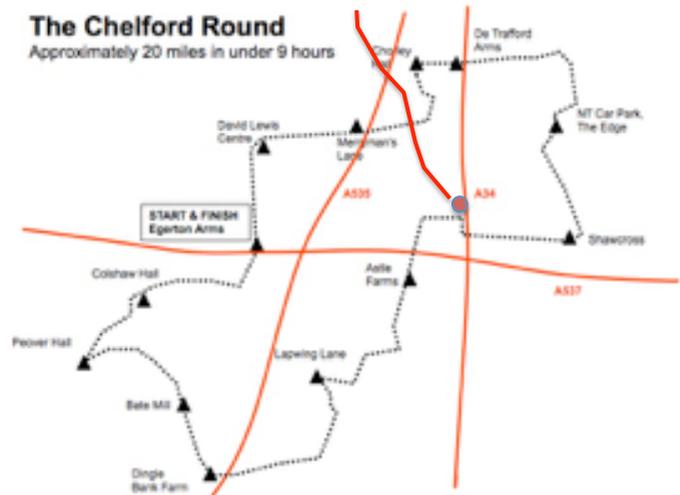


The Chelford Round

The Chelford Round is a 20 miles (32km) with 500 feet (160 metres) ascent, trail that starts and finishes at the Egerton Arms, Chelford. Our gentle route crosses some beautiful, rural landscapes and reaches its high point at the Armada Beacon on Alderley Edge. Half the fun is finding your way. Pob lwc i chi gyd.

You'll encounter farm animals, traffic, fences, stiles and mud. You are responsible for your own safety, so please be sensible and if in doubt, bale out!



As this is a self-timed route, we rely on you completing it correctly and reporting your time so, you should start the timing with one hand touching the front door of the Egerton Arms and some 20 miles later, you'll finish by touching the door again and by marking your time. However, with this touch, it would be a good idea to go inside for a celebratory drink.

If you complete the route in less than 9 hours, you may join the Chelford Round Club by making a donation of £5 directly to the Dog's Trust. Please send all your timings, personal details, photographs and proof of donation to either;

The Chelford Round Club, c/o 2, Yew Tree Cottage, Alderley Road, Chelford, Macclesfield, Cheshire. SK119AP

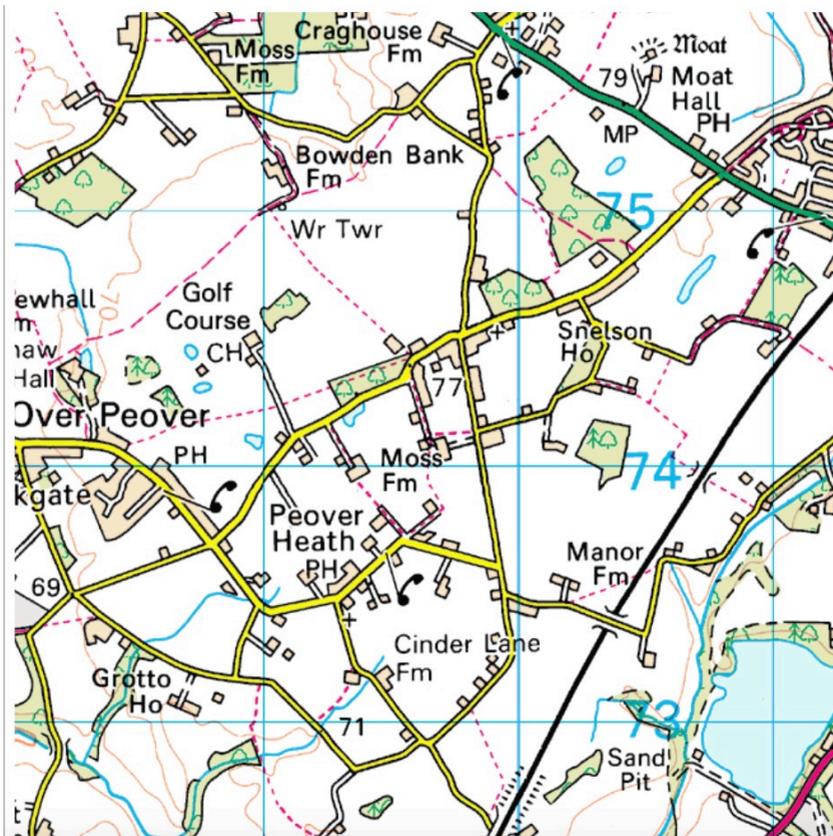
Or electronically to editor@chelfordvillage.org You will be rewarded with a numbered certificate and a periodic email newsletter. If there are sufficient completers, then we will organise an annual club dinner at the Egerton Arms.

The Chelford Round Route

The entire route appears on the Ordnance Survey Explorer 268 – Wilmslow, Macclesfield & Congleton.

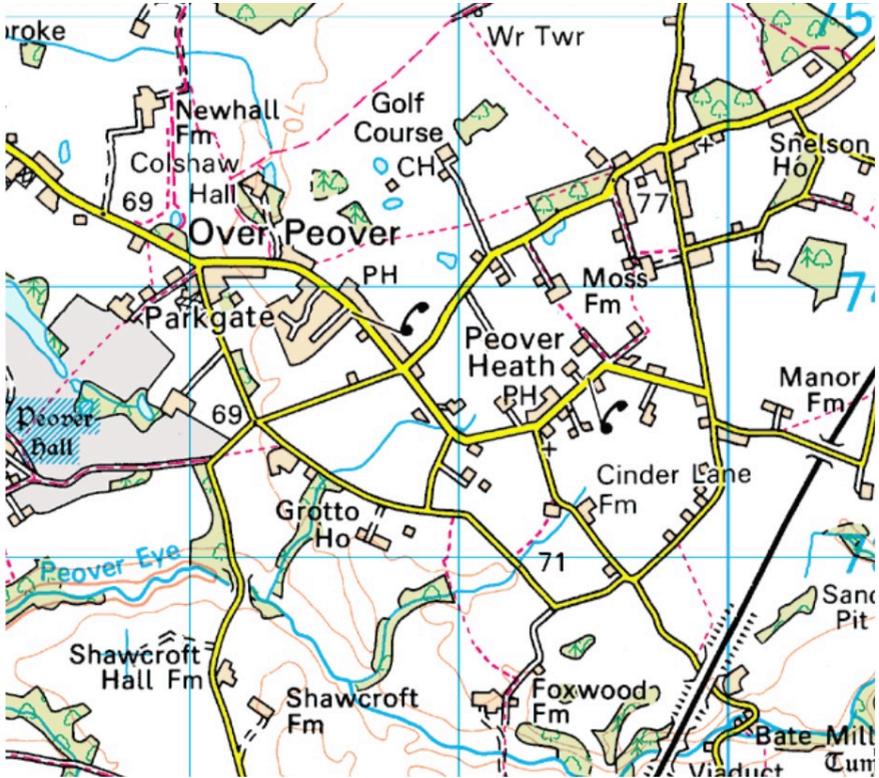
MAP 1 The Egerton Arms to Over Peover

Start: Front door of the Egerton Arms, Knutsford Road, Chelford. Cross Knutsford Road, SW on Pepper Street, bridle way on right, through wood to right onto Snelson Lane. Immediate fork left on lane to Sandhole Farm. Left at T junction then bridle way on left to Water Tower (Wr Twr). Straight on through pasture, following bridle way to join Stocks Lane by Colshaw Hall. Right to Fourlane Ends.



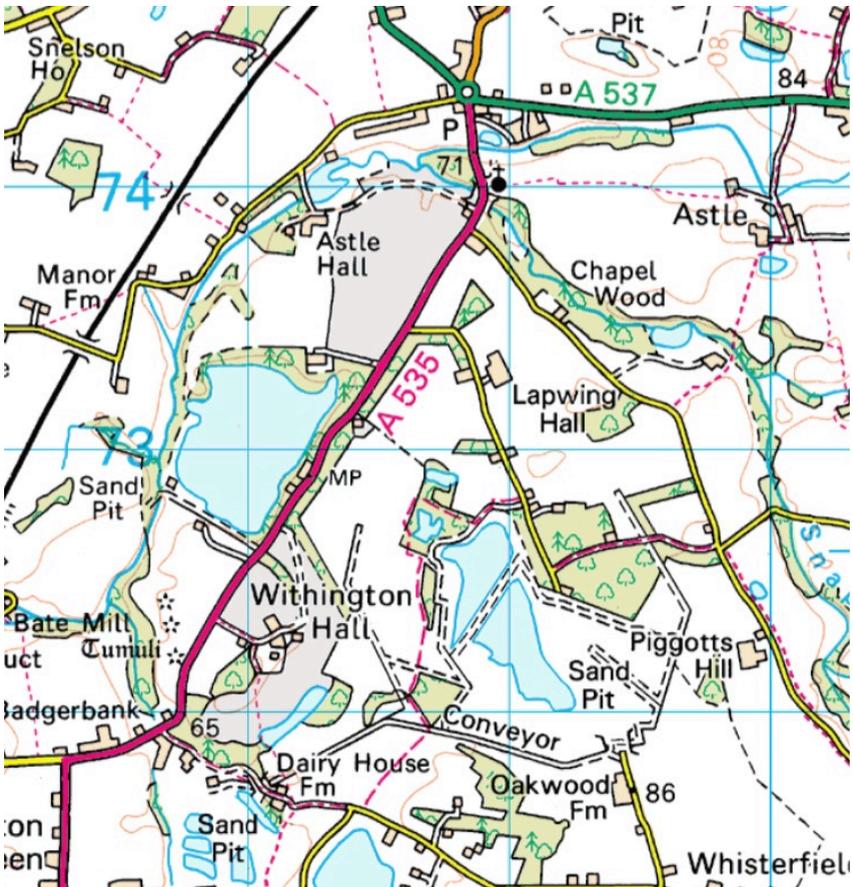
MAP 2 Over Peover to Bate Mill

SW on bridle way, Peover village hall on right. Continue on over pasture to Peover Hall. Left on drive, left again at T junction. At joint with Grotto Lane, straight on WNW on short field path to re-join Grotto Lane. Right on Grotto Lane to crossroads. Right on Batemill Lane, under railway, over Peover Eye at Bate Mill.



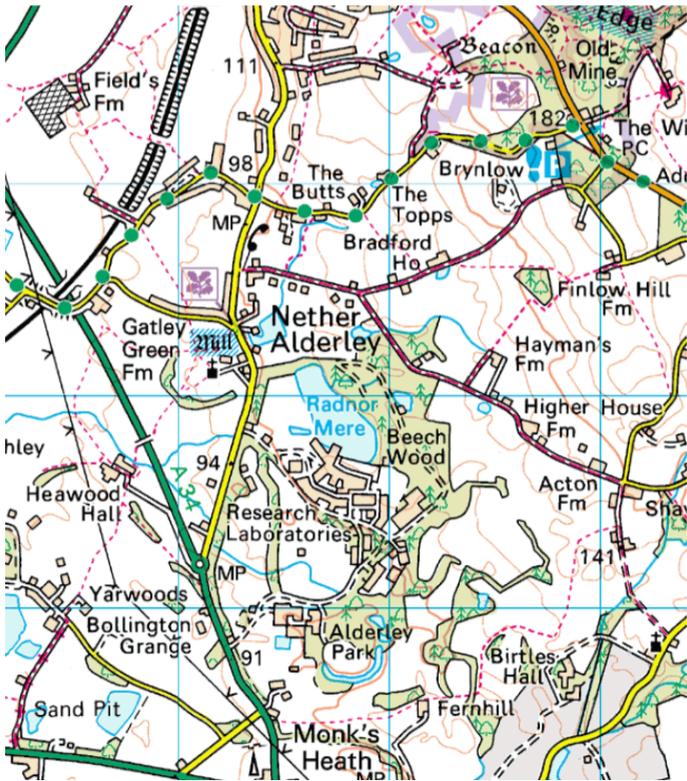
Map 3 Bate Mill to Stubby Lane

Field path on left to Bomish Lane. Left on Bomish Lane to A535, left (EXTREME CARE !) on A535 for short distance to cross to grass verge close to Dingle Bank Quarry. Proceed with care along grass, facing traffic to cross quarry entrance. Right into restricted bridle way through Chelford Quarry and Dairy House Farm to junction with Whitecroft Heath Road. Bridle way on left NNE to sand pit conveyor. Bridle way through sand pit to Foden Bank Farm. Right on Lapwing Lane, bridle way on left through the Mosses (E) to Congleton Lane. Cross Congleton Lane into Mill Lane. After approx. 0.8 miles, left on footpath past Mill Lane Farm (R) to footbridge. North to Astle Farms. N on farm drive to A537. Cross A537 (CARE!) then right to turn left into Stubby Lane.



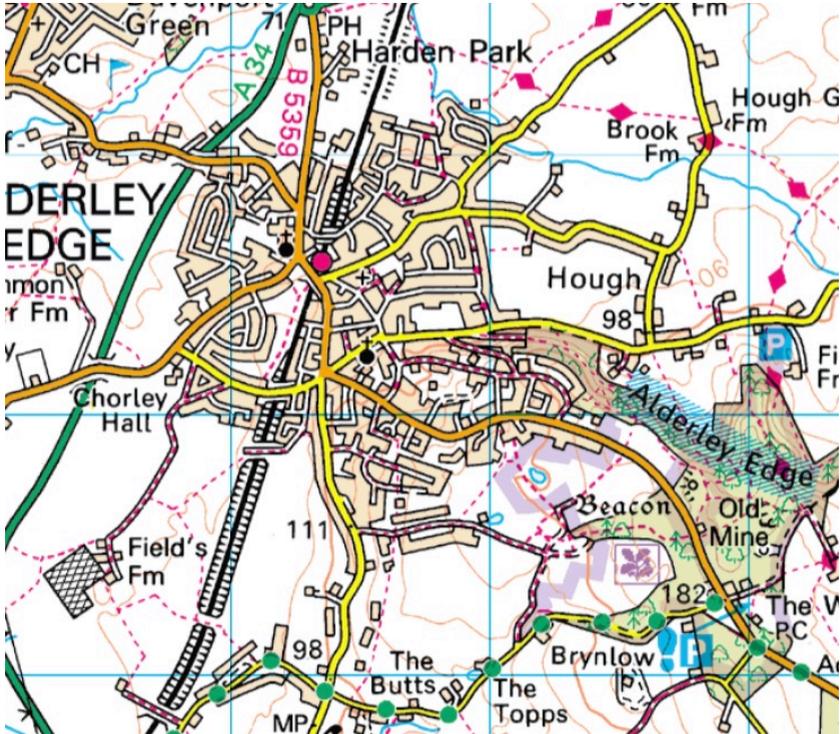
Map 4 Stubby Lane to The Wizard Tea Room

Follow Stubby Lane to T junction with Bollington Lane, to turn left. First right towards Yarwoods then fieldpath to Heawood Hall. Immediate first right beyond fieldgate/stile on footpath through wood and two fields to emerge on A34, south of Bypass roundabout. Right along A34 to Bollington Lane A34 T Junction. Cross A34 (CARE!) and take field path immediately on right of lodge. Skirt fields on left margin to Fernhill. With farm buildings on right, continue on path to east to enter a small wood. Turn left immediately after the wood, following field paths to track by Higher Park Farm. Turn left on track and go to joint of Hocker Lane and Slade Lane. Proceed N on Slade Lane for approx. 0.25 miles to field path (on left) leading NNW to Finlow Hill Lane. NNW on Finlow Hill Lane to junction with Bradford Lane then right onto Bradford Lane to junction with Macclesfield Road. Cross Macclesfield Road (CARE!) to take footpath into NT Car Park, Alderley Edge. Wizard Tea Room is on NE edge of car park.



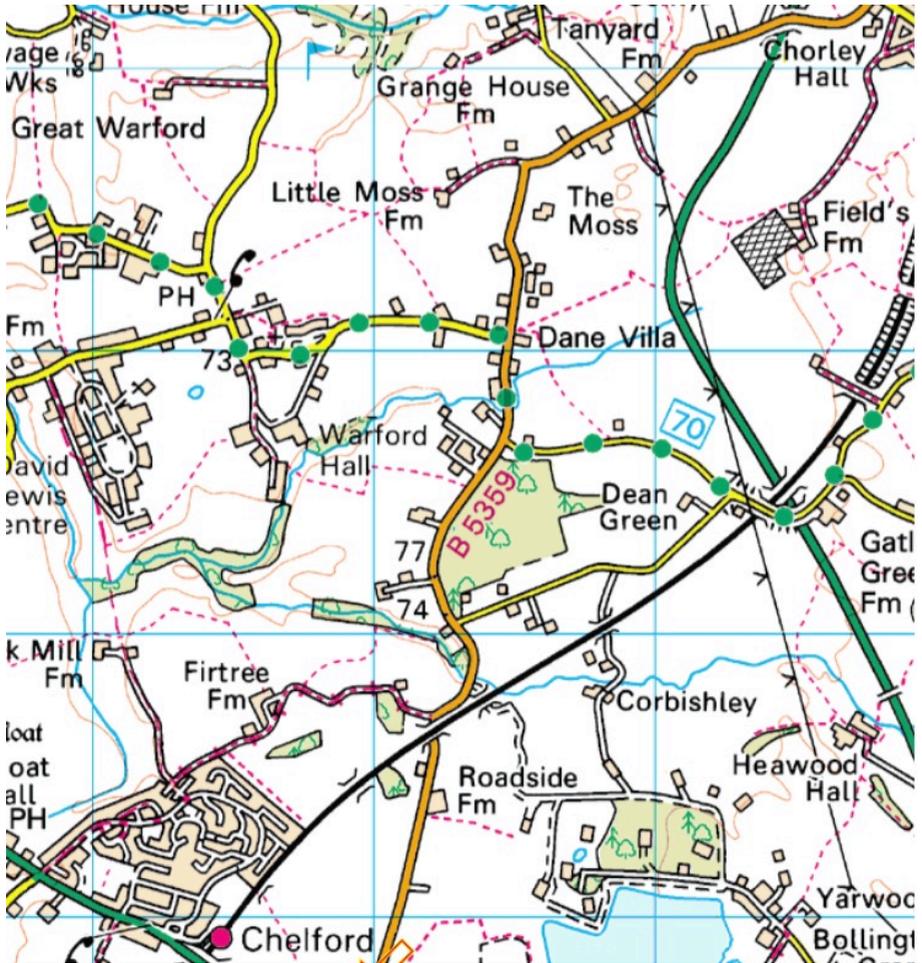
Map 5 The Wizard Tea Room, NT Car Park, Alderley Edge to Field's Tomato Farm

Facing the Wizard Tea Room, take the track on the right, with the wood on your left, continuing to the point where the track turns sharp right. Close to this point by the angle of the track is the Golden Stone. Turn left into the wood along the broad track and follow this through the wood to the rock fall of Stormy Point (on right), Angle left into the little decline and follow the path to the Armada Beacon. From the top of the beacon, go down to the wall, turn right and follow the wall, turning left at the end to take the path running NW to Castle Rock. Follow the path through the wood passing the Wizard's Well (on left) and carry on down the hill to join the road (Squirrel's Jump) and continuing to the junction with the Mottram Road. Turn Left and follow this to the junction with the A34, London Road at the De Trafford Arms. Cross London Road and continue down by the right of the De Trafford Arms. After approximately 0.25 miles, turn left into Green Lane, close to Chorley Hall. Follow the Green Lane bridle way to Field's Farm, continuing on the right of the glasshouses by field paths running WSW



Map 6 Field's Tomato Farm to The Egerton

WITH EXTREME CARE, cross Alderley Edge By-Pass (no footbridge) to pick up footpath across fields to the B5359 near Dane Villa, Alderley Road. Cross with care and continue W along Merryman's Lane. After about 0.5 miles, take the path on the right to go through the yard of the Baptist chapel. This path emerges at the junction of Merryman's Lane and Mill Lane. Cross here and proceed down Mill Lane past the Stag's Head (on right). After about 0.5 miles, take the bridle way on the left, just beyond the David Lewis Centre. Follow the bridle way (SSE) to the junction with Carter Lane. Turn right here, carrying on up Dixon Drive to finish at the Egerton Arms.



Other Information

Getting Fed and Watered

There are many points en route where you can be fed and watered but these are not evenly spaced. There is a comestibles desert between the Egerton Arms and the junction of Bollington Lane and the A34. However, both the Parkgate Inn on Stocks Lane and the Dog Inn on Welltrough Lane are a short detour from the route but this will probably affect your time. Carrying sandwiches and some sort of liquid is a good idea.

The other watering holes include:

- The Tiger Lily Restaurant (Bengali), nr. Junction of Bollington Lane and A34, Monk's Heath
- The Wizard Tea Rooms, Alderley Edge (open Saturdays and Sundays all year round, also Bank Holidays, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Opening Times are 10:00am to 5pm. They will open on a weekday by prior arrangement for parties of 20 plus people. Dogs and children are very welcome. Telephone 07742-333463 for advance reservations or further enquiries.)
- De Trafford Arms, Alderley Edge village
- Alderley Edge village, more food and drink than our dog could consume.
- The Stag's Head, Mill Lane, Great Warford - Closed for refurbishment at present.
- The Egerton Arms

Public Transport

The Egerton Arms can be reached by bus (27 and 27A) from Macclesfield or Knutsford. Chelford can be reached by rail and is on the Manchester – Wilmslow – Crewe line.