**The Tandem Club - National Tandem Rally 2016**

**Kirkley Hall - Northumberland**

**Tuesday - North West Short – Wallington, Kirkharle, Belsay 27miles**

A ride packed with places of interest to visit: Wallington Hall (National Trust house, gardens and café), Kirkharle Courtyard (crafts, arts, antiques and café) and Belsay Hall (English Heritage hall, gardens, castle and café).

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| Point | Miles  Total | Miles | Instructions | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | Kirkley Hall Gates. TR immediately towards Whalton and Ogle. | |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | BR *SP Ogle, Whalton* | |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | **OGLE** TJ TL *SP Belsay, Whalton* | |
| 4 | 2.2 | 0.2 | BR *SP Whalton* | |
| 5 | 3.9 | 1.7 | **WHALTON** TJ TL (PH Beresford Arms) | |
| 4 | 4.0 | 0.1 | TR *SP Meldon, Bolam* | |
| 5 | 5.5 | 1.5 | SO | |
| 6 | 7.5 | 2.0 | Bolam Church with Saxon Tower | |
| 7 | 8.0 | 0.5 | TJ TR *SP Hartburn, Angerton (* TL for Bolam Lake Country Park & Café 100 yds) | |
| 8 | 8.3 | 0.3 | TL *SP Scots Gap* | |
| 9 | 9.0 | 0.7 | XR TR *SP Scots Gap, Rothbury* | |
| 10 | 9.1 | 0.1 | Café ‘The Stables’ Fri – Mon only. | |
| 11 | 10.8 | 1.7 | TL *SP Wallington, Hexham* | |
| 12 | 12 | 1.2 | TJ  **Either**,TR *SP Rothbury, Cambo* for **Wallington Hall (National Trust)**  (Café may be accessed without paying entrance fee if you arrive by cycle and you will be given a voucher for a free tea or coffee with a food purchase!)  Café, house, gardens, woods, adventure playground etc. 0.5 miles. Return to bridge to continue route. (SO over bridge.)  **Or**, TJ TL *SP Newcastle, Hexham* for **Kirkharle Courtyard and Belsay.** | |
| 13 | 12.1 | 0.1 | Cross R. Wansbeck. Caution narrow hump back bridge. | |
| 14 | 13.4 | 1.3 | | Staggered XR SO *SP Hexham* |
| 15 | 13.9 | 0.5 | | TR Kirkharle and TR into entrance drive. |
| 16 | 14.2 | 0.3 | | **Kirkharle Courtyard. Birthplace of Capability Brown. Café, galleries, shops, play area (3-9 yrs).** NB Café open but most shops closed on Mondays. Return to top of entrance drive. |
| 17. | 14.4 | 0.2 | | SO across access road then TR at B road to go uphill. |
| 18 | 14.6 | 0.2 | | TL *SP Capheaton* |
| 19 | 14.9 | 0.3 | | TL *SP Capheaton* |
| 20 | 15.6 | 0.7 | | TR *SP Capheaton* |
| 21 | 16.4 | 0.8 | | TR *SP Capheaton* |
| 22 | 16.6 | 0.2 | | **CAPHEATON** (Café open Sat. and Sun only) |
| 23 | 16.8 | 0.2 | | BR then BL *SP Stamfordham, Kirkheaton* |
| 24 | 17.6 | 0.8 | | XR SO *SP Newcastle, Stamfordham* |
| 25 | 18.7 | 1.1 | | TJ TL *SP Stamfordham, Belsay* |
| 26 | 20.4 | 1.7 | | SO *SP Whalton, Belsay* |
| 27 | 20.8 | 0.4 | | View of Belsay Castle on R. |
| 28 | 21.4 | 0.6 | | Cross A696. Staggered XR SO. No sign. |
| 29 | 22.0 | 0.6 | | TJ TR *SP Newcastle, Belsay* |
| 30 | 22.4 | 0.4 | | TL on **A696** *SP Newcastle, Ponteland, Belsay Hall* |
| 31 | 22.5 | 0.1 | | Belsay Village Shop, Blacksmith’s Café, Belsay Hall entrance on R. **Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens.** English Heritage. Café etc. |
| 32 |  |  | | Follow A696 towards Newcastle |
| 33 | 23.0 | 0.5 | | TL *SP Ogle, Whalton* |
| 34 | 23.1 | 0.1 | | TR *Ogle* |
| 35 | 24.6 | 1.5 | | TJ TR *SP*  *Kirkley, Ponteland.* |
| 36 | 24.7 | 0.1 | | **OGLE** |
| 37 | 24.8 | 0.1 | | TR *SP Ponteland, Kirkley*  Continue to Kirkley Hall gates. |
| 38 | 27 | 2.2 | | TL into Kirkley Hall gates. |