

4 – Shillito Wood to Brindwoodgate

4.3 miles

1. *From the car park cross the road and go through a gate opposite. Walk down the path for about 25 yards to meet a track. It is the **first** of 2 tracks visible to you. **DO NOT BE TEMPTED TO FOLLOW THE 2nd, MORE VISIBLE TRACK.** Turn right and walk along the track for one mile, heading steadily downhill, with Hewitt's Bank climbing high on your right. Remain on this track and you eventually cross a stream via some stepping-stones.*
2. *After a further 100 yards you reach a gate leading onto Car Road, a bridle track. **Here you turn right** onto the track and walk downhill for about 300 yards, passing farm buildings on your right. Just after crossing a stream, immediately before the track rises steeply, you see a signposted footpath on your left. **Take this path**, which follows the stream through the edge of Smeeckley Wood.*
3. *After a quarter of a mile another path goes across you – **continue straight ahead**, heading through to Bank Wood. About 200 yards further on you meet another path from the side – again **continue straight on**.*
4. *When you come out of the wood there is a gate ahead of you. **Go over the stile to the left of the gate** and continue for a further 150 yards crossing a wooden footbridge on the way. **Go through a broken gate to join a road.** Turn right and walk along this road for about a quarter of a mile, crossing over two roads, one to Baslow and one to Unthank, and **take the second path on the left**, immediately before a small track (the entrance to the path is concealed by foliage – take care not to miss it!).*
5. ***Go up the steps, through the squeezer stile and walk up the field with a hedge on your left.** After a short while the path turns 45° right next to an electricity pylon and goes across the field to a gap in the middle of the hedge. **Go through and head for the top right-hand corner of the next field.** Cross over the little bridge into the next field, turn 45° left, and head across the field to a gap in the wall. Pass through and **go straight on**, crossing the field ahead diagonally to a stile.*
6. *When you cross over the stile carry on along the field edge with a hedge on your right. At the next field **go straight ahead**, heading for a stile and gate opposite. **Cross over the stile, over a deep ditch, go through the gate opposite and carry straight on across the field.** Cross over the next stile and continue straight ahead. The village you can see in front of you is Cartledge – your target. **Cross over the next stile and aim for the stile opposite in front of which is a newly dug drainage ditch.** Cross over this stile and go straight ahead.*
7. *When you reach a small gate, where several footpaths merge, **cross over a small bridge over a stream and follow the footpath sign for Cartledge.** This goes left and uphill to a stile in the corner of the field. **Cross over this stile onto a lane and walk along this lane until you meet the road.***

8. **At the road turn left** and walk for about 25 yards before **turning right** (doubling back on yourself) to head down **Cartledge Lane**, signposted “Public bridleway and footpath to Brindwoodgate for Barlow”.
9. Where the road turns into a track, **carry straight on** with Cartledge Hall Farm to your right. The track moves steadily downhill and bends round to the left – **stay with it**.
10. After about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile the track bears sharply right where it meets a gate. At the bottom of this track, after about a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, you reach a gate. **Go through the gap** at the side of this gate onto a wider track and **carry on downwards**. The track bends round to the right to join a metalised road where you **turn left** – you are now at Brindwoodgate.

This is Checkpoint 4.