

## East Sussex CA Hardriders TT on Sunday 10 March 2024 - CANCELLED

The ESCA Hardriders TT, one of my favourite events of the season, has been run on a course back near Battle since 2000. Rovers have done a great job of getting 20 officials and helpers to put it on each year but with only 18 riders entering, listed on the next page, before close on Tuesday the decision has been to cancel the event.

Hastings had 9 of the 18 entries, several of them riding their only open of the year in effect as a solo sportive. There were 16 road bikes, no great surprise given the nature of the course.

Over the last seven years the number of riders on the start sheet has reduced:

2017 – 89 <https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-results/14643>  
2018 – 72 CANCELLED due to snow and ice  
2019 – 71 <https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-results/19153>  
2020 – 50 <https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-results/20634>  
2021 – n/a CANCELLED due to the pandemic  
2022 – 45 <https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-results/23889>  
2023 – 29 <https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-results/25625>  
2024 – 18 <https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-details/26490> CANCELLED

On reflection we should have considered doing something different since one of the reasons for the drop in numbers has been the number of potholes on the quiet roads, and general poor surfaces. The wet weather of late and the conflict with Mothering Sunday has not helped this year. Had entries been reopened until Monday we could have picked up more riders but not enough to make the event viable.

It is unlikely that the GS/895 course will ever be used again for an open TT so my record of being the only person to complete every event on the course since it was first used in 2000 will remain on file!

Next year we could see if there is a course that might be more suitable, or may be put on an early season East Hoathly 10.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the ESCA 10 and 25 over the double header weekend April 20 and 21 in seven weeks time.

Chris Parker  
East Sussex Cycling Association Chair

ESCA's web site has results for the Hardriders from 2009 to 2016, see:  
<https://eastsussexca.org.uk/archive/>

The earliest result sheet for an ESCA Hardriders currently in the Hastings archive is from 1971:  
<https://www.hastingscc.org.uk/mobile/documents.php>

There were 18 entries, all Vets, at close Tuesday 27 February 23:59

The riders were from 7 clubs – the 5 ESCA affiliated clubs marked with \*

02 East Grinstead CC \*

02 Eastbourne Rovers CC \*

01 GS Stella \*

09 Hastings & St. Leonards CC \*

01 HuntBikeWheels.com

02 Lewes Wanderers CC \*

01 Total Tri Training

Road Bike	Julian	Scutter	Open	East Grinstead CC
Road Bike	Andy	Seltzer	Open	East Grinstead CC
TT Bike	Adam	Rogers	Open	Eastbourne Rovers CC
Road Bike	Olivia	Webb	Female	Eastbourne Rovers CC
TT Bike	Tony	Reeves	Open	GS Stella
Road Bike	Chris	Parker	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
Road Bike	John	Blomeley	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
Road Bike	Vince	Todd	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
Road Bike	Greg	Blackwell	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
Road Bike	Martin	Deaves	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
Road Bike	Walter	Aggas	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
Road Bike	Malcolm	Daly	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
TT Bike	Ivan	Johnson	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
Road Bike	John	Vidler	Open	Hastings & St. Leonards CC
Road Bike	Richard	Cartland	Open	HuntBikeWheels.com
Road Bike	Peter	Baker	Open	Lewes Wanderers CC
Road Bike	Rachel	Kelley	Female	Lewes Wanderers CC
Road Bike	Dominic	Paul	Open	Total Tri Training