



# RISK ASSESSMENT

Courses and roads assessed. <b>LL380 Hartside Circuit 38 miles</b>	Course: Circuit from Talkin to Alston via Hartside.
Date of assessment/review: New course approved by North DC 22 Jan 2025	Name of assessor: Kevin Hesketh

## **Course description**

HQ Talkin Village, CA8 1LE: START in Talkin at crossroads; Proceed west bearing left at Chapel House (0.37m) to join B6413 (0.77m). Proceed south through Castle Carrock and Croglin (7.78m). Keep left at next junction, leaving B6413 (8.69m), 5. Left on A686 over Hartside moor towards Alston. On approach to Alston left on A689 (20.7m) (sign Brampton) to Hallbankgate (35.85m) where left on unclassified road to FINISH Talkin Village sign (38m) (2862ft).

## **Traffic flows**

Mix of A, B roads and unclassified roads. The B6413 is narrow in places and more resembles an unclassified road on those sections.

## **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	<b>Organiser</b> 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	<b>Organiser</b> to display head up sign and ensure officials to wear high visibility jackets/bibs. <b>Organiser</b> to inform competitors in race information Competitors must not pass the timekeeper prior to the start.
3	0 miles	<b>START</b> in Talkin at crossroads.	Passing traffic; including riders starting their second lap.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to place warning signs visible to passing traffic.
4	0.37 m	Riders bear left at Chapel House	Approaching traffic	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to place direction sign.
5		Riders bear left at T-junction to join B6413	Riders give way to traffic from right on B6413. Downhill approach to T-junction. Limited visibility to right.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to place warning signs visible to traffic approaching from right. <b>Organiser</b> to position marshal for safety and direction.



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6		Riders proceed south on B6413 through Castle Carrock, with sharp right turn at end of village followed by tight left turn.	Residential area with parked cars.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to notify riders at signing-on to take care in the village and to be careful on the right and left bends on exiting. <b>Organiser</b> to place direction arrows at the right and left turns
7		Riders proceed south on B6413 past Newbiggin.	Multiple minor road and track junctions.	LOW	No further measures required.
8	7.78 m	Riders pass through Croglin Village.	Residential area and narrow bridge after leaving village with downhill approach.	LOW	No further measures required.
9	8.69m	Riders keep left at next junction, leaving B6413 .	B6413 bends to the right, while riders continue straight ahead onto minor road.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to place direction sign.
10		Riders continue through Renwick Village and turn left (sign Alston).	Residential area with riders following the road to the right at the end of the village and then turning left onto minor road leading to Haresceugh.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to place direction signs at the end of the village and at the left turn. <b>Organiser</b> to notify riders at signing-on to take care in the village and to be careful on the right and left bends on exiting.



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	Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
11		Riders continue through through Haresceugh and Selah Bridge to join A686	Minor fell road with no significant hazards	LOW	No further measures required.
12	13.76 m	Riders turn left onto A686 over Hartside moor towards Alston	Traffic approaching from right on A686 and very occasional traffic turning off A686. Very tight turn for riders and very steep gradient.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to position cycle event warning sign visible to traffic approaching from left. <b>Organiser</b> to position marshal for safety and direction.
13		Descent towards Alston on 686	Long descent on wide road with mostly good forward visibility. Care required.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to notify riders at signing-on to take care on the descent.
14	20.7 m	On approach to Alston riders turn left onto A689 (sign Brampton).	Downhill approach to a very tight left turn. Risk of riders over-shooting. Traffic entering and leaving junction.	<b>MED</b>	<b>Organiser</b> to position cycle event warning signs visible to traffic approaching from Alston. <b>Organiser</b> to position marshal for safety and direction. <b>Organiser</b> to notify riders at signing-on of the tight left turn.
15		A686 between Alston and Hallbankgate.	Multiple hazards including fast descents to bridges, tight turns.	LOW	No further measures required.
16		Slaggyford Village	Residential traffic	LOW	No further measures required.



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17		Railway underbridge in Burnstones village.	Tight right bend after railway bridge, with possibility of oncoming traffic encroaching on the centre line.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to position cycle event sign visible to opposite direction traffic.
18	35.85 m	Riders continue to Hallbankgate where left on unclassified road.	Complex junction in residential area and pub.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to position cycle event sign visible to opposite direction traffic. <b>Organiser</b> to position marshal for safety and direction.
19		Approach to Talkin	Narrow unclassified road with multiple junctions. Approaching traffic.	LOW	No further measures required.
20		Riders bear left at minor road junction near Talkin (NY552577).	Traffic from right has priority. Riders approach the junction downhill and have limited visibility to the right.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to position cycle event sign visible to opposite direction traffic. <b>Organiser</b> to position marshal for safety and direction.
21	38 m	<b>FINISH</b> at Talkin Village sign	Passing traffic.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to place Chequered board and to notify riders at signing-on that no times will be given to competitors or supporters at finish.
22		Finish/Return to HQ in Talkin		LOW	<b>Organiser</b> at signing-on to notify riders at signing-on that 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.

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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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