

# **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Courses and roads assessed.  LL815 Armathwaite Coombs HC 0.5 miles	Course to east and south of Armathwaite village
Date of assessment/review: New course approved by North DC 22 Jan 2025	Name of assessor: Kevin Hesketh

### **Course description**

START at south end of gravel layby and opposite house gates on unclassified road from Armathwaite to Kirkoswald approximately 50 yards south of the 'Y' junction and at Armathwaite place (NY509459). Proceed south up the hill to finish at the end of the parking place, adjacent to the metal gate/field entrance on the left. (Approx 0.5m NY513451)

### **Traffic flows**

Quiet unclassified lane with only field entrances and parking spaces.

### **Course event/history**

This is a Type B (Club) events course. This is a new course assessed dating from Dec 2024.



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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		HQ	Competitors riding from HQ and warming up.	LOW	Organiser to inform competitors in race information not to warm up on the course and to proceed to the start cautiously as riders may be on the course as they approach the start area.
2		Start area:	Competitors waiting to start to remain at the road side North of the start timekeeper and clear of the bridge.	LOW	Organiser to display head up sign and ensure officials to wear high visibility jackets/bibs.  Organiser to inform competitors in race information Competitors must not pass the timekeeper prior to the start.
3	0 miles	start at south end of gravel layby and opposite house gates on unclassified road from Armathwaite to Kirkoswald approximately 50 yards south of the 'Y' junction and at Armathwaite place.	Passing traffic; including riders starting their second lap.	LOW	Organiser to place warning signs visible to passing traffic.

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	Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
4		Riders continue straight ahead.	Smooth road surface with light traffic and no entrances on route.	LOW	No further measures required.
5	0.5m	FINISH at the end of the parking place, adjacent to the metal gate/field entrance on the left. (Approx 0.5m)	Passing traffic.	LOW	Organiser to place Chequered board and to notify at signing-on that no times will be given to competitors or supporters at finish.
		Finishing /Return to HQ		LOW	Organiser at signing-on to inform riders in start sheet they must not return to the timekeepers or to perform U-turns.

#### 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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