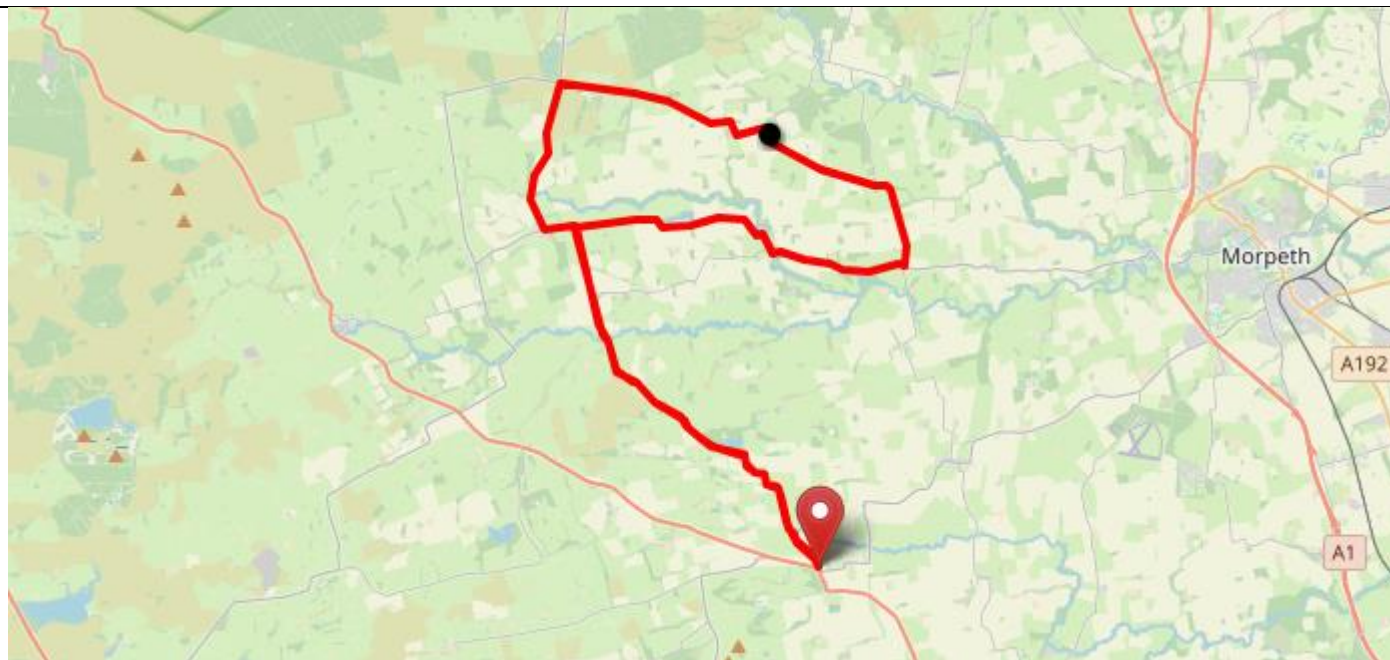


Risk Assessment proforma

Course	M26
Area	NE District
Description	Rural/Sporting Course
HQ	Belsay First School, Whalton Village Hall, or Middleton Village Hall
Measured	Yes
Measured by	Unknown
Risk assessed	Yes
Assessed by	Terry Wilkinson
Date approved	April 2024
Type A	Yes
Type B	Yes
Police Authority	Northumbria
Additional information	See Local Regulation regarding right-hand turns
Notes for riders	See below



Course Description

Belsay - Hartburn - Rothley Crossroads - Scots Gap – Belsay (26 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 junction with the B6343 (6.4 miles). Turn right on the B6343 through Hartburn to Dyke Neuk. Turn left on minor road and continue to T-junction. Turn left on minor road to Rothley Crossroads. Turn left on minor road to Scots Gap. Turn left in Scots Gap on the B6343, then first right on minor road in the direction of Belsay to FINISH opposite the start.



Organiser's Information

Best Practice: Risk Assessment Guidance

Issue level: 03
Date: October 2022

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.


Marshals on the right-hand turns marked in the course Description shall be briefed to report to the event organiser as soon as possible any rider breaching the District Regulation below regarding right hand turns.

Rider Safety Notes

- Note NE District Regulation re. Right Hand Turns (**marked * in Course Details**). Riders shall not cut corners at right-hand turn 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 the regulation.
- No U-turns to be made in the vicinity of the timekeeper(s).
- Riders take extra care at T-junctions, at right hand turns, on steep descents with bends, through lightly built-up area of Hartburn. This includes no cutting of corners.
- 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 TO THE ORGANISER: All of the above information should be included in the Start Sheet Information.

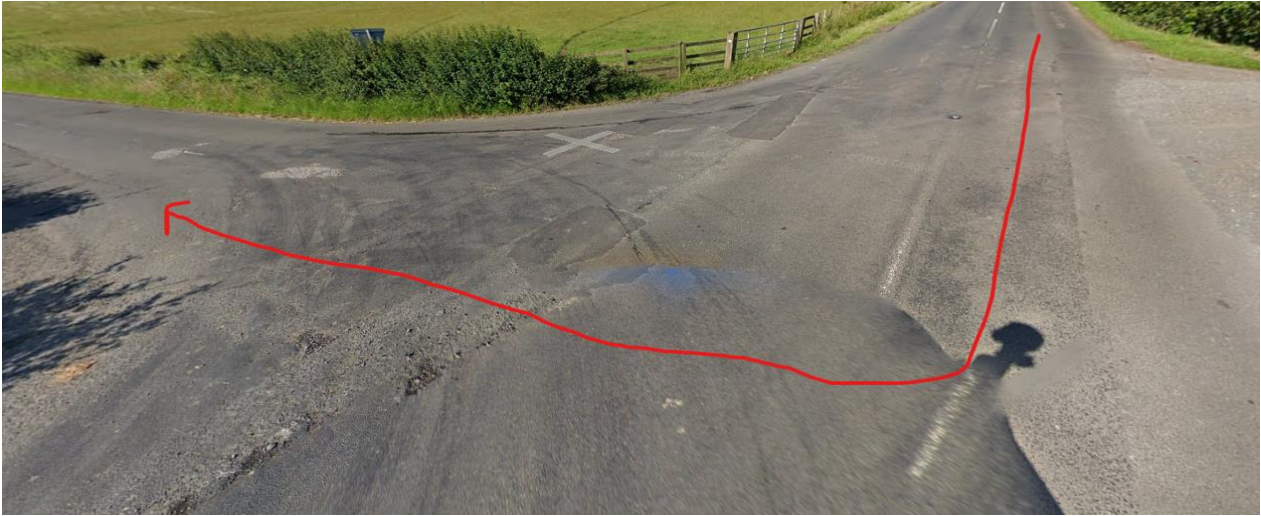
What 3 Words	Course description	Distance	Risk (L/M/H)	Risk description	Minimum management <i>(Without prejudice)</i>
Neater loafing stint	M26 START – layby north of the junction of the A696/B6524 in Belsay.	0	M	Traffic passing in both directions. Riders standing in roadway waiting to be started.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal to assist Start Timekeeper. 2. Cycle event sign positioned before the start at "Bolam Lake Country Park" sign. 3. Cycle event sign positioned approx. 100 metres after the start in the direction of Bolam Lake near double steel gates. 
	Minor Belsay to Scots Gap road - Minor road on left from the A696.		L	Minor traffic turning onto course	None
	Minor Belsay to Scots Gap road - Minor road on left from Newhouses.		L	Minor traffic turning onto course	None

Buckling.dragging.portfolio	Belsay to Scots Gap road - T-junction with B6343 (turn right*).	6.1 Miles	M	Road markings very worn at this junction. Riders to keep to left to exit the junction.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal (to remain in position for riders coming back). 2. Directional arrow (right) positioned on the minor road at an appropriate distance before the junction. 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. 4. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 approx. 150 metres to the left of the junction at traffic road junction sign to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Scots Gap. 5. See safety notes to riders. Event organiser must apply the District Regulation. 
	B6343 - Hartburn. Lightly built up area then descent with bend to narrow bridge		M	See Safety Notes to Riders	None (Safety Notes to riders).
Enclosing.included.bugs	B6343 - Dyke Neuk (turn left onto minor Longwitton / Netherwitton road).	11.1 Miles		Very acute left-hand turn due to B6343 bearing to the right. There could be a tendency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal. 2. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 at traffic chevrons before the junction. 3. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 at telegraph pole in front of public house boundary wall to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Mitford. 4. Cycle event sign positioned on minor road approx. 100 metres from the junction at Give Way sign to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Longwitton / Netherwitton.

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Engraving.cling.magnitude	Dyke Neuk to Netherwitton/Longwitton minor road - T-junction with Netherwitton to Rothley Crossroads minor road (turn left)	14.1 Miles	M		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal. 2. Cycle event sign positioned approx. 100 metres to the right of the junction to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Netherwitton.
Outwards.scores.blogs	Rothley Crossroads - junction with B6342 and minor road at Rothley Crossroads (turn left onto minor road).	17.1 Miles	M		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal. 2. Cycle event positioned on the B6342 at approx. 100 metres to the right of the junction to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Rothbury.

Replenish.binder.twilight	Scots Gap - T-junction with B6343 at Scots Gap (turn left).	19.2 Miles	M		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marshal. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 approx. 100 metres to the right of the T-junction to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Cambo.
Nipped.outbursts.dares	B6343 in the direction of Hartburn/Morpeth - Minor road on right towards Belsay (right turn).	19.6 Miles	M	Road markings at junction very faint – rider to keep to the left when entering the road junction.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marshal (same marshal as outward section) See safety notes to riders. Event organiser must apply the District Regulation. 
	Minor Scots Gap to Belsay road - Minor road on left from Middleton.		L		None
	Minor Scots Gap to Belsay road – two minor roads on left at either end of Bolam Lake.		L		None
Neater.loading.stint	M26 FINISH – directly opposite the start line	26 Miles	L		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marshal to assist Finish Timekeeper.



Requirements	
Marshals	7 (Minimum)
Event Signs	10
RH Directional Arrow	1
LH Directional Arrow	0

References:

CTT GN22 – Risk Assessment