



RISK ASSESSMENT

Courses and roads assessed. L135 A6 High Hesket - Stonybeck	Course local to: High Hesket (A6, between Carlisle and Penrith, approx. 5 miles south J42). 13.6 mile Hilly, Type B Course
Date of assessment/review: Approved 15 Jan 2020	Name of assessor: Lee Foster, Border City Wheelers.

Course description

START: South end of layby on High Hesket A6 by-pass, just north of direction sign for Ling. Follow A6 south for approx. 6.8 miles passing through Plumpton to the Stonybeck roundabout. Encircle the roundabout, taking 6th exit to retrace along A6 northbound. Follow A6 north to finish adjacent to field gate opposite the start (13.6m).

Traffic flows

Wide A roads with a roundabout at the southern end. Moderate and well within guidance notes for single carriageway courses.

Course event/history

This is a Type A (Open) events course (2019), which is identical to the Type B course that was approved in March 2019. The latter risk assessment has been adapted here, essentially unchanged.



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Key identified risks

	Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
1	0	HQ	Competitors parking at Low Heskett Village Hall. Competitors riding from HQ and warming up.	LOW	None riders approaching start along the A6
2	0	Start area: Parking layby On straight wide road (A6)	Competitors waiting to start in parking layby. Competitors proceed to start at the south end of the parking layby.	LOW	Organiser to display head up sign, place cycle event warning sign and ensure officials to wear high visibility jackets/bibs.
3		A6 clearway passing through Plumpton village with a single junction with B6413.	Junction with B6413	LOW	Organiser to place warning sign on B6413 east of A6 opposite Plumpton.
4		Riders continue south on A6 to Stoneybeck Roundabout.	Same direction and opposite direction traffic. Traffic turning into and out of junctions en-route. All the junctions have good visibility for emerging traffic and carry only light traffic.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs at intervals along the route to alert passing traffic.
5	6.8 miles	Stoneybeck roundabout	Riders encircle the Stoneybeck roundabout to take 6th exit from Stoneybeck roundabout to re-join the A6 Northbound.	MED	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs at all approaches to the roundabout. 2 marshals required for direction and safety.

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6		A6 clearway passing a minor junction (Plumpton Foot unclassified), then Plumpton village junction with B6413, then a minor junction	Junction with B6413.	LOW	Organiser to place warning sign on B6413 west of A6 in Plumpton.
7	13.6 miles	FINISH adjacent to field gate opposite the start	Timekeepers clear of A6	LOW	Organiser to place Chequered board and to notify at signing-on that no times will be given to competitors or supporters at finish.
8		Finishing /Return to HQ	Riders continue past the finish along the A6 to the HQ	LOW	Organiser at signing-on inform riders in start sheet they must not return to the timekeepers or to perform U-turns on the A6.

NOTES:

1. The use of a vehicle for the timekeeper(s) at start and finish is where appropriate and is only identified as an example for the action to be taken.
2. The small junctions or entrances to farms/facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.
3. All rules of the road must be followed as to 'the Highway Code'.
4. This risk assessment shall be made available at the event signing on. By the riders signing on to event sheet they accept all hazards identified on this course and are aware that this is an open road event and that they have a duty of care and courtesy to other road users.

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