



Risk Assessment

Course/Road(s) Assessed: Morridge Circuit

Course: J8/25

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Course Description:

The course starts in Warslow on the B5053 by the church at grid reference: SK 087 586 and heads in a northerly direction towards Longnor. At the Horseshoe public house in Longnor, grid reference SK 088 649, the course turns left towards Royal Cottage. At grid reference SK 027 638, the course turns left onto the A53 and after 80 metres, left again towards the MOD firing ranges on Morridge. The course follows the road alignment along Morridge, past the Mermaid Holiday Cottages and past the view point to a left turn at grid reference SK 028 595. At the junction with the B5053, grid reference SK 046 535, the course turns left again and passes through Onecote, back to the finish at Warslow at a field gate, just before Warslow Village Hall, grid reference SK 086 585.

The Headquarters for this event will typically be Warslow Village Hall on the B5053, opposite the start / finish.

Traffic Flows:

Course/Event History:

Course first established in May 2015 as JC-40 for use by Manchester Wheelers for a one-off Club event. The course was re-numbered to J8/25 for use in an open event in 2016 and has been used since then by Manchester Wheelers for an annual Hilly Time Trial.

Associated courses include JC-40R with the start at the opposite side of the course on Morridge and JC-32, which divides the circuit in half by creating a loop over the southern part of the course by following the road from Warslow to the Mermaid Cottages on Morridge.

Key Identified Risks

Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
0 miles	Before the start	Headquarters at Warslow Village Hall is opposite the start / finish area. Parking at the HQ is very limited. Cars parked on the course (B5053) will create an obstruction around the start / finish areas.	L	Notice on start sheet instructing competitors not to park on the course and for riders to warm up away from the course.

0 miles	At the start: Grid ref. SK 086 585	Traffic passing riders arriving and waiting to start	L	<p>Signs, on B5053 facing traffic in both directions and at junction of Quarter Lane and B5053 to inform vehicles of cycle event.</p> <p>Officials to wear high visibility jackets / bibs.</p> <p>Riders to wear fluorescent numbers on their backs to attract attention.</p> <p>Officials to raise rider's attention to traffic movement / passing riders at time of their start.</p>
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	Minor Roads either side of the route.	Traffic coming onto the route from give way junctions.	L	<p>Notice on start sheet warning riders to be aware that traffic may be emerging from side roads.</p>
4.3 miles	Left turn at Horseshoe public house in Longnor. Grid ref. SK 088 649	Riders turning left at junction	M	<p>Marshal required at junction.</p> <p>Warning signs facing traffic approaching junction from Buxton, and Crowdecote directions</p> <p>Direction sign facing riders approaching junction.</p>
	Minor Roads either side of the route.	Traffic coming onto the route from give way junctions.	L	<p>Notice on start sheet warning riders to be aware that traffic may be emerging from side roads.</p>
8.5 miles	Junction with A53 at Royal Cottage Grid ref. SK 026 638	Riders approaching give way junction at speed on a descent. Left turn at give way junction onto A53.	M	<p>Marshal required at junction.</p> <p>Warning signs facing traffic on A53 approaching junction from Buxton direction.</p> <p>Left turn sign well in advance of junction facing riders approaching junction.</p>

8.6 miles	Cross roads on A53 after the Winking Man public house. Grid ref. SK 025 636	Riders turning left at junction.	M	Marshal required at junction. Warning signs facing traffic on A53 approaching junction from Leek direction and on minor road facing traffic approaching the junction opposite the turn. Left turn sign facing riders approaching junction.
9.6 miles	Road joining course. Grid ref. SK 036 627	Riders follow the road alignment round to the right, but potential for riders to bear left off the course at this junction.	L	Direction sign facing rider, positioned after the junction to clarify direction. Warning sign facing traffic approaching junction from Warslow
10.6 miles	Road joining course. Grid ref. SK 040 612	Riders follow the road alignment round to the right, but potential for riders to bear left off the course at this junction.	L	Direction sign facing rider, positioned after the junction to clarify direction. Warning sign facing traffic approaching junction from Warslow
11.2 miles	Minor road opposite Mermaid Holiday Cottages. Grid ref. SK 037 604	Traffic coming onto the route from give way junction. Riders passing junction at speed on descent.	M	Warning sign facing traffic approaching junction from Warslow
12.0 miles	Junction with Blakelow Lane. Grid ref. SK 028 595	Riders turning left at junction.	M	Marshal required at junction. Warning signs facing traffic approaching course from Thorncliffe and from Blakelow Lane.
	Minor Roads either side of the route.	Traffic coming onto the route from give way junctions.	L	Notice on start sheet warning riders to be aware that traffic may be emerging from side roads.

16.1 miles	Cross roads with B5053 Grid ref. SK 044 535	Riders approaching Give Way junction at speed on descent. Very sharp left turn onto B5053.	M	Marshal required at junction. Left turn sign 100m north of junction to give advanced warning of turn. Warning signs facing traffic at each approach to the junction. Notice on start sheet highlighting the sharp turn and a general note warning riders that crossing the white line before or after a turn will result in disqualification and possible disciplinary action.
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16.8 miles	Bend on steep descent before the village of Onecote Grid ref. SK 047 544	Riders travelling at speed through bend on descent	M	Notice on start sheet warning riders of the bends on the B5053 before and after the village of Onecote
17.2 miles	Junction of Douse Lane and B5053 in village of Onecote. Grid ref. SK 049 551	Riders travelling at speed through village after previous decent. Traffic turning onto course out of Douse Lane may not be fully aware of speed of approaching riders.	H	Marshal required opposite the end of Douse Lane. Warning signs facing traffic turning onto course from Douse Lane.
19.0 miles	Bend on steep descent after the village of Onecote. Grid ref. SK 070 573	Riders travelling at speed through bends on descent	M	Notice on start sheet warning riders of the bends on the B5053 before and after the village of Onecote Warning signs facing oncoming traffic before bend at bottom of descent.
20.5	Finish in Warslow. Grid ref. SK 085 585	Riders finishing.	L	Chequered board or flag marking finish to be in place.

The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities 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.

Notes:

Timing of events to be considered in conjunction with traffic counts.

General warning on start sheet regarding U-turns, not swinging right before making a left turn, and warning riders to be aware that traffic may be emerging from side roads.

Specific instructions:

Caution on turn onto B5053 from Blakelow Road onto B5053 and caution at bends on descent on B5053 between Onecote and Warslow.

After finish riders must continue and return to the headquarters.

Do not distract timekeepers.

No parking on the course.

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