of Stirling Bridge and Bannockburn. The castle at Stirling was built on a precipitous 250-foot-high volcanic plug. Of the old town, many fine examples of 16th and 17th century buildings, parts of the town wall and the 'auld brig' over the Forth still remain. Callander, lying in the shadow of Ben Ledi in the Trossachs, rugged country extending west to Loch Katrine, marks the entry point into the Highlands to the north with their picturesque lochs, fertile valleys and many historic ruins.

BCQ581 Stirling

OS 57, NS 7912 9398, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What is the date on the statue of King Robert Bruce standing outside the castle gates?

BCQ582 Callander

OS 57, NN 6270 0781, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

In the middle of the bridge over the River Teith (A81), on the pavement side, where did the Tablet come from?

BCQ583 Killin

OS 51, NN 5732 3325, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

On the monument outside the Killin Hotel, dedicated to the first person to translate the New Testament into Scottish Gaelic, what are the last 4 digits of the English or Gaelic text?

BCQ584 Balquhiddie

OS 51/57, NN 5359 2092, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Rob Roy's grave. Who were his sons and when did they die?

BCQ585 Dollar

OS 58, NS 9630 9821, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

On West Burnside is Burnside House, which has a blue plaque. What is significant, at a national level, about the person who lived there between 1883 and 1910?

BCQ586 Loch Katrine

OS 57, NN 4955 0724, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

Who unveiled the Centenary water fountain in the car park, the first person listed?

Access/Other Notes: Cycle access is available from Stronachlachar along the north shore of Loch Katrine. However during Amber weather warnings the road may be closed between Portnellan and Stronachlachar Pier.

59 PERTH & KINROSS

Lying on the Highland Boundary Fault, Perth has low-lying growing land and fruit farms in the southeast, the Grampians and sheep farming in the northwest. Highland Perth rises to nearly 4000 feet at Ben Lawers and includes the lochs of Rannoch, Tummel, Tay and Earn. Part of Rannoch Moor, a bleak, windswept 20 square miles of heather and peat, is a nature reserve. Glen Garry, site of Blair Castle, and Glen Shee stretch into the Forest of Atholl north of Pitlochry. In the south are the Ochil and Sidlaw Hills; in the latter are the ruins of an ancient fort, traditionally identified with the castle of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Narrow Glen Eagles, famous for its golf course and 14th century Castle, passes through the Ochils, along with the track of a Roman road and an old drover road that linked the north with the Falkirk cattle fairs. The local agricultural centre of Kinross lies along Loch Leven, site of Lochleven Castle.

BCQ591 Kinross

OS 58, NO 1194 0219, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

The bold inscription on the "Marriage" lintel over the window, which was once a doorway, at the Salutation Hotel, in the High St (B996). What year did WW marry ED? **Access/Other Notes:** The "Marriage" lintel was painted over in Sep 2022. If unable to read the numbers, please answer the following: What is the date next to "DMMS" on the wall in the hotel courtyard (it can be seen from the road). Please let bcq@cyclimguk.org know if the Marriage Lintel is highlighted in paint, as it used to be.

BCQ592 Blairgowrie

OS 53, NO 1799 4522, QV 2-0, May 2022

The War Memorial in the Wellmeadow. What is the name of the Nursing Sister on the memorial plaque for 1939-1945?

BCQ593 Dunkeld

OS 52/53, NO 0256 4262, QV 3-0, Dec 2021

In Dunkeld, off Bridge Street (A822) in High Street, on its corner with Cathedral Street, the white house has an iron bar with a "v" at each end fixed vertically to the corner stones. What is it and how long is it?

BCQ594 Wester Clunie

OS 43, NN 9148 5951, QV 2-0, Dec 2021

On the left hand plaque, road side, at the Clunie Memorial, how many men worked on the tunnel at its peak in 1949?

Access/Other Notes: From Pitlochry, Bridge Road at the south end of town, gives a wide barrier free route via Ross Road to the wide cycle path from Ross Rd to the road to Wester Clunie and on to Tummel Bridge via the south side of Loch Tummel.

BCQ595 Comrie

OS 52, NN 7732 2201, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

In what year was the Royal Hotel established?

BCQ596 Kinloch Rannoch

OS 42/51, NN 6617 5869, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The pink granite obelisk in the village square; to whose memory was it erected?

60 FIFE

Stretching out towards the sea between the Firths of Tay and Forth, Fife's countryside is gently undulating. The broad valley of the River Eden, known as the Howe (hollow) of Fife and providing fertile farmland extends westwards to the Lomond Hills. Falkland has retained many of its picturesque old houses and cobbled streets, as has Culross, its red-roofed houses and medieval character preserved by the National Trust of Scotland. A 17th century weigh station in Ceres houses a folk museum. On the east coast, St. Andrews, once the ecclesiastical capital of Scotland and the site of Scotland's first university, has an impressive ruined cathedral. The remains of its castle stand on a rock overlooking the coast. North lie sandy beaches and Tentsmuir Forest; to the south are the East Neuk fishing villages. The region has numerous castles, historic houses and churches as well as the remains of several monasteries including the Abbey of Dunfermline.

BCQ601 Culross

OS 65, NS 98625 85890, Jan 2024

At the T junction of Low Causeway (road along the coast) and Mid Causeway (cobbled road going uphill) there is small white two storey end of terrace cottage, with a plaque concerning its former use. When was Culross Substation commissioned?

BCQ602 Dunfermline

OS 65, NT 0870 8745, QV 2-0, Oct 2010

The monument to Andrew Carnegie in Pittencrieff Park. To what did he devote his fortune?

BCQ603 Falkland

OS 59, NO 2524 0737, QV 2-0, Mar 2023

On the south west corner of the "square" with the fountain in its centre opposite the church is a terraced white house with steps leading up to the door in the centre. What are the dates on the plaque above the door? **Access/Other Notes:** There are numerous "Marriage Lintels" around the village.

BCQ604 Ceres

OS 59, NO 3997 1149, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

The monument by the village green commemorates a famous victory. When was the stone inaugurated?

BCQ605 Crail

OS 59, NO 6136 0783, QV 1-0, Mar 2023

On the south side of Marketgate, South Marketgate, is The Mercat Cross. Around its base are 4 stone bollards, what is the year on them?

BCQ606 Grange of Lindores

OS 59, NO 2568 1666, QV 2-1, Mar 2023

How many arches has the bell tower? **Access/Other Notes:** If the gateway to the church is locked it is possible to count the arches on two sides by looking and the multiply by 2.

61 ANGUS

The wide swath of Strathmore, stretching across the region, divides Angus into two upland areas with beautiful scenery and challenging cycling. Between them lies fertile farming land with a wealth of quiet roads. North of the Vale, the Grampians rise dramatically, glens cutting deep into the mountains. On the coastal side, the Sidlaw Hills, largely moorland with remote sheep farms, rise above Dundee, becoming more gently undulating southeast of Forfar. At Arbroath, home of the 'smokie', the abbey has connections with Scottish independence. Sandy beaches, harbours and rocky sea cliffs lead north to Montrose, winter home of pink-footed geese. There is another bird reserve at Kinnordy and a Nature Reserve above Glen Doll. Places to visit include Kirriemuir, birthplace of Sir James Barrie, and the baronial Glamis Castle, childhood home of the Queen Mother. There are remains of Pictish hill forts near Forfar and traces of Roman camps and roads.

BCQ611 Glamis

OS 54, NO 3835 4672, QV 2-0, Oct 2010

At the main entrance to the castle are a pair of new gates. What are the dates on either side?

BCQ612 Arbroath Abbey

OS 54, NO 6422 4132, QV 3-0, Dec 2021

By the bus stop in Hamilton Green, adjacent to the Abbey, there is a bas-relief on Arbroath history. How many Arbroath Smokies (smoked fish) are shown?

BCQ613 Edzell

OS 45, NO 6020 6842, QV 1-0, Dec 2021

On west side of the arch across the B966, at the south end of the town, is a plaque concerning the flood lighting. What does the second line of text say (ie under Hydro electric)?

Access/Other Notes: Note the dates of death for the Earl and Countess. Did one die of a broken heart?

BCQ614 Montrose

OS 54, NO 7109 5732, QV 2-0, Dec 2021

By the harbour in Wharf Street is a statue of a Norwegian War Hero and an adjacent information board. What two awards did the hero receive posthumously, and what is unique about the British award?

BCQ615 Glen Prosen

OS 44, NO 3715 6058, QV 2-0, Jan 2020

At the track junction near Glackburn House, is a recently replaced monument to "Scott of the Antarctic". What is the last line on the adjacent blue granite stone, headed "Scott's View"?

BCQ616 Bridgend of Lintrathen

OS 53, NO 2820 5447, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Stone plaque set in boundary wall to reservoir. Which year was it constructed for 1st instalment of Water Supply?

62 ABERDEENSHIRE

A windswept coastal plain with sand dunes and outcrops of higher ground depicts northern Aberdeenshire. Fishing towns line the coast, Crovie and Gardenstown being particularly attractively set in the cliffs. South of Petershead, Bullers of Buchan is a dramatic rock amphitheatre favoured by seabirds. Along the coastline south of Stonehaven, sandy and pebble beaches alternate with precipitous cliffs and salt-flats. Aberdeen is the centre of the Scottish fishing and the North Sea oil industries. Some medieval streets survive near the Castlegate with its old Market Cross, as do two bridges and the ancient houses of Provost Skene and Provost Ross. Inland, rivers that have turbulent beginnings in the glens of the Cairngorm Mountains flow through rolling farmland and woodland. The area has numerous castles, including Balmoral, and is rich with prehistoric stone circles, cairns, earth houses and massive stone hill forts. Roman marching camps and Celtic monasteries can also be found.

BCQ621 Banchory

OS 38, NO 6963 9570, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

There is a memorial tablet at the junction of High Street and Dee Street to a famous Scottish musician. What is his name?

BCQ622 Braemar

OS 43, NO 1521 9134, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Plaque on the wall of house no. 3 on the road south to Glen Shee. Who lived there and what did he write?

BCQ623 Corgarff

OS 37, NJ 2539 0978, QV 2-1, Aug 2022

About 500m north of the snow gates at the west end of Corgraff is the Watchers Viewpoint. What are you suggested to do, by the narrow side of the stone plinth facing the road?

Access/Other Note: Check the road conditions in the winter months as the road between Corgarff (Cock Bridge) and Tomintoul is frequently blocked by snow.

BCQ624 Chapel of Garioch

OS 38, NJ 7038 2472, QV 0-1, Dec-2021

$\frac{3}{4}$ mile north west of the cross roads is the Maiden Stone, which is covered in Pictish symbols. At the bottom of one side are two very ordinary domestic articles. What are they?

Access Note/Other Notes: In the winter months the Maiden Stone is boxed to protect it from the weather.

BCQ625 Udney Green

OS 38, NJ 8802 2629, QV 2-0, Dec-2021

In the south west corner of the village green, diagonally opposite to the war memorial, at the end of a short lane is the village cemetery. On the left hand side as you enter, is an old round building, what is it and how much did it cost when the final payments were made?

BCQ626 Inverbervie

OS 45, NO 8317 7278, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

As you leave Inverbervie heading north there is a ship's figurehead. To whom is the memorial dedicated and for what was he famous?

63 MORAY

Between the Moray Firth, with its sandy beaches and red-sandstone cliffs, and the Cairngorm Mountains, deer and grouse inhabiting the moors and sheep grazing on the hills, Moray's countryside is gently undulating. The River Spey flows through the region, providing good water for whisky distilling in its wide valley of Strathspey, and good pastureland for cattle and farmland for crops. A shifting shingle spit at the mouth of the River Spey separates the fishing centres of Buckie and Lossiemouth. The lowlands are criss-crossed by minor roads, and forest tracks offer off-road riding opportunities. Elgin's High Street is lined with 18th century stone houses, but its once-splendid cathedral is now a ruin. Forres Castle was a royal hunting seat frequented by Scottish kings. Sueno's Stone, at the east end of the town, is an impressive sculptured monolith. Also nearby are the Witches' Stone, the scene of early witch burnings, and a preserved Victorian distillery.

BCQ631 Brodie

OS 27, NH 9843 5766, QV 1-1, Nov 2020

According to the Information Board, how long ago was this Pictish Stone carved? **Access**

Note/Other Notes: This is on the National Trust for Scotland Brodie Castle Estate, there is no charge to see the checkpoint

BCQ632 Lossiemouth

OS 28, NJ 2340 7058, QV 3-0, Dec 2021

In Prospect Terrace, parallel to and above the A941, at the view point dedicated to a famous politician born in the town, there is a series of mosaics along the ground. What word is on the fourth one from the left (you may need to brush fallen leaves away to see them)?

BCQ633 Findochty

OS 28, NJ 4611 6788, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

By the harbour stands a white statue of a fisherman looking out to sea. What is the Psalm number that the words below the statue come from?

BCQ634 Newmill

OS 28, NJ 4352 5252, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

This unusual War Memorial has a clock. When was the memorial unveiled?

BCQ635 Tomintoul

OS 36, NJ 1688 1875, QV 3-0, Dec 2021

Almost in the middle of the "The Square" in the road is a water fountain. Why was the fountain presented?

BCQ636 Craigellachie

OS 28, NJ 2854 4516, QV 2-0, Dec 2021

According to the International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark plaque on the old bridge, where was the ironwork brought from by waggons?

Access/Other Note: From Speyside Way, leave the route at the sign Telford Bridge. After passing under the main road bridge, turn immediately left to follow path between road and water works which will bring you to a car park area for the old bridge.

64 HIGHLANDS

Divided by the Great Glen, its lochs linked by the Caledonian Canal, the Highlands is a mountainous region sprinkled with lochs and inlets. Roads are limited, though most are lightly trafficked, and all offer magnificent wild and rough scenery. Scattered through the wilderness are ancient castles and remote villages. Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain, rises to 4,406 feet at the southern end of the Great Glen, with the Grampian Mountains further east. Crofting, cattle and sheep raising and fishing continue in the northwest, while coastal areas and valleys support farming. A monument to the Highland Clearances exists at Strathnaver, and Glenfinnan Monument marks the spot where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard. On Skye, the Cuillin Hills and the pinnacles at Storr dominate the largely moorish landscape. The island of Rum is a Nature Conservancy Research Centre. Dunnet Head marks the northernmost part of the British mainland. Gaelic customs and language are still used.

BCQ641 Inverewe Gardens

OS 19, NG 8620 8186, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

There are wrought iron gates at the side of the entrance lodge. What are the dates on the gates?

BCQ642 Dornoch

OS 21, NH 7975 8970, QV 1-0, Oct 2010

What according to the notice board by the path through the Cathedral graveyard is the measurement of cloth?

BCQ643 Culloden Battlefield

OS 27, NH 7418 4498, QV 3-0, Dec 2021

To the left of the Memorial Cairn is a National Trust For Scotland plaque. When was the cairn placed in to the care of the Trust and who by?

BCQ644 Falls of Rogie

OS 26, NH 4424 5855, QV 3-0, Apr 2019

According to the information displayed at the car park near the falls, how long is the YELLOW walk (salmon trail)?

BCQ645 Inverdrue

OS 35/36, NH 8908 0967, QV 0-1, Dec 2021

On the B970 one mile south west of the Rothiemurchus visitor centre in Inverdrue, who restored the monument to James Martineau and when?

BCQ646 Balmacara

OS 33, NG 7870 2710, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Donald Murchison's Monument. When was the monument erected?

65 NA H EILEANAN SIAR (WESTERN ISLES)

Na h-Eileanan Siar is now the official name of the Western Isles. Many of the islands are uninhabited, with most of the population living on Lewis and Harris. The vegetation is largely grass and tundra-like herbage, with peat bogs in the poorly drained lowlands. The barren and rock-strewn eastern coasts contrast sharply with the white sand beaches and grassy plains found along the western coasts. Trees are few and the scenery mostly open and bleak, limiting pastureland, though crofting is still widely practiced. It is one of the few areas in Scotland where Gaelic is still the everyday language. Roads may be limited, but wildlife is abundant, with large seabird populations including gannets, fulmars and puffins on St. Kilda and the more isolated islands. Red deer is found on the northern islands, a primitive wild sheep is native to Soay Island, and the Atlantic grey seal inhabits many coastal areas. Prehistoric remains are numerous, including the Megalithic stone circle at Calanais on Leòdhas (Lewis).

BCQ651 Mingearraidh, Uibhist a Deas (South Uist)

OS 22, NF 7410 2691, QV 0-1, Mar 2023

What year is mentioned on the plaque on the cairn at Flora McDonald's birthplace?

BCQ652 Beinn nam Fadhlà (Benbecula)

OS 22, NF 8022 5185, QV 0-1, Mar 2023

Who is the Merchant Navy captain mentioned on the war memorial (1939-45)

BCQ653 Clachan, Uibhist a Tuath (North Uist)

OS 18, NF 8115 6382, QV 0-1, Mar 2023

What year is inscribed on the plaque high on the front wall (above the porch) of the Church of Scotland, Clachan?

BCQ654 Roghadal, Na h-Earradh (Harris)

OS 18, NG 0476 8318, QV 0-1, Mar 2023

St. Clements Church, Roghadal, was restored in 1873. By whom?

Access/Other Note: The coast road from here to Tarbet along the east coast is highly recommended, the northern section is the known as the Golden Road.

BCQ655 Baile Ailein, Leòdhas (Lewis)

OS 13, NB 2605 1954, QV 0-1, Mar 2023

Memorial cairn to the Park Deer Raiders: Cuimhneachain nan Gaisgeach (Land Struggle Cairn), has how many doorways?

BCQ656 Grias, Leòdhas (Lewis)

OS 8, NB 4898 4116, QV 1-2, Mar 2023

On the B895 to the north east of Stornoway is the Memorial Cairn to the Grias and Coll Raiders. What was gifted in 1923, to whom and by whom?

66 SHETLAND ISLANDS

Some 100 islands (most of them uninhabited) make up the Shetlands. The scenery is wild and beautiful, having deeply indented, fjord like coasts enclosed by steep hills. Trees are sparse, due to the exposed nature of the islands, but the land is fertile. Traditional crofting and fishing and many Norse customs survive. The Shetland sheep produce fine wool that is spun and knitted by the islanders in distinctive patterns, and the fishing port of Lerwick has unusual loading piers built out over the harbour. However, the discovery of North Sea oil has introduced modern technology and ways of life. North of the island of Unst is Muckle Flugga lighthouse, the most northerly point of Britain. Fair Isle, belonging to the National Trust for Scotland, has an important ornithological observatory. Numerous seabirds including a large colony of great skuas inhabit Foula's rocky and exposed cliffs. 3000 years of settlement is exhibited at Jarlshof near Sumburgh Head.

BCQ661 Sumburgh

OS 4, HU 4085 0815, QV 2-0, Oct 2010

Alongside the path from the car park to the lighthouse is part of a skull. From which type of whale does it come?

BCQ662 St. Ninian's Isle

OS 4, HU 3747 2089, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What according to the notice board at the Bigton end is the geological term for the stretch of sand connecting the island with the mainland?

BCQ663 Garths Voe

OS 2/3, HU 3982 7288, QV 1-0, Apr 2019

On the north side of the B9076, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east of the airport, is an interpretation board of Sullom Voe at a viewpoint. How many barrels of oil were brought ashore by 23rd December 1993?

BCQ664 Brettabister

OS 3, HU 4813 5752, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

What surmounts the Memorial beside the B9075?

BCQ665 Lerwick

OS 4, HU 4771 4135, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Victoria Pier. What was the name of the Whaling Ship whose return is commemorated by the Drinking Fountain?

BCQ666 Weisdale

OS 3, HU 3818 5058, QV 1-0, Aug 2022

At the layby on the A971 is the Scord of Weisdale viewpoint. What is the bedrock of the Weisdale valley?

Access/Other Note: Note the interesting story relating a local's new life in the other side of the world.

67 ORKNEY ISLANDS

More than 70 mostly uninhabited islands make up the Orkneys, comparatively low, undulating country, extensively covered by grass with a general scarcity of trees. The land is used for small livestock farms, but much peat and moor remain. The largest island is Mainland, its two halves connected by a narrow strip of land. Kirkwall and Stromness are picturesque towns with narrow main streets. In addition to the 12th century red sandstone St. Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall has several fine old houses, the ruins of the Bishop's Palace and the Earl's Palace. Burray and South Ronaldsay are joined to it by causeways constructed during World War II. The extensive sheltered waters of Scapa Flow were used as a wartime base for the British fleet; some scuttled German ships can still be seen. Much evidence remains of prehistoric occupation including the underground village of Skara Brae, the Neolithic Standing Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar and Maeshowe barrow.

BCQ671 South Ronaldsay

OS 7, ND 4452 8790, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

Plaque at view point on Olad Summit on A961. What is the distance to New York?

BCQ672 Lamb Holm

OS 6/7, HY 4877 0059, QV 0-0, Oct 2019

What is the inscription on the statue of St. George and the Dragon, at the Italian Chapel?

BCQ673 Kirkwall

OS 6, HY 4490 1129, QV 0-1, Nov 2020

Plaque on the wall of pier next to Lifeboat house on West Pier. What happens when the wind is in the South?

BCQ674 Stenness

OS 6, HY 3068 1251, QV 2-1, Jul 2023

Between the Loch of Stenness and the Loch of Harray in Stenness are the Stones of Stenness. According to the information board when were they raised?

BCQ675 Birsay

OS 6, HY 2481 2773, QV 0-0, Oct 2010

When was the Earl's Palace founded?

BCQ676 Water of Hoy

OS 7, ND 2809 9978, QV 4-0, Apr 2019

Just south of the lake, alongside the road, is an interpretation board to the nearby grave of Betty Corrigan. What material is the gravestone made of (see below the newspaper)?

Off Road Alternatives

Rather than lose some very nice checkpoints due to access for all issues, as they are replaced, they have been moved to this section, to allow those who wish to visit rather than their replacements. In addition, additional access notes are provided to highlight off road possibilities to or from a checkpoint.

BCQ086ORA Cissbury Ring – Alternative checkpoint, if you do this, you do not need to do BCQ086 Steyning.

OS 198, TQ 1406 0817, QR 0-1 Sep 2021

At the top of Cissbury Ring, the second largest Iron Age Fort in Britain, is a triangulation pillar. What is the number on the plate in the base?

Access/Other Notes: There is a permissive cycle path across the Cissbury Ring site from the bridleway at TQ 1426 0813 (kissing gate), pass the trig point, to the bridleway at TQ 1381 0765 (kissing gate, but possible to take a solo bike through). There is a tarmac road up from Findon, from the busy A24, to a car parking area, about 450m from the checkpoint, via the kissing gate at TQ 1426 0813. However, there is a wonderful network of byways and bridleways that lead up from the Worthing, Steyning and Washington areas, which also connect with the South Downs Way and Monarch's Way long distance bridleway routes.

BCQ301 Derwent Reservoir – Additional access notes

The road along the west side of the reservoirs is tarmac up to the checkpoint. There is an off road cycle route/bridleway that heads north from checkpoint before turning south along the east side of the reservoirs to the A57 which can be cycled, thus providing a circular route opportunity. The route can be ridden with cycles that have thinner tyres, eg 25mm, but there are gateways which may make the route unsuitable for tricycles.

For the more adventurous, the bridleway Cut Gate provides a direct route to BCQ382 Langsett Reservoir.

BCQ506ORA Nant Rhydwllym Pass – Alternative checkpoint, if you do this, you do not need to do BCQ506 Llanarmom Dyffryn Ceiriog.

OS 125, SJ 0910 3659, QV 0-4, Aug 2022

At the summit of the pass is a memorial to Wayfarer. What are the dates of his lifetime?

Access/Other Notes: The south side of the pass is badly rutted and in places very wet. The north side track to the road at Rhos-y-maerdy, that descends Cwm-isaf to the B road at Rhydyglafes has a reasonable surface. You may need to walk with your bike for much of the south side and some of the north side.

Historical Significance: Wayfarer was the pseudonym of W. M. Robinson a well known and popular cycling writer and lecturer, who was a member of the Anfield Bicycle Club. On 30th March 1919, Wayfarer along with 3 fellow club members crossed the pass in snow on their ride home from a club weekend ride. Wayfarer wrote an article about the ride under the emotive title of "Over The Top", which was published in Cycling later that year. This is seen as being a significant milestone in getting people to explore the outdoors.

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