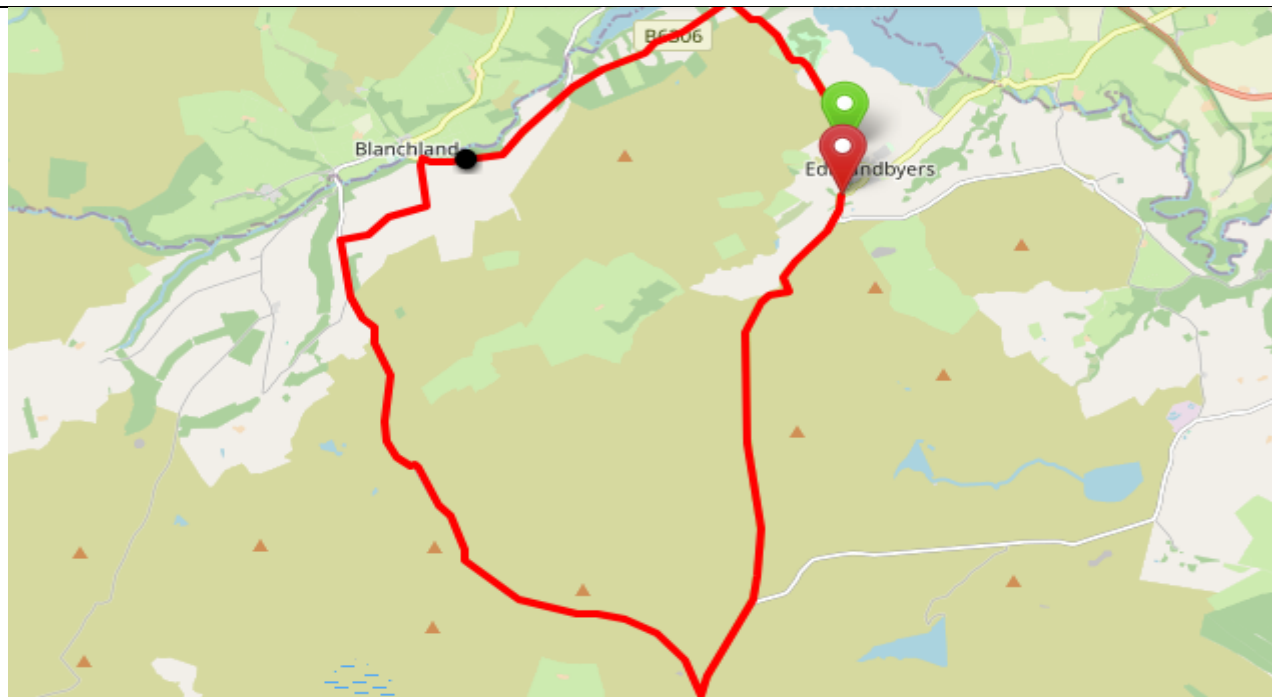


Risk Assessment proforma

Course	M14
Area	NE District
Description	Circuit/Hilly
HQ	Edmundbyers or Blanchland
Measured	Yes
Measured by	Bikehike.co.uk
Risk assessed	Yes
Assessed by	Neil Wilkinson
Date approved	Legacy Course
Type A	Yes
Type B	Yes
Police Authority	Northumbria & Durham
Additional information	
Notes for riders	



Course Description

START on the B6306 west of Edmundbyers (opposite the sign indicating the Town Boundary) and proceed in the direction of Blanchland. Turn left onto minor road at Bridge End, just before Blanchland, and continue through Allenshields to the T Junction with the minor road at Bale Hill. Turn left onto Bale Hill minor road in the direction of Stanhope to the T Junction with the B6278. Turn left onto the B6278 in the direction of Edmundbyers. FINISH on the B6278 alongside lay-by just before the sign indicating the southern boundary of Edmundbyers.



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General Safety Notes and Requirements



- Vehicles of competitors/officials/marshals/helpers to be parked safely and without hindrance to other road users.
- All officials/marshals/helpers to wear fluorescent jackets or high visibility clothing.
- Marshals are to be briefed as to the extent of their roles/duties prior to the event.
- A marshal's sole duty is to clearly indicate the route the rider is to follow before the rider reaches the marshal point (the rider may be unfamiliar with the course). This is done by either pointing out the direction of travel or holding a directional arrow/marker – marshals should not shout instruction or attempt to control the traffic in any way or interfere with its movement on the highway (Guidance Note 11).
- Whenever possible, marshals should be able to communicate with the organiser by mobile phone in case of accident/emergency


Rider Safety Notes


- Take extra care at all road junctions (which includes not taking left hand turns wide) and on the steep descents with bends. Please note there are a total of three cattle grids on this course – care to be taken on all three cattle grids, particularly on the second and third cattle grids (descending Meadows Edge and towards the finish at Edmundbyers). Riders to ensure a direct line across all cattle grids to prevent slippage (SLOW DOWN!)
- Beware of sheep straying onto the moorland roads.
- No U-turns to be made in the vicinity of the timekeeper(s).
- Road surface conditions may change depending on the season, weather, or condition of the road. It is the rider's responsibility to ride in such a manner that allows them to ride safely and with consideration to other road users at all times. Section of minor road before the left turning towards Bale Hill is very poor – riders to pick a safe line.
- Head down riding is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- It is the responsibility of the rider to check the On-The-Day Risk Assessment to be aware of any extra hazards or changes they should be aware of.
- Every competitor MUST have, fixed to their machine, both a front and rear-facing, working light (either constant or flashing). These must be clearly visible (Regulation 14).
- Every rider MUST wear a helmet that conforms to current Safety Standards (Regulation 15), and it is their responsibility to ensure it fits correctly and is in good condition/undamaged.



NOTE TO THE ORGANISER: All of the above information should be included in the Start Sheet Information.

What 3 Words	Course description	Distance	Risk (L/M/H)	Risk description	Minimum management (Without prejudice)
///dupe.aimless.stun	M14 START B6306 west of Edmundbyers opposite Town Boundary sign.	0	M		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Marshal to assist Timekeeper.2. Cycle Event sign positioned on the B6306 approximately 50 metres BEFORE the start line.3. Cycle Event sign positioned on the B6306 approximately 100 AFTER the start line to warn traffic approaching from the direction of Pow Hill Country Park.


					
<p>///whistle.untruth.request</p>	<p>B6306 Edmundbyers to Blanchland road – minor road on left at Bridge Head (riders turn left onto minor road).</p>	<p>3.94 Miles</p>	<p>L</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal. 2. Directional arrow (left turn) positioned on the B6306 approximately 75 metres BEFORE the left turn. 3. Cycle Event sign positioned on minor road facing in the direction of Stanhope at approximately 80 metres. 	



///inferior.villager.tests	Minor road at junction with minor Bale Hill road (riders turn left onto minor Bale Hill Road).	4.97 Miles	M		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal. 2. Directional arrow (left turn) positioned on minor road approximately 25 metres BEFORE left hand turn. 3. Cycle Event sign positioned on minor Bale Hill road to the right of the junction at approximately 60 metres. 4. Cycle Event sign positioned on minor Bale Hill road to the left of the junction at approximately 100 metres. 
///compress.serve.hounded	1 st Cattle Grid on Bale Hill Leading towards Meadows Edge	5.43 Miles	M		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two red flags, one either side of the road, positioned approximately 25 metres BEFORE the cattle grid. 2. See Safety Notes to Riders (Cattle grids and straying sheep). 3. Optional additional marshal.

					
///roughest.canny.mondays	2 nd Cattle Grid on Meadows Edge	6.42 Miles	M	Cattle grid is on a descent – S Bend immediately follows the cattle grid.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal with red flag. 2. Two red flags, one either side of the road, positioned approximately 25 metres BEFORE the cattle grid. 3. See Safety Notes to Riders (Cattle grids and straying sheep).

					
///endlessly.appointed.escorting	Minor road (Meadows Edge) at T-Junction with the B6278(riders turn left onto the B6278 towards Edmundbyers)	9.78 Miles	M	Riders to take care at this junction – poor road surface on the off-side directly in front of junction.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal. 2. Directional arrow (left turn) positioned on the minor road at approximately 40 metres BEFORE left hand turn. 3. See Safety Notes to riders (cattle grids and straying sheep). 4. Cycle Event sign positioned on the B6278 to the right of the T-Junction at approximately 75 metres. 

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<p>///change.rags.promise</p>	<p>3rd Cattle Grid on B6278 on the outskirts of Edmundbyers</p>	<p>13.9 Miles</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>Road surface directly before and after the cattle grid is in poor condition – flag riders to slow down (cars often parked up on right immediately after cattle grid). Or organiser can decide to pull the start line back a little to previous layby (see Image).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal with red flag. 2. Two red flags, one positioned either side of the road, approximately 25 metres BEFORE the cattle grid.  <p>** Due to poor road surface immediately before and after the last cattle grid on this course, this course can be shortened to avoid the need for riders to continue racing over this location** There is a layby a little further back for Timekeepers to park their car – suggest finish line is at the traffic sign depicting “Horse & Rider”).</p>
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					 <p>Image above: Temporary finish line for M14 course.</p>
///meaty.swam.bright	M14 FINISH at layby in line with farm gate just before the sign indicating Edmundbyers on the southern boundary of the village.	14 Miles	M		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal to assist Timekeeper. 2. Cycle Event sign positioned approximately 100 metres AFTER the finish line to warn traffic approaching from the direction of Edmundbyers. 3. See Safety Notes to riders – no stopping at finish line. 



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Requirements	
Marshals	7
Event Signs	7
RH Directional Arrow	0
LH Directional Arrow	3

References:

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