



Manchester DC: Risk Assessment

Cycling Time Trials – Manchester DC Course Risk Assessment Document. The measures to reduce risk identified in the right hand column must be included on the start sheet or implemented for the duration of the event as applicable. Failure to comply with the requirements of this document may result in approval being withheld with respect to subsequent race promotions by the promoting club.
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Date of Assessment/Review: 23rd May 2024	Name of Assessor: Robbie Harcourt
Review History: First Produced (if known): 23rd May 2024 Last Review:	Sponsoring Club or Organisation: Manchester DC
Course Description: <div> <div>START</div> <div>0.000 m</div> <div>At a "JS32" mark in Twemlow Lane, Approx 1/2 mile west of Hermitage Lane adjacent to power pole 20 yds east of a house called "Oaklands". Proceed West to T-Junction with A535 at</div> </div> <div> <div>TWEMLOW GREEN</div> <div>1.302 m</div> <div>Proceed along A535 to:-</div> </div> <div> <div>CHELFORD ISLAND</div> <div>5.909 m</div> <div>2nd exit left on the A537 to:-</div> </div> <div> <div>OLLERTON CROSS ROADS</div> <div>8.945 m</div> <div>where turn left into 7 Sisters Lane and proceed to :-</div> </div> <div> <div>TOFT</div> <div>10.193 m</div> <div>Where turn left at A50 junction and proceed to:-</div> </div> <div> <div>FINISH</div> <div>15.009 m</div> <div>At a "JF32" mark on the A50 opposite a small 50 mph sign 2yds beyond an iron field gate but before "Plum Tree Farm" approx 150 yds short of Twemlow Lane.</div> </div>	

1. Riders must negotiate all Islands in a safe and sensible manner in accordance with CTT Reg 20 and the rules of the road. Riders must be able to brake and stop at the islands and T-junctions if traffic conditions require this. Riders **MUST NOT** approach and encircle the islands using tri-bars. Remember – traffic on the island has priority over traffic (including riders) entering it. Any rider seen to be in breach of this regulation will be disqualified from the event and may be reported for further disciplinary action.
2. No parking at the start or finish apart from timekeepers.
3. Riders must not stop at the finish but will continue on to the event HQ where their times will be displayed

Link:

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/course-details/j4-32>

Course Type:

1. Single Carriageway
2. Partial circuit
3. No traffic calming measures or 20mph zones

Traffic Flows:

Course / Event History:

Course first used in 2022 for 1 Open event

Police Authorities:


Cheshire Constabulary




Course/Roads Assessed:		Course:	J4/32	Distance:	15 miles
Road Name:	Road Designation:	From:		To:	
Twemlow Lane	n/a	Cranage		Twemlow Green	
Chelford Road	A535	Twemlow Green		Chelford	
Chelford Road	A537	Chelford		Ollerton	
Seven Sisters Lane	n/a	Ollerton		Toft	
Holmes Chapel Road	A50	Toft		Cranage	
Note: These are the entirety of the roads used but not necessarily in the order in which they are ridden.					




Marshals Required	12
Signs Required (not incl. Start/Finish officials etc)	13




Key Identified Risks



See signage chart later in this document for suggested Cycle Event Warning sign placements and marshalling points.


No.	Distance / Location	Risk/Hazard	Level of Risk (L / M / H)	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
a) Introduction				
1	General Requirements	Time of Road Usage meets CTT Traffic Standards	L	Traffic counts within acceptable numbers
b) HQ to Start				
2	Before Start	Competitors riding from Event HQ; Competitors warming up	L	Instructions on Start Sheet and at event HQ signing on advising riders of safe routes; prohibition on warming up past the start
3	Area of Start: SJ761688 responded.endings.oat meal (What3Words)	Riders arriving and waiting to start.	L	Instructions on Start Sheet and at event HQ signing on - warning against making 'U' turns, queue in single file; Cycle Event Warning signs; No parking in start area. Marshals and timekeepers wearing high visibility vests.
4	Start in Twemlow Lane at JS32 mark east of "Oaklands"			
c) Start to Finish				
	Description of road feature <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Left turn• RAB• S Bend• Traffic calming• 20mph restriction	Description of Hazard	Assessed level of risk	Mitigation to reduce risk

5	Twemlow Lane	Single carriageway, vehicles may try to overtake.	L	Visibility is generally good. Vehicles overtaking will generally have passed the start with sufficient signage and visibility.
6	Bidlea Dairy on north side of Twemlow Lane. SJ772688			
7	Bidlea Dairy.	Vehicles entering and leaving the premises. Riders continuing straight ahead on Twemlow Lane.	M	Cycle Event Warning sign opposite Bidlea farm entrance.
8	Twemlow Green SJ781687			
9	Twemlow Green	Traffic from Goostrey emerging from left just before A535. Riders turning left onto A535.	L M	Drivers can see junctions clearly. Cycle Event Warning signs on: - Goostrey Lane facing traffic from Goostrey. - A535 facing traffic from Holmes Chapel. Marshal wearing high visibility vest.
10	Terra Nova Dip (northbound A535) SJ795703			
11	A535 northbound towards Bridge Lane junction	Traffic turning into and/or emerging from Bridge Lane. Speed limit reduces to 30mph prior to dip. Riders continuing straight ahead on A535.	M	Cycle Event Warning sign on Bridge Lane prior to junction facing traffic approaching A535. Marshal wearing high visibility vest at junction.

12	Terra Nova Dip (southbound A535)		
13	A535 southbound towards Bridge Lane junction	Traffic descending A535 hill towards, and turning into Bridge Lane. Riders continuing straight ahead on A535.	M Cycle Event Warning sign on A535 prior to junction facing traffic approaching from Chelford direction. Marshal wearing high visibility vest at junction as point 11.
14	A535/Bomish Lane junction		
15	A535/Bomish Lane junction	Traffic joining from or turning into Bomish Lane. Riders continuing straight ahead on A535.	L Cycle Event Warning sign on Bomish Lane prior to junction facing traffic approaching from Jodrell Bank direction.
16	Roads to either side of A535	Emerging and turning traffic. Riders continuing straight ahead on A535.	L Visibility is good along the A535.
17	Chelford Island SJ818744		
18	Chelford Island	Multiple exits/entrances including shop on left as riders approach the roundabout in the northbound direction. Riders turning left to take 2 nd exit onto A537.	M Cycle Event Warning signs for oncoming traffic at all exits/entrances. At least 2, preferably 3, marshals wearing high visibility vest at roundabout. Local regulation relating to use of tri-bars on Chelford Island to appear on Start Sheet and riders reminded at Sign On.







19	Chelford Village SJ812749			
20	Chelford Village	<p>Pedestrian Crossing & Farm Supplies exit. Queuing cars waiting for pedestrians and vehicle exiting retail locations.</p> <p>Riders continuing straight ahead on A537.</p>	M	Events held when retail locations are open and more pedestrians are in the area (typically weekend afternoon events) should have an observer (wearing high visibility vest) at the pedestrian crossing.
21	Marthall crossroads between Chelford and Ollerton SJ799757			
22	Marthall crossroads between Chelford and Ollerton	<p>Traffic emerging onto or off of A537.</p> <p>Riders continuing straight ahead on A537.</p>	L	Visibility is good along the A537.
23	Ollerton cross roads SJ777767			
24	Ollerton cross roads	<p>Emerging, turning and crossing traffic.</p> <p>Riders turning left into Seven Sisters Lane.</p>	M	<p>Cycle Event Warning signs on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seven Sisters Lane prior to junction facing traffic approaching from Toft (A50) direction to warn of riders turning into the lane.


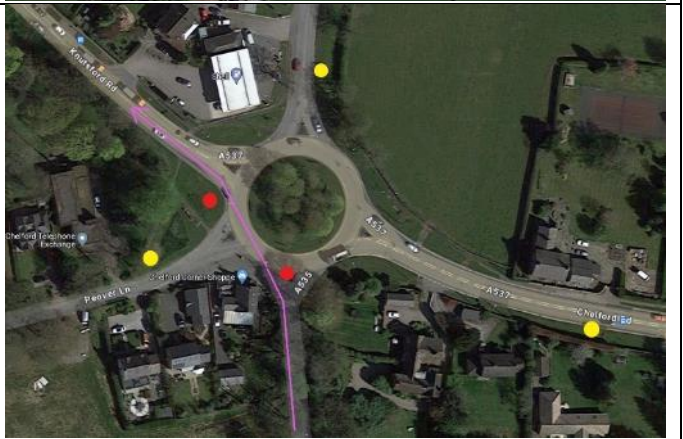


				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marthall Lane prior to junction facing traffic approaching from Warford/ direction to warn of riders turning at junction. <p>Marshal wearing high visibility vest at junction.</p> <p>Warning notice on start sheet – riders must not to swing right before turning left.</p>
25	Seven Sisters Lane	Single carriageway, vehicles may try to overtake.	L	<p>Visibility is generally good. Vehicles overtaking will generally have passed through Ollerton crossroads with sufficient signage and visibility.</p>
26	Seven Sisters Lane onto the A50 SJ760757			
27	Seven Sisters Lane onto the A50	Riders emerging onto A50 at give way junction.	M	<p>Cycle Event Warning sign on A50 north of junction facing traffic approaching from the from Knutsford direction.</p> <p>Marshal wearing high visibility vest at junction.</p> <p>Warning notice on start sheet – Riders must take extra care when exiting from Seven Sisters Lane onto the A50</p>
28	Stocks Lane/A50 junction (Whipping Stocks public house). SJ767746			

29	Stocks Lane/A50 junction (Whipping Stocks public house).	Traffic emerging onto main road A50 and/or turning into Stocks Lane. Riders continuing straight ahead on A50.	M	Cycle Event Warning sign sign on Stocks Lane facing traffic approaching A50 from Over Peover. Marshal wearing high visibility vest at junction.
30	Minor roads to either side of A50. Goostrey – Middlewich and Goostrey – Northwich crossroads.	Emerging, turning and crossing traffic. Riders continuing straight ahead on A50.	L	Visibility is good along the A50.
31	Finish: at JF32 mark near field gate on left 150 yds short of Twemlow Lane SJ751689 fidget.tables.shielding (What3Words)			
32	Finish: at JF32 mark near field gate on left 150 yds short of Twemlow Lane	Awareness of surroundings	L	Warning notices on start sheet - riders not to stop at the finish. - No u-turns. - to be aware of surroundings and other road users at the finish.
33	After finish	Competitors returning to event HQ.	L	Instructions on safe route back from finish to HQ.

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 (garages, restaurants, 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.

Signage and Marshal locations	
	Warning Sign
	Marshal with Hi-Viz jacket
	Rider direction of travel
Bidlea Dairy	
Twemlow Green	
Terra Nova Dip	

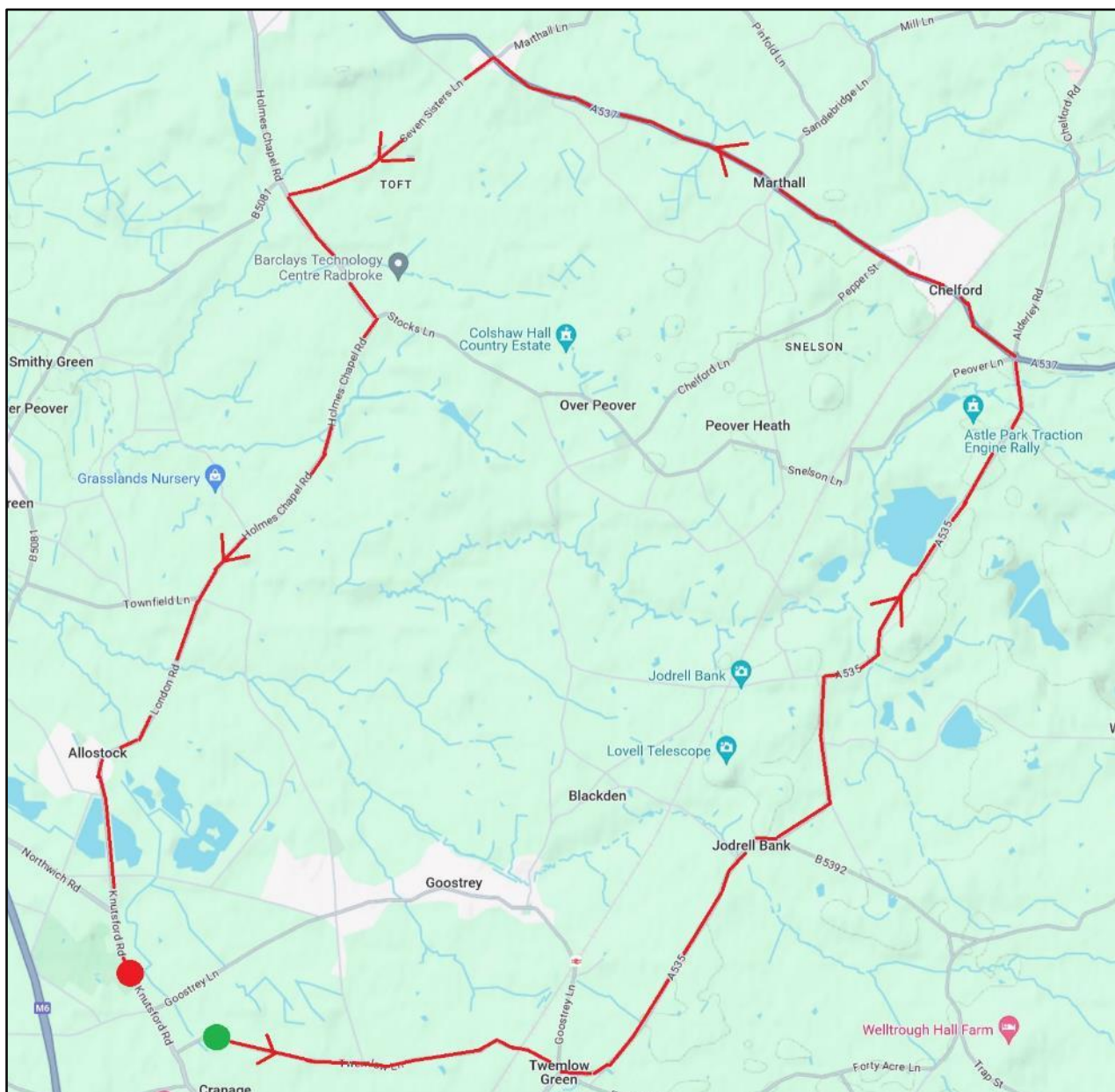
<p>A535/Bomish Lane</p>	
<p>Chelford Island</p>	
<p>Ollerton cross roads</p>	
<p>Seven Sisters Lane onto the A50</p>	

Stocks Lane/A50 junction
(Whipping Stocks public house).



Local Regulations	
1	No parking at the start or finish. Riders must not stop at the finish but should continue on to the event headquarters where times will be displayed.
2	Riders must negotiate Chelford Island in a safe and sensible manner in accordance with CTT Reg. 20 and the rules of the road. Riders must be able to brake and stop at the island if traffic conditions require this.
3	Riders MUST NOT USE their tri-bars between the first bollard they pass on entering the island and the last bollard they pass leaving it. Any rider seen to be in breach of this regulation will be disqualified from the event and may be reported for further disciplinary action.
4	Care At Road Junctions. Riders must exercise care at all junctions. Any competitor whose riding line causes him/her to cross the white line when approaching or leaving a junction will be liable to disqualification and may be reported to the District Committee for further disciplinary action.

This document remains live and any changes to the items listed above or new hazards/risk that arise should be notified to the district committee at the earliest opportunity.



Audit Trail

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0.1	23/05/24	Robbie Harcourt	Initial draft
1.0	18/06/24	Robbie Harcourt	V1 for publishing on website