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NOT A GILET JAUNE IN SIGHT!

Hello everyone - Welcome to Wessex News for May, I hope you had (another) great bank holiday. So many...!

I pen this mid-English Channel as Sheila and I return from another 6 day break, this time having enjoyed a leisurely meander up the Seine valley. Humph (our TR4) played nicely and gave infallible service. We stayed in Rouen, Vernon, Versailles, and near Poses, taking in many of the beautiful medieval towns and villages, plus a speakeasy music gig in central Paris.

I know many of you travel in France regularly, and in fact own much of it (as did we all a few centuries ago!) so I don't need to tell you how great it is to drive on quiet roads and find fantastic food in a simple plat du jour. A few questions occurred to me whilst on the road and I share the first this month:

Breakdown and repairs - Luckily we didn't need a Hi-Viz yellow vest on this trip despite current popularity amongst the "revolting French"!

The TR Register produced a European Breakdown Directory of garages listing details of their classic/older vehicle specialities and services. I took this with me on a tour of Germany a few years ago and it proved useful! Firstly, it gave Sheila comfort that someone might be able to help if we had a problem (in the certain knowledge that my abilities are limited); secondly, it's a sort of Murphy's Law insurance - the things you plan for are often not needed...

We actually went to one of the garages in the directory and found a different business altogether as the owner had long since retired, but they referred us to a nearby TR specialist- most convenient! The directory was produced in 2005 and is currently undergoing an update. So my question is, in a Google informed world is there still a need for this hard-copy catalogue? If so, do any of you have current garage recommendations for Euro or even world travellers that might be useful for us all?

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It would be good to hear from you at Wessex Towers, e-mail me at wessexgroupleader@gmail.com to share your knowledge and pass on interesting ideas and information.

Club Night last month was very well attended with everyone keen to get a second chance to hear Ben and Vicky talk about their experience on the Club Triumph Round Britain Reliability Run in October last year. Once again they gave a very enjoyable and informative talk on their preparations for the event and the event itself, during which Ben came down with a bug, which coupled with lack of sleep meant he was virtually comatose by the time of arrival at Pimperne on Sunday. Vicky therefore needed to do a double stint get the car back to Knebworth Park. Our thanks to Ben and Vicky for sharing their adventure and huge congratulations from all in Wessex Group for successfully completing their second RBRR. No mean feat!

I believe many of you attended the New Forest Run and there is a report later in this news. Meanwhile, here is a reminder for our run on Sunday

Sunday 26 May - It seems our friends in Wensum Group have changed their plans and will not be visiting the New Forest over Bank Holiday weekend after all, but as we're geared up for a run, our plan is to go ahead with the run as our Wessex Group Monthly Club Run instead, with lunch at The Sir Walter Tyrell to finish. The route will be very similar to that which we used when we hosted Essex Group last year, with a few revisions. Our route now starts from our usual place at Ower Services (J2, M27) and takes a little jolly through the forest, avoiding Lyndhurst as it is May bank holiday, (and Lyndhurst is hideous for traffic at the best of times!). Meet up from 10am ready for a 10:30 departure. I do hope you'll come along, the route description and the SWT lunch menu are attached to this e-mail. **Please print (or memorise) the route description, and choose your lunch** and we'll phone it through on Sunday morning before departure. This will help the pub and mean that no-one is waiting too long for food when we arrive. We aim to arrive at the SWT for 1pm, which should allow plenty of time for the run and a pre dinner drink!

For those looking for a leg stretch after lunch it's a short stroll to The Rufus Stone which is an interesting local landmark with Royal connections...

I do hope to see lots of Wessex Members on Sunday despite the disappointment of not hosting Wensum Group. See you on Sunday!

Club Night Awayday— Tuesday 28th May

Coming up on Tuesday is our "awayday" Club Night where we drive out to a different venue for a natter and bite to eat. This year we're making a return visit to the **Walhampton Arms, Walhampton Hill, Lymington SO41 5RE**, which is the same pub as last year. The food was excellent and they have ample parking so...why not. Its our usual Club Night so please come along and join us from 7pm to chat about your TR!

See you at club night

Richard



New Forest Run

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The Wessex and New Forest Triumph Run is widely regarded as the best classic car run in the South and is organised by local Triumph enthusiasts made up of individuals from TSSC, TR Drivers Club and Club Triumph and headed-up by Trevor Carlyle of TSSC. Now in its 27th year the run attracts Triumph cars of all types from far and wide to enjoy a well organised driving route through the New Forest and surrounding areas of Hampshire and Dorset.

Participants are given a route book and map which is easy to follow, but mostly its quite easy to follow the car in front. A feature of the New Forest Run is the presence of Marshalls on corners and key junctions which is always reassuring and takes away the worry of taking a wrong turn if you're solo in the car, or if you lose the car in front, (or if your spouse/partner/friend loses their place in the route book!)

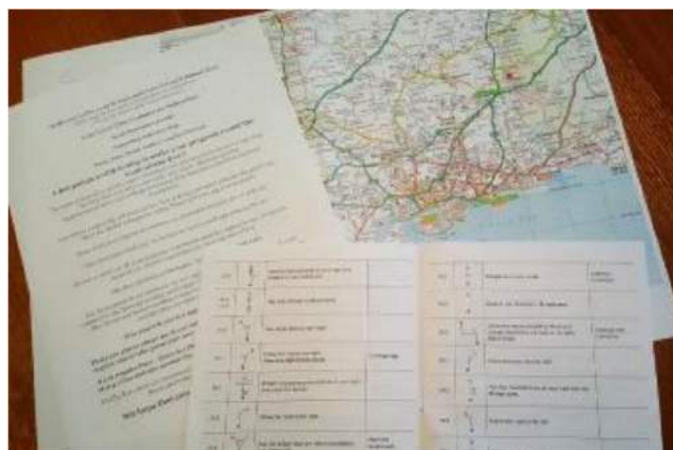
This year there were a little under 200 cars taking part and the route was 76 miles in total around the northern corner of the New Forest before leaving the National Park through Fordingbridge, Alderholt and Verwood and then heading off towards Wimborne, Blandford and Milborne St Andrew, eventually finishing up at Bovington Tank Museum where we had discounted entry to the excellent museum.

As every year there were several Wessex members taking part and it's always nice to see our smart TR's among the Spits, Stags, Saloons and Dolomites. Unfortunately one of our number, Tony, didn't make it all the way suffering an intermittent ignition problem which forced an "early bath" for him and his TR5, ironic as this event was his TR5's debut run last year and Tony won an award for the car at the end!

For my part, I volunteered as a Marshall again this year, and was stationed at the ford at Moyles Court, which was dry, so no one needed to worry about getting their wheels wet! I'm pleased to say nobody took a wrong at my junction and all occupants gave me a cheery wave as they drove past with beaming smiles.

Another successful event which went off without a hitch and which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Trevor and his team do an excellent job organizing this event and they deserve our heartfelt thanks again this year for a job well done

Nigel





New Forest Run

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Drive your classic to work day—Bovington style!



Bovington

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A British Army Challenger Tank stands as Gate Guard at the entrance to the museum



From a different era this A22 Churchill Mark II has been restored to the appearance of a Churchill Mark 1 of the 14th Canadian Tank Regiment. The Mark 1 was armed with a 2 pounder high velocity anti-tank gun in the turret and a 3 inch howitzer in the hull. The Churchill first saw action on the beaches of Dieppe with Canadian forces on 19th August 1942.



Slightly faster than a Tank—and a TR, I spotted this pair in the car park. Aston DB9 and Ferrari California.



Wessex Group Runs

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It's high-season so we're keen to get our cars out as much as possible. We have 2 runs planned for June, our usual run on the second Sunday and a mid-week run, which, if popular, we'll repeat through the summer. Do come along

3 Counties Run—Sunday June 9th

Our Three Counties Run; (a well tried and tested day out which might look familiar..) Starts in Hampshire, meeting at Ringwood long stay lorry park at 10.00am for a 10.15 start, taking a one hour, 20 mile scenic route into the village of Broadchalk in Wiltshire where we will stop at the Chalk Valley Stores for "tea and home made cakes", this is a converted church run by volunteers and well worth the visit.

Leaving at 12.00 for another 20 miles of scenic motoring into Dorset to the Langton Arms in the village of Tarrant Monkton for lunch. From here it is a pleasant 18 mile trip back to Ringwood. We will need to book both places in advance, so an idea of numbers is essential, so please let us know if you're planning to come. Hope to see as many club members and their cars as possible on the day.



Inaugural event!

Wessex Group Mid-Week Brunch Run

On **Wednesday 19th June**, it's our first mid-week run. We will **depart from John Browns Garden Centre car park, Ringwood Road, Three legged Cross, BH21 6RD at 09:30** We will then drive through some beautiful Dorset & Wiltshire countryside with extensive views across Charlton Down and on to Zig-Zag Hill, through Shaftsbury to Udders Farm Shop and Café, East Stour. We aim to leave John Browns car park at 9:30. Given the popularity of the breakfast at our destination, it is probably wise to make a reservation, so if you do intend joining us on our inaugural mid-week run please would you let Tony Alderton at tonycd.alderton@gmail.com as soon as possible so that a reservation can be made.

Please print off the driving directions on page 16

Lymington Rotary Classic Car Show

Once again we have a pitch reserved for 8 cars at the always popular Rotary Club of Lymington Annual Classic Car Show on Sunday 4th August. As before it will be held at Woodside Park, Lymington. Again, there will be the usual attractions in other parts of the field, including an auto jumble, children's amusements, a food court, music, and a feature act.

There are 4 places remaining on the Wessex Group pitch, if you want to display your car with us you'll need to book through the website and pay the fee stating you're with Wessex TR Group

Once booked on, please let Nigel know you're coming so we know to expect you on our stand. Nigel can be contacted at nigelmjordan@btinternet.com



Win a Drive in TS2!

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URGENT! Wessex Group Members prize draw to drive and showcase TS2

A rare opportunity for us all but you only have 5 Days!

We have managed to secure TS2 for Wessex Group to display at The Wilton Wake Up Best of British and then The Great TR Breakfast Mega Meet @ Haynes International Motor Museum Sparkford.

We will hold a **prize draw** of the names of any current TR Register Wessex Group member who is over 30 years old who puts their name forward. The lucky **two winners** will be able to drive TS2 to the two breakfast events and back to a local garage.

These events start from 0800 on **Sunday 23rd June** and both are advertised in our Newsletter. Note the drive of about 1 hour between the two breakfast meets!

We have to clear all drivers and garaging arrangements with TR Register trustees and so must select our winner shortly. We can only give you this short notice because of the timetable required by the trustees so please pass this information to any member you feel might like to participate but who may not pick up their emails regularly. Here are the details:

1. We are offering places for two drivers who are prepared to share the driving across the journeys. Send your application by email to wessexgroupleader@gmail.com simply stating in the subject box the text "**TS2 DRAW**" - **plus your name - and membership number.**
2. Only one entry per member!
3. The draw will take place next week on **Club Night, Tuesday 28th May 2019** at The Walhampton Arms Lymington with an independent scrutineer tba. You do not have to attend the draw.
4. The start point may be your garage or Vicky Freer's garage in the New Forest as Vicky will be collecting and returning the car to HQ at Didcot.
5. The car sharing logistics will be up to the drivers.
6. Upon notification the winning drivers must urgently complete the attached Driver Declaration giving personal details about insurance claims and any fines etc. This information does not necessarily prevent you from being selected, subject to TR Register trustees approval.
7. If you intend to keep the car overnight it must be securely garaged and the address notified to TR Register trustees.
8. The hirers/drivers must bear the £500 insurance policy excess.
9. **This is a big responsibility.** You must read and follow the Drivers instructions for use of the car provided by the TR Register. These will be provided to the winners.
10. No unauthorised person may drive the car.
11. The Group Leaders draw decision is final but it is subject to approval by the TR Register trustees. We will also draw two reserve drivers who must also complete the forms.

This is a rare opportunity to drive a unique car representing a key moment in British Sports Car history. TS2 is the second ever TR sports car off the production line, and the first ever right-hand drive TR sports car. TS2 is a carefully restored historic vehicle Having been built well over half a century ago in 1953, TS2 has been carefully restored and is now a valuable asset of the Trust and an ambassador for the TR Register. It is the forerunner to the many TR's that followed and holds a prestigious position within Triumph Marque history. It is irreplaceable!

I would like to thank Roy Clough for taking the initiative to seize this opportunity, and the best of luck everybody.

Richard



Events

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Wilton Wake-Up Breakfast Meet with TS2

As you'll see from this edition of Wessex News we're privileged to be custodians of TS2 for the day on Sunday 23rd June for the early Breakfast meet at Wilton House near Salisbury, followed by the drive to Haynes Museum for the Great TR Mega Meet, where TS2 and Wessex Group will take pride of place. You may even be the lucky one who wins the chance to drive this historic motor vehicle. Even if you're not lucky, or choose not to enter the draw, this promises to be a great day-out and I do hope you'll join us in your TR to make this a day to remember.

The Wilton Wake-Up Great British Breakfast Meet is early; so we're planning to be there at 08:00am, and probably away again by 09:30 for the Drive to Haynes. We'll publish more details of the route to Haynes shortly, so if you can't get to Wilton House for that time, you'll be able to meet us later for the drive to Somerset—so no excuses!



Karting

It's been a few years since we've been karting and when we remembered what great fun it was we quickly checked dates for later this year.



So, we're holding a go karting Mini Grand Prix on Tuesday October 22nd at Team Sport, Barton Park, Chickenhall Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 6RR. Arrival time is 19:00 for a safety briefing ready for lights away at 19:45

The cost per person is £40.00. If you would like to participate and secure your place on the grid please let us have your deposit of £10 by **no later than 1st July**

E-mail us at wessexgroupleadr@gmail.com to put your name down

Vicky

The background of the poster is a photograph of a classic car show. In the foreground, a light green and brown vintage car with a chrome grille and multiple round headlights is parked on a grassy field. Two people, a woman in a red patterned top and a man in a blue shirt, are standing next to it. In the background, many other classic cars are parked, and a large yellow umbrella is visible. The setting is a grassy field with a line of trees and hills in the distance under a clear blue sky.

SHVPS
Classic Vehicle Show
and Autojumble

The logo is a circular emblem with a red border. Inside, there's a blue circle with the letters 'SHVPS' in white. Below the letters, it says 'FOUNDED 1988' in a banner.

Sunday 2nd
June 2019

Admission £8 - Under 16's Free
Queen Elizabeth Country Park (QECP)
Horndean, Hampshire PO8 0QE 10am to 4pm
www.shvps.org.uk

Photo © Dave White



Corfe Weekend

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A Most Enjoyable Weekend

The afternoon of Friday 17th May saw the crews of eight TRs and a BMW converge on Mortons House Hotel at Corfe Castle, keen to spend a happy weekend eating, drinking, and sightseeing. After a lovely week of sunshine, the forecast was not brilliant, but all were optimistic they would enjoy the break, and enjoy it they did.

On the Friday evening we all congregated in the bar to welcome one another and to have the essential pre-dinner drink. We had been allocated a private dining room, the appropriately named Castle Room, where all eighteen of us sat round one large table. We had been asked to state our choices of course beforehand, and when the staff came to serve us they had diligently done their homework and placed before each of us, without fuss, what we had ordered for each course. Similarly, after all had finished each course, the empty plates disappeared like magic, with the diners hardly realising their empty plates had gone. After a really enjoyable and tasty meal, most remained at the table chattering away until their beds called.

The Isle of Purbeck is full of interesting things to do. Next morning, some went off to view the Castle ruins before exploring elsewhere, others caught the train, pulled by an ex Southern Region Battle of Britain Class steam locomotive, into Swanage, where some of them spent the day. Others explored Durlleston Head and its cliff top walks whilst others visited Laurence of Arabia's old home, Clouds Hill, the deserted village of Tyneham, taken over by the Army in 1943 for training purposes and never returned to the then inhabitants, and the many other places of interest. Those who went to Swanage and Durlleston Head were fortunate as the sun soon came out and the skies cleared, whereas those who chose to go inland suffered an overcast sky and some persistent mist, and so missed the glorious views over Poole harbour and the ranges from the escarpment.

All were in a jolly mood when we met in the bar for dinner, again held in the Castle Room. Once more we were treated to a fine dining experience and the service was faultless; one could be forgiven for thinking one was in a five star hotel, so well were we looked after. After dinner we asked the waiting staff and chef to come to the dining room so we could thank them properly, the latter only agreeing to meet us if we would give him a ride in a TR next morning! So arrangement were made for Ed, our Chef, to have a run out in Gordon Denson's immaculate TR3A next morning.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny and, after Gordon Denson had given Ed an exhilarating ride to Swanage and back, we all reluctantly said our farewells and went our separate ways, most to take in the attractions they could not fit in the previous day. The denouement for most came about two o'clock, when the sky blackened, the heavens opened and it poured with rain, so heavily that it flooded the main roads in places.

As far as is known, all got their hoods up in time to avoid getting drenched, and toddled home, wishing their wipers were more effective and their hoods more watertight, having had a most enjoyable and satisfying Weekend Away.

Geoff Glover

Thank you Geoff for this report, and as one of the 18 attendees I echo your comments on the quality of hospitality at the hotel. Thank you too on behalf of everyone for finding this hotel and making all the arrangements for a TR-iffick weekend away on our doorstep.

Nigel



Corfe Weekend



Head Chef, Ed Firth enjoys a ride in Gordon's TR3A.

Thanks to Hillary Bagshaw for the photos.

A wonderful weekend in great company





Through the Windscreen A look ahead at whats on the Horizon

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May

Sunday 26th May—Sunday Club Run See Page 2

Tuesday 28th — Club Night awayday. A raid on a different venue, except we're paying a repeat visit to **The Wallhampton Arms in Lymington, including the Prize Draw to Win TS2 for the day**

June

Sunday 2nd June—SHVPS Classic Show

Sunday 9th June— Club Run "3 Counties Run"

Wednesday 19th June - Mid-Week Brunch Run

Sunday 23rd June— Wilton Wake Up Best of British Breakfast meet followed by a Run to Haynes Museum for the TR Mega-Meet with TS2!

Tuesday 25th — a natter 'n' noggin at The Sir Walter Tyrell ahead of the main event....

Sunday 30th June— Annual Pride of Ownership and BBQ

July

Sunday 7th July — Broughton Pageant

Sunday 14th July - Wessex Group Club Run. Save the Date. Details to Follow

Tuesday 23rd — Our annual Invited Car Night at IBM Hursley Social Club car park and field

Saturday 27th July—Frogham Fair. Display your TR at this friendly show. Entry is FREE for the car and two occupants. Additional occupants over 16 pay £5 each.

August

Sunday 10th August—Lyons Club of Farnham Help For Heroes Day. A bi-annual motoring enthusiast event in the heart of the Surrey countryside. Click [Here](#) for details

16th to 18th August— TR Register International and Inter-Club Weekend "Triumphfest" at Stratford Upon-Avon Racecourse

Tuesday 27th — Club Night. After 2 busy months, a natter 'n' noggin at The Sir Walter Tyrell

September

Tuesday 24th—Club Night



Wessex Group Regalia

Tony Alderton is our regalia manager and he has put together a selection of items that can be purchased to promote your membership of the Wessex group. New members may wish to purchase an item or two and those of you that already have some, may need a replacement's. Shown below is the current range of items available



Low profile heavy cotton drill cap front and rear view



The favourite T shirt
(female)



Jersey crew neck T shirt (male)



Short sleeve polo shirt



Full zip fleece



The Club Mug



Sweatshirt Classic
80/20

Full details of sizes and colours available and the all important cost of each item is provided on the order form. Any other queries about regalia should be made to Tony Alderton

TR Register Wessex Group Clothing Order Form



Name:	Contact number:	E-mail Address:
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Qty	Item	Size	Colour	Code	£

Please make cheques payable to: TR Register Wessex Group					Total
Send to: Tony Alderton, 9 Coppice Close, St. Ives, Ringwood, BH24 2LB					
E-mail: tonycd.alderon@gmail.com					

Item	Code	Colours / size	Price £
Low profile heavy cotton drill cap	BC05 8	Black, Bottle Green, Bright Royal Blue, Classic Red, French Navy, Light Grey, Natural, White.	9.90
The favourite T shirt (female)	BE07 6	Mid Grey, Berry (Raspberry), Black, Chocolate, Coral, Dark Grey, Maroon, Navy, Light Orange, Red, Light Blue, Purple, Royal Blue, White, Light Yellow. Size: S=8, M=10/12, L=14, XL=16	9.61
Jersey crew neck T shirt (male)	CV00 1	Aqua, Mid Grey, Light Grey, Black, Red, Deep Teal, Olive, Evergreen, Maroon, Navy, Purple, Light Teal, White, Orange. Size: XS=35", S=37", M=39", L=42", XL=44", 2XL=46".	10.16
Short sleeve polo shirt	BA30 6	Anthracite, Black, Light Blue, Bottle Green, Light Grey, Navy, Purple, Orange, Red, Royal Blue, Sand, White, Light Green, Brown, Yellow. Size: XS=34/36", S=36/38", M=38/40", L=41/42", XL=43/44", 2XL=45/47", 3XL=47/49", 4XL=49/51".	13.88
Sweatshirt Classic 80/20	SS20 0	Black, Bottle Green, Burgundy, Deep Navy, Light Grey, Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Sky Blue, Yellow, White. Size: S=36/37", M=38/40", L=41/43", XL=44/46", 2XL=47/49".	20.37
Full zip fleece	SS52 8	Black, Bottle Green, Deep Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Smoke. Size: S=35/37", M=38/40", L=41/43", XL=44/46", 2XL=47/49".	32.46
The Club Mug			10.00

Prices exclude p&p



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Get Involved!

Why not come and Join us on the Committee?

Have you got a run of your own, or know of a destination you would like us to explore?

Have you got any interesting TR stories, or photographs you would like to share? Perhaps your story could feature in our next Newsletter, or one of your photos in the next calendar, send them in!

Share you technical information and your mechanical know-how

We're always looking for new people to join the committee to bring new ideas, so why not give it a go — you might enjoy it!

Come and have a chat at Club Night, or drop me an e-mail if you'd like to know a little more

e-mail wessexgroupleader@gmail.com

Mid-Week Brunch Run Wed. 19th June

Driving Directions from John Browns, Three Legged Cross, BH21 6RD

to Udders Farm Shop & Cafe, Gillingham, SP8 5L

Total distance	Approx. distance to	DIRECTIONS
0.0	In	TL on to Ringwood Road - no SP
0.5	0.5	@ RAB take 1st exit - SP W. Moors, Ferndown & Horton
0.65	0.15	@ RAB take 2nd exit on to Horton Road - SP Horton
5.0	4.4	@ TJ TL onto B3078 then immediately TR - SP Shaftsbury, Blandford & Moor Crichel
9.4	4.4	@ staggered +TR then TL over A354 into Millers Lane - SP Farnham & Tollard Royal
10.1	0.7	Take next TL Millers Lane/Common Drove - SP for Gardens & Golf Course
14.2	4.1	@ YJ TL (ahead) on to B3081 no - SP
18.0	3.8	@ TJ TR B3081 - SP Shaftsbury
19.1	1.1	@ TJ TL on to A30 - SP Town Centre, Yeovil, Sherborne & Warminster (A350)
19.2	0.1	@ RAB Take 3rd exit A350 - SP Town Centre, East Stour, Gillingham & Sturminster Newton
19.7	0.5	@ RAB Take 2nd exit A350 - SP All routes & Town Centre
20.1	0.4	@ RAB Take 2nd exit A30 - SP Yeovil, Sherborne & Sturminster Newton
24.1	4.0	Enter East Stour then Udders Farm Shop & Café is on your Left

RAB = Roundabout. **TL** = Turn Left. **TR** = Turn Right. **SP** = Sign Post. **TJ** = T Junction. **TrL** = Traffic Lights. **+** Cross Roads.