**CYCLING TIME TRIALS – SOUTH EAST MIDLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RISK ASSESSMENT OF COURSE: Clopton-Titchmarsh Rd Circuit**

*Approved by the SEM District Committee (Feb 2024)*

**COURSE IDENTIFICATION** COURSE NUMBER NY24

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| CYCLE EVENT WARNING SIGNS (See CTT Guidance Note No 17) – Can be downloaded from the CTT Website (www.ctt.org.uk)  750mm Triangle Signs – suitable for roads with a speed limit up to and including 40 mph  900mm Triangle Signs – suitable for roads with a speed limit greater than 40 mph  All Marshals and Time Keepers should wear high visibility jackets. This aim is to increase the awareness of other road users that the event is taking place. |

# COURSE DETAILS

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|  | Location | **Details of Hazard** | **Risk** | **Measures to Reduce Risk** | **New risk** |
| 1 | General Requirement | Road Usage meets CTT Traffic Standards | L | Traffic Counts |  |
| 2 | Before START | Competitors warming up | M | Instructions to riders including  - prohibited areas for warming up  - warning about ‘U’ Turns | L |
| 3 | Area of START | Competitors waiting | M | Cycle Event Warning Sign on B662 E of the Start Area. Starting officials to guide riders if required. | L |
| 4 | START | Competitors and/or Holder-up falling | L | No additional measures required | L |
| 5 | Junction with Warren Lane | Minor road junction on left as riders may meet riders completing first lap. Very little traffic otherwise. | L | Position **Marshal** before riders can complete first lap. **Cycle Event Warning Sign** on Warren Rd prior to junction. | L |
| 6 | TURN LEFT into Titchmarsh Rd | Major to minor road junction, good visibility, very low traffic. | L | No additional measures required | L |
| 7 | TURN LEFT@ T-junction onto Roman Rd | Minor to major road but very light traffic, good visibility and uphill approach.. | M | **Cycle Event Warning Sign** on Titchmarsh High Rd before Junction | L |
| 8 | Road bends to left | Traffic from right (Warren Rd dead end) very unlikely but possible. | L | Remind riders that although it is a little used dead end road traffic from there is possible. | **L** |
| 9 | TURN LEFT@ T-junction onto B662 | Possible traffic from right entering Clopton. | M | **Cycle Event Warning Sign** on B662 before Junction. **Marshal** on junction. | **L** |
| 10 | TURN LEFT into Titchmarsh Rd | Major to minor road junction, good visibility, very low traffic. | L | No additional measures required |  |
| 11 | TURN LEFT@ T-junction onto Roman Rd | Minor to major road but very light traffic, good visibility and uphill approach.. | M | **Cycle Event Warning Sign** on Titchmarsh High Rd before Junction | **L** |
| 12 | Road bends to left | Traffic from right (Warren Rd dead end) very unlikely but possible. | L | Remind riders that although it is a little used dead end road traffic from there is possible. | L |
| 13 | FINISH on Warren Lane 50m before junction with B662. | Riders may u-turn back to finish before junction | M | Warn riders to ride on back to event HQ area near start. | L |
| 14 | FINISH Area | Finish Area with Timekeepers vehicle only | M | **Chequered Board/Flag**.  **Cycle Event Warning Signs** either side of the Finish Area.  Instructions on Start Sheet - no times to be given to competitors at Finish | **L** |

Additional notes:

1. If used for an open event, or where there might be riders unused to the course, e.g. as a “come & try” event, then it may be prudent to place marshals on one or more of the other 2 left turns.

Risk Assessment conducted by Noel Toone lunchtime on Wed 7 Feb 2024.

Traffic very light, zero vehicles passed either way as I rode the circuit. General road surface condition is good, the Roman Rd becomes Warren Lane after a left bend, the road from the right at this point does not have priority but as it meets the “major” road in a straight line it is possible traffic could continue at higher than acceptable speeds to join the course. Therefore riders should be reminded that although it should, traffic from the right ( in the exceptional case of there being any from the dead end road) may not give way.

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9.15 Miles – Clopton-Titchmarsh Rd Circuit

START On B662 opposite bridleway gate on north side of road approx 20m E of 40 mph speed limit sign.

Proceed W through Clopton on B662 to

TURN LEFT (0.86 miles) onto Titchmarsh Rd.

TURN LEFT (2.26 miles) onto Roman Rd, continue as road bends left (3.85 miles) to

TURN LEFT (4.67 miles) onto B662 **(M)** (to start 2nd lap)

Proceed through Clopton on B662 to

TURN LEFT (5.37 miles) onto Titchmarsh Rd.

TURN LEFT (6.77 miles) onto Roman Rd, continue as road bends left (8.36 miles) to

FINISH opposite farm gate approx 50m before junction with B662 (9.15 miles)