**CX Northumberland Tour – Tuesday 8 July 2025**

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| Cumulative  mileage | Directions |
|  | Depart from Doxford Hall hotel main entrance at around 10.00am |
| 0.0 | Set tacho to zero at Doxford Hall hotel gates.  Turn left (no s/p). Narrow road, no white lines |
| 1.4 | Turn right s/p A1 North & South |
| 1.6 | T junction turn left s/p (on right hand side) A1 North & South |
| 2.0 | T junction turn left onto A1 s/p Alnwick/Newcastle |
| 4.9 | Turn right on B6347 s/p South Charlton |
| 5.0 | Immediately turn right on B6347 s/p South Charlton |
| 6.0 | Drive through South Charlton |
| 7.4 | Narrow bridge |
| 8.2 | T junction turn right B6346 s/p Eglingham/Wooler |
| 11.1 | Enter Eglingham |
| 13.6 | Continue straight ahead towards Chillingham/Chatton |
| 15.0 | Keep right towards Chillingham/Chatton |
| 17.5 | Drive past entrance to Chillingham Castle on left (Britain’s most haunted castle, allegedly, and home of wild white cattle) |
| 17.8 | Drive through Chillingham |
| 19.4 | T junction turn left on B6348 s/p Wooler |
| 21.1 | Keep right on B6348 |
| 24.0 | Enter Wooler. |
| Public toilets/parking available in town centre if required, but you’ll need to adjust your mileage accordingly. | |
| 24.2 | T junction turn right on A697 s/p Coldstream. Fuel on right |
| 24.6 | Turn right B6525 s/p Berwick (A1) |
| 31.8 | Turn left B6353 s/p Ford/Coldstream |
|  | View of Cheviot Hills ahead |
|  | Enter Ford village. |
| 35.5 | Turn right into village centre. |
| ETA approx 10.45/11.00am. Stop for approx. 45 minutes. Parking on left or along road in front of Lady Waterford Hall. Toilets/refreshments/ice-cream. Lady Waterford Hall, Victorian school room with Pre-Raphaelite murals, will be open. You may be asked for a small donation. | |
|  | Turn round at war memorial/entrance to Ford Castle but do not go into castle grounds. Turn right to exit the way you came in. ETD 11.45am/12.00 noon |
| 0.0 | T junction zero tacho. Turn right back on B6353 |
| 0.6 | Turn left B6353 s/p Coldstream |
| 1.7 | T junction turn left on A697 s/p Wooler. Note the old RAC road sign |
| 3.2 | Enter Milfield |
| 8.6 | Enter Wooler |
| 9.0 | Fuel on left |
| 10.3 | Fuel on left |
| 17.3 | Enter Powburn |
| 17.4 | Fuel/toilets on left |
| 17.7 | Turn right on bend s/p Whittingham/Glanton |
| 18.8 | Enter Glanton |
| 19.0 | Keep left |
| 19.1 | Passed Queens Head pub, turn right onto Whittingham Road |
| 20.4 | Enter Whittingham |
| 20.8 | Turn right at war memorial s/p Callaly/Rothbury.  Narrow road, no white lines |
| 22.6 | Enter Callaly |
| 22.9 | Keep left |
| 25.4 | Keep left s/p Rothbury |
| 26.7 | Views across to Northumberland National Park/Cheviots |
| 27.4 | Straight on s/p Rothbury/Thropton |
| 28.1 | Enter Thropton |
| 28.3 | T junction turn left B6341 s/p Rothbury |
| 29.7 | Drive through Rothbury on main street |
| 30.4 | Continue straight on B6341 s/p Alnwick |
| 31.1 | Entrance to Cragside on right. Be prepared to stop at booth and show NT card or pay entrance fee. |
| Drive to car park and park in reserved area. ETA 1.00pm. Time for snacks/lunch in courtyard café. Toilets. | |
| Reconvene at cars at around 2.00pm and follow signs to drive around the Carriage Drive, approx. 6 miles. Please observe speed limit and watch out for pedestrians/dogs | |
|  | Exit Cragside estate from the main entrance/exit. Zero trip at T junction exit from Cragside, turn left on B6341 s/p Rothbury |
| 0.0 | Continue to B6341, through Rothbury, Thropton, Flotterton |
| 2.7 | Enter Thropton |
| 5.0 | Keep left on B6341 s/p Otterburn |
| 6.3 | Continue through Hepple |
| 7.1 | Keep right s/p Otterburn/Elsdon |
| 8.0 | Sharp right-hand bend over bridge |
| 12.3 | Continue on B6341 and enter Elsdon |
| 12.6 | Turn left s/p Morpeth/Winters Gibbet (unclassified road) |
| 12.9 | Bear left s/p Winters Gibbet (site of hanging of murderer William Winter, who’s body was left hanging as a warning to others until it decomposed |
| 15.1 | Pass Winters Gibbet on right. Keep right s/p Morpeth/Otterburn |
| 18.7 | T junction turn left onto B6342 s/p Morpeth/Netherwhitton/Rothbury (sign on left) |
| 20.3 | At crossroads, go straight ahead s/p Morpeth |
| 21.7 | Enter Longwitton. Drive along ‘The Trench’ |
| 24.5 | Enter Netherwitton |
| 24.6 | At T junction turn right over stone bridge s/p Longhorsley/Morpeth |
| 24.8 | Turn left s/p Longhorsley. |
| 28.1 | Keep left s/p Longhorsley/Todburn/The Lee |
| 28.3 | Keep right |
| 29.2 | Enter Longhorsley |
| 29.5 | At T junction turn left onto A697 s/p Coldstream/Wooler/ Longframlington |
| 33.5 | Turn right B6345 s/p Felton. Narrow road, no markings |
| 34.4 | Keep left B6345 |
| 35.0 | Keep left B6345 |
| 35.2 | Enter Old Swarland – narrow road |
| 35.8 | Keep right B6345 s/p Felton/Morpeth |
| 36.8 | Road goes over A1 |
| 37.2 | Enter Felton |
| Toilets/refreshments available in Felton – Flying Fox, Northumberland Arms. Parking on road/bridge between both establishments | |
| 37.6 | T junction turn right B6345 s/p Morpeth/Amble (sign might be obscured by parked cars opposite junction) |
| 37.8 | Turn sharp left B6345 s/p Acklington/Amble (brown sign for Warkworth Castle/Amble Marina) |
| 38.7 | Drive through East Thirston |
| 39.5 | Keep left s/p Acklington |
| 41.4 | Bear right, enter Acklington. Continue on B6345 |
| 42.7 | Drive through Broomhill |
| 42.9 | T junction turn left B6345 s/p Amble/Warkworth |
| 44.5 | Enter Amble |
| 45.1 | T junction turn left on A1068 s/p Alnwick/Warkworth |
| 45.2 | Fuel on left |
| 45.2 | Tight left hand turn at Wellwood Arms. Watch out for metal bollard on left hand side |
| 46.2 | Enter Warkworth - view of Warkworth Castle ahead (ruined 12th century castle) |
| 46.5 | T junction turn right on A1068 s/p Alnwick/Alnmouth. Drive through Warkworth |
| Toilets available in Hermitage Inn, car parking available opposite (Northumberland County Council ‘use our loo’ scheme) | |
| 48.0 | View of Coquet Island over right shoulder - RSPB reserve, lighthouse built in 1841 |
| 48.4 | View of Alnmouth, established in 1152 but more recently famous for featuring in several episodes of ‘Vera’ |
| 50.0 | Enter Hipsburn |
| 50.1 | Roundabout straight on A1068 s/p Alnwick/Coastal Route |
| 50.5 | Roundabout turn right B1339 s/p Coastal Route/RAF Boulmer. Drive through Lesbury. RAF Boulmer is home to Aerospace Surveillance and Control System (ASACS) Force Command, Control and Reporting Centre (CRC) Boulmer. |
| 51.0 | Turn left B1339 s/p Seahouses/Embleton/Longhoughton/ Coastal Route. Drive through Longhoughton |
| 52.9 | Enter Longhoughton |
| 53.1 | T junction turn right B1339 s/p Longhoughton/Boulmer/ Coastal Route |
| 54.1 | Keep right B1339 s/p Howick/Embleton/Seahouses/Coastal Route |
| 54.3 | Keep left on B1339 s/p Bamburgh (B1340)/Embleton B1339 |
| 56.6 | Keep right s/p Seahouses/Embleton |
| 58.3 | Enter Embleton |
| 58.7 | Turn left opposite Dunstanburgh Castle Hotel onto Station Road (no s/p apart from blue cycle route) |
| 59.7 | T junction turn left B1340 s/p Rennington/Alnwick |
| 60.0 | Turn right s/p Fallodon/Brunton/Doxford (just before Christon Bank) |
| 61.3 | Keep left s/p Doxford/Elllingham |
| 62.1 | Hotel entrance on left |