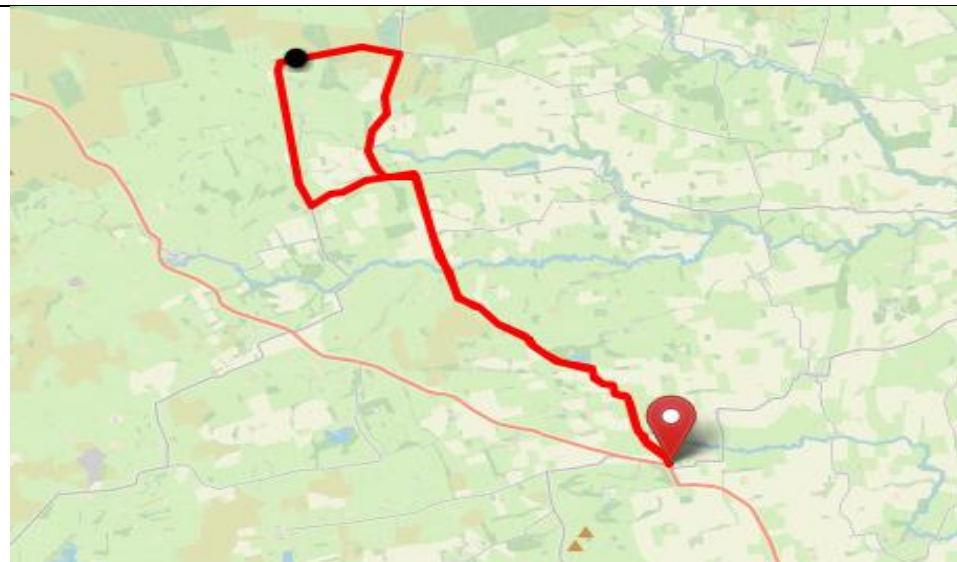


Risk Assessment proforma\*

Course	M21
Area	NE District
Description	Rural/Sporting Course
HQ	Belsay First School or Whalton Village Hall
Measured	Yes
Measured by	Bikehike.co.uk
Risk assessed	1/3/24
Assessed by	Terry Wilkinson
Date approved	9/3/24
Type A	Yes
Type B	Yes
Police Authority	Northumbria
Additional information	See Below
Notes for riders	See Below



**Course Description**

**Belsay – Rothley – Cambo – Belsay (21 Miles)**

START at Belsay on minor road, 200 metres north of the junction with the A696 and B6524. Proceed north on minor road via Bolam Lake to the T-Junction with the B6343. Turn left on the B6343 towards Scots Gap then first right\* on minor road to Rothley crossroads. Turn left on the B6342 to Cambo, then left onto the B6343 to Scots Gap. Continue on the B6343 then first right\* on minor road in the direction of Belsay to FINISH opposite the start (21 Miles)



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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 road junctions and particularly those when turning right (see note in bold below regarding local regulation for right-hand turns).
- No U-Turns to be made in the vicinity of the timekeeper at either the start or finish line.
- 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.
- **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: NE District Regulation regarding Right Hand Turns (marked \* in course details below). Riders shall not cut corners at right-hand junctions on courses, i.e. they must observe road markings and not move to the right-hand side of the road being turned out of or in to. Any rider reported not following this District Regulation shall automatically be disqualified from the event. Organisers of events on courses with right-hand turns shall instruct marshals on any corner affected by this local regulation to record the race number(s) of rider(s) in breach of this regulation.**


**NOTE TO ORGANISER:** All of the above listed information is to be included in the notes to riders/start sheet information.


OS Grid #	Course description	Distance	Risk (L/M/H)	Risk description	Minimum management (Without prejudice)
W3W:covering/graced/info	M21 Start	0	M	<p>Passing traffic both in the direction of travel and oncoming traffic. Competitors queuing in road waiting to be called forward to the start line.</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cycle event sign positioned before the start at "Bolam Lake Country Park" sign.</li> <li>2. Cycle event sign positioned approx. 100 metres after the start in the direction of Bolam Lake near double steel gates.</li> <li>3. Marshal to act as assistant to the timekeeper.</li> </ol>
	Minor Belsay to Scots Gap road - Minor road on left from the A696.		L	Possibility of slow-moving farm traffic and other vehicles turning onto course	None


	Minor Belsay to Scots Gap road - Minor road on left from Newhouses.		L	Possibility of traffic turning onto the course.	None
W3W:skims/unguarded/cookies	Minor Belsay to Scots Gap road – T-Junction with B6343 (left turn)	6.1 Miles	M	Two-way traffic. No road markings at this junction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marshal.</li> <li>2. Directional arrow positioned on the minor road at an appropriate distance BEFORE the junction/left hand turn.</li> <li>3. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 approx. 60 metres to the right of the junction to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Hartburn/Morpeth.</li> </ol> 
W3W:formerly/sailors/trackers	B6343 at Scots Gap - Minor road on right leading to Rothley Crossroads ( <b>right turn*</b> ).	6.5 Miles	M	Riders to adhere to local regulation regarding right-hand	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marshal.</li> <li>2. Cycle event sign and directional sign positioned on the B6343 at appropriate distance BEFORE the junction.</li> <li>3. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 approx. 100 metres beyond the junction to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Cambo.</li> <li>4. Cycle event sign positioned on B6342 minor road approx. 60 metres AFTER the junction to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Rothley crossroads.</li> </ol>



				turns (see below). Poor road markings at the junction – riders to enter junction on correct side of the road.	
	Minor Scots Gap to Rothley Crossroads road - Minor road on left from Hartington Hall.		L	Possibility of slow-moving farm traffic turning onto the course.	None
W3W:satellite/knees/foremost	Rothley Crossroads - Junction with the B6342 (left turn on the B6342 towards Harwood Gate).	8.6 Miles		Fast moving traffic on the B6342 heading south towards Scots Gap and traffic wanting to enter the course from	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marshal.</li> <li>2. Directional arrow positioned on the minor road at an appropriate distance BEFORE Rothley Crossroads.</li> <li>3. Cycle event signs positioned approx. 60 metres from the cross-roads from the approach from Longwiton (east of Crossroads).</li> <li>4. Cycle event sign positioned approx. 100 metres north of the crossroads on the approach from Forestburn Gate.</li> <li>5. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 approx. 60 metres west of the cross-roads on the approach from Elsdon.</li> </ol>

			M	both the west and east. <b>The cross-roads are a known accident hotspot. Riders to be aware that there is always a lot of standing gravel on this corner. Riders to remain on the left (don't swing wide).</b>	
	B6342 at Harwood Gate - Minor road on right from Elsdon.		L	Riders to bear left to remain on the B6342 in the direction of Cambo	1. Directional arrow.
	B6342 in the direction of Cambo - Minor road on left from Hartington Hall		L	Possibility of traffic turning onto the course from Hartington Hall	None

W3W:gates/fatigued/modules	B6342 at Cambo - B6343 on left leading to Scots Gap (left turn)	12.6 Miles	M	Sweeping left turn at Cambo – riders to remain on left hand side of road and not veer towards centre line due to possibility of oncoming traffic.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marshal.</li> <li>2. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 to alert traffic approaching from Scots Gap.</li> <li>3. Directional arrow positioned on the B6342 at an appropriate distance BEFORE the left-hand turn.</li> </ol> 
	B6343 at Scots Gap - Minor road on left from Rothley Crossroads (straight on).		M	Traffic coming down from Rothley Crossroads to join B6343	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cycle event sign positioned on the minor road approx. 60 metres from the junction (already covered above).</li> </ol>
W3W: skims/unguarded/cookies	B6343 in the direction of Hartburn/Morpeth – minor road on right towards Belsay (*right turn)	14.1 Miles	M	Two-way traffic on B6343 and traffic emerging from minor road on right. Poor road markings at road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marshal*.</li> <li>2. Cycle event sign and directional arrow positioned on the B6343 at an appropriate distance BEFORE the right-hand turn.</li> </ol> <p>*Depending on entry number, the marshal doing the outbound leg for riders can also cover the return leg.</p>

				junction – riders to enter the junction on the left and not cut the corner.	
	Minor Scots Gap to Belsay road – minor road on the left from Middleton.		L	Possibility of traffic turning onto the course from Middleton	None
	Minor Scots Gap to Belsay road – two minor roads on left at either end of Bolam Lake		L	Possibility of traffic turning onto the course.	None
W3W: vacancies/denoting/patting	M21 FINISH		M	Riders still travelling at speed after crossing the finish line. Riders waiting to start possibly standing in	<p>1. Marshal to assist Timekeeper (and to ensure that carriageway is kept clear of riders).</p> <p>Finish line is directly opposite the start line.</p>





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				road. Traffic in road in either direction.	
<b>Requirements</b>					
Marshals	7 (Minimum)				
Event Signs	12				
RH Directional Arrow	1				
LH Directional Arrow	4				
SO Directional Arrow	0				

**References:**

*CTT GN22 – Risk Assessment*