



Welcome to our FCS EASTER TRAIL! This year it takes place on Poor Common, a 15 hectare site situated to South East of Ferndown near The Angel Inn pub. The name 'Poor Common' indicates that, at the time of enclosure sometime in the 19th century, part or all of the site was left open as an area where the Poor of the Parish would have kept the right to collect fuel but not to graze stock.

Follow the trail and answer the questions to be in with a chance of winning a chocolatey hamper thanks to Vantage Accountants! The trail can be completed at your leisure and the hamper draw closes for entries on Monday 17th April at 11.59pm. Allow 45mins-1hr to complete.

Part of the trail could be partially muddy so wellies etc could be a good option. Some of the trail involves an area of common grazing for a very small number of cattle, they are people and dog friendly.

Join the trail on the Casterbridge Road entrance via the metal gate just behind the post box. Opposite house number 57 and just past number 18. (Not the one by the playground).

- **What colour is the chimney next to the metal gate entrance?**

Once through the gate, there is a wooden signpost in front of you.

- **What insect is at the top of the wooden signpost?**

Go through the gate and turn left proceeding in a southerly direction.

At the first junction carry on straight. There is a signpost to your right,

- **Who must give way to other path users?**

Carry on straight along the path, passing a bench on your left and heading in a southerly direction.

At the next junction, turn left following the fence line of the houses. Heading in a north-eastern direction.

Keep following the main path around,

- **On the gate, by the entrance, how many bars does it have?**

Pass the gated entrance to the left and continue along the fence line of the houses.

The path will bend to the right with small ponds appearing on the right-hand side, keep on the main path and you'll come to another metal gated entrance. There is a signpost opposite,

- **On the signpost. What animal do you need to keep under close control?**

Carry on along the main path, heading in a Southerly direction.

Keep on the main path as the woods open up into a bit of heathland.

At the crossroads turn right but look out for a square post with some arrows on it.

6. What two colours are the arrows?

Turn right heading southwest.

Passing a bench on the right-hand side keep on the main path.

There is a square post shortly after the bench with two arrows on it.

- **What type of public path does it state?**

Carry on along main path. At the junction at the bottom of the hill there is a square post to your left

- **How many arrows are on the post?**

Carry on straight along the path, which bends to the right and up a small hill.

At the junction, halfway up the hill turn left, heading in a westerly direction

Not far along, about 125 metres, just on a left-hand bend you'll see a tree on the right that has joined another tree.

What shape letter do the trees now form?

Carry on along main path, you will come to a bench on the left

- **Who's bench, is it?**

Cary on and go down the hill and at the bottom of the hill is a T-junction.

- **How many wooden signposts are there?**

Turn left heading west, 50 feet on the left is an oak tree with a silver disk on it,

- **what number is on the disk?**

Carry on along path until you get to a metal gate on the right, go through gate entering homeland park (there are cows in this field but very friendly). Carry on down the hill.

- **How many cows are in this area?**

On the gate there's a lock system,

- **What colour is the top of the lock?**

At the first junction turn left, heading towards a bench which you will pass on your left.

At the crossroads at the bottom of the hill carry on straight. Before you do so you will notice the car park entrance to your left. On the pedestrian gate, there is a date on a sign.

- **What year is stated on the sign?**

Carry on past a small pond to your left and past a bench. Follow the path around.

Opposite the next bench and slightly to the left as you sit on the bench, there is an unusual looking tree.

- **What type of tree is it?**

Follow the path as it bends around to the right, past the tree. After a few hundred metres, on the left, opposite a track is a drainage cover.

- **What is the main shape that appears frequently on the cover?**

Carry on along main path, heading easterly. At the crossroads, before heading up the hill towards the gate you came in on, there is a welcome sign on the notice board.

- **How long is the red walk?**

Proceed up the hill still heading east. As you go up the hill,

- **How many black tree protectors are there on the grass to the left-hand side?**

Go through the silver metal gate that you would've come in on and turn left. At the next junction carry on straight, do not turn right, heading northeast.

At the next junction to your left, you will see a salt box.

- **What colour is the salt box?**

Go back to the main path and carry on up the hill, heading northeast. At the junction at the top of the hill, turn left heading in a northerly direction.

- **On the signpost at this junction, there is an arrow. What colour is the arrow?**

Carry on having turned left, along this path. After a short while and to your right, you will notice a house with lots of S..... P..... on the roof.

- **What are on the roof? SP??**

- **(Bonus Question) How many are there?**

Carry on along path, at the entrance gate, where you started there is a sign post,.

- **What colour is the lettering for Poor common?**

Hope you enjoyed the trail and safe journey home! Remember to return your completed trail questions to the Larder (Mon-Fri 2-5pm, Saturday 10.30-1pm, closed bank holidays), or submit online, for your chance to win an Easter hamper courtesy of Vantage Accountants. Entries taken to the larder will receive a little prize too! Make sure you put your name, address and contact number on the back of this sheet!

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