

The Watercress TT

Venta Open 10 – 11 May 2024

On the day information



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Thank you for signing up for the Venta Open 10. Please find below some last-minute information to assist you on the day. I hope you have a fantastic ride.

Thanks

Please join me in extending thanks to the team of volunteers who have given up their time this Saturday to enable this event to go ahead:

Signing On	Catherine Murphy, Toby Leyland
Start Timekeeper	David Collard-Bery
Start Timekeeper	Kathleen Collard-Berry
Start Observer	Daz Lyons
Finish Timekeeper	Maria Golden
Finish timekeeper's recorder	Nigel Pratt
Result Sheet Operator	Stuart Gilmour
Marshal 1 At Spiers Lane	Amy & Phil Thorpe
Marshal 2 At Preston Candover	Jason Jones

Also, thanks to you for entering, I have been overwhelmed by the number of entries this year. It is great to see so many people wanted to ride this beautiful course.

Finally, thank-you to the Watercress company for allowing us to use their parking and **providing every rider with a bag of watercress!** Don't forget to collect yours when you return your number.

Safety Equipment.

Remember that you will need working **front and rear lights** and a hard-shell **helmet**.

Start times.

You should by now have your start time from CTT. First rider off is at 09:01. Please be aware that it will take a good 10 minutes to get from the HQ to the start line so do allow enough time – especially if you have an early start.

Extra Parking.

Extra Parking is provided by the [@thewatercressco](#) only a very short distance from the hall itself. If the hall carpark is full, please make your way to the extra parking marshals will be able to help you. There is a map below to help you out here

Sign On.

On arrival, please collect your number and sign on in the Bernard Clark Room of Old Alresford Village Hall (What3Words: <https://w3w.co/travels.betraying.minority>) – located at the back of the building. Sign on will open at 08:00. All riders under 18 will need a signed parental consent form: <https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/documents/index/guardians>

Warm Up.

Static warm up is not allowed in the Village Hall car park. For static warmup please use the Watercress Company parking. The preferred place to warm up is the road called Ox Drove Way on Google Maps. It is the right just ahead of the right turn to the start. There will be arrows and marshals to guide you. (What3Words: <https://w3w.co/decisions.miracles.playfully>)

The Start.

The start is approximately 3 km from the HQ so please ensure that you leave enough time to cycle that distance. Please **do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your start** as we do not want to have large groups of cyclists congregating on the road there. It will take approximately 5 minutes from the where the warmup road joins the B3046 so **plan to be exiting the warmup 10 minutes ahead of your start time.** (What3Words: <https://w3w.co/dripped.suffix.tickling>)

The Course.

This event is being run on the HCC283 (10) course. There is only one turn on this course, as you enter Preston Candover, there will be a marshal in place to see you safely round.

This is a sporting TT on open country roads. I have ridden the course this week and would like to remind you that the surface towards the left-hand verge is often uneven with potholes and drains. Due to recent rain, there is gravel in several places so please be vigilant and stay safe. Even though the roads are quiet please be aware of the traffic.

- START on Spiers Lane at the layby approximately 1 km North of Monkwood Sawmill.
- Proceed up the hill and follow the road around the left and then descend towards Preston Candover.
- At approximately 1.75km stay on the road as it bears around to the right, **do not** take the road off to the left
- **Turn left at the junction at Preston Candover** (Spiers Lane/B3046), which is at approximately 4.8 km. Please take extra care here. **You MUST give way to traffic coming from the right**, and there is gravel on the corner. There will be a marshal to ensure you are going the right way, but they cannot stop the traffic for you. You will now be heading along the Candover valley towards Alresford.
- At 6.75km stay on the road you are on as you see a lane to your left. Again, this area can have gravel on it.
- At around 7.85k there is a small pothole in the centre of the lane
- Between approximately 8.4km and 9.1km, as the road snakes under the trees, the road surface is at its worst, so please take extra care.

- At around 10.3k, as you round a shallow corner by the turning to Northington there is a drain that protrudes into the road.
- Starting at around 11km you will climb for just under 2km before a fast descent with a tight right-hand turn – extra care is needed as there may be gravel on the descent.
- Continue past the HQ up the hill to the finish.
- FINISH at Old Alresford village sign, opposite St. Mary's Church, (15.7 km).

Please note you must pass HQ to get to the finish. Do not sit up when you get back to The Christy Hall thinking that you have finished, there is one more small hill to climb!

When you cross the finish line, please shout your number to the timekeepers to help them record. Please do not stop at the finish but continue along the road to the next junction where you can turn around more safely before heading back to the HQ.

Signing Off

When you have finished – please remember to sign off and return your number to the HQ. This will ensure that we don't go looking for you!

Results

Results will be published live on ResultSheet here: [ResultSheet | VC Venta Watercress TT](#)

They will be uploaded CTT after the event

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded **for the first three** men and women in the Road and TT bike category. If you managed to snag yourself a podium, please email racing@vcventa.co.uk with your bank details within 2 weeks and we will transfer your prize across.

Photography

We have a photographer this year! Paul Carpenter will be taking picture on the last downhill section of the course as you are heading back to the finish. If you would like to order photos from Paul, please email him a **full description of your bike and kit** at paulcarpenter1992@hotmail.com

Photographing here today
is Paul Carpenter.

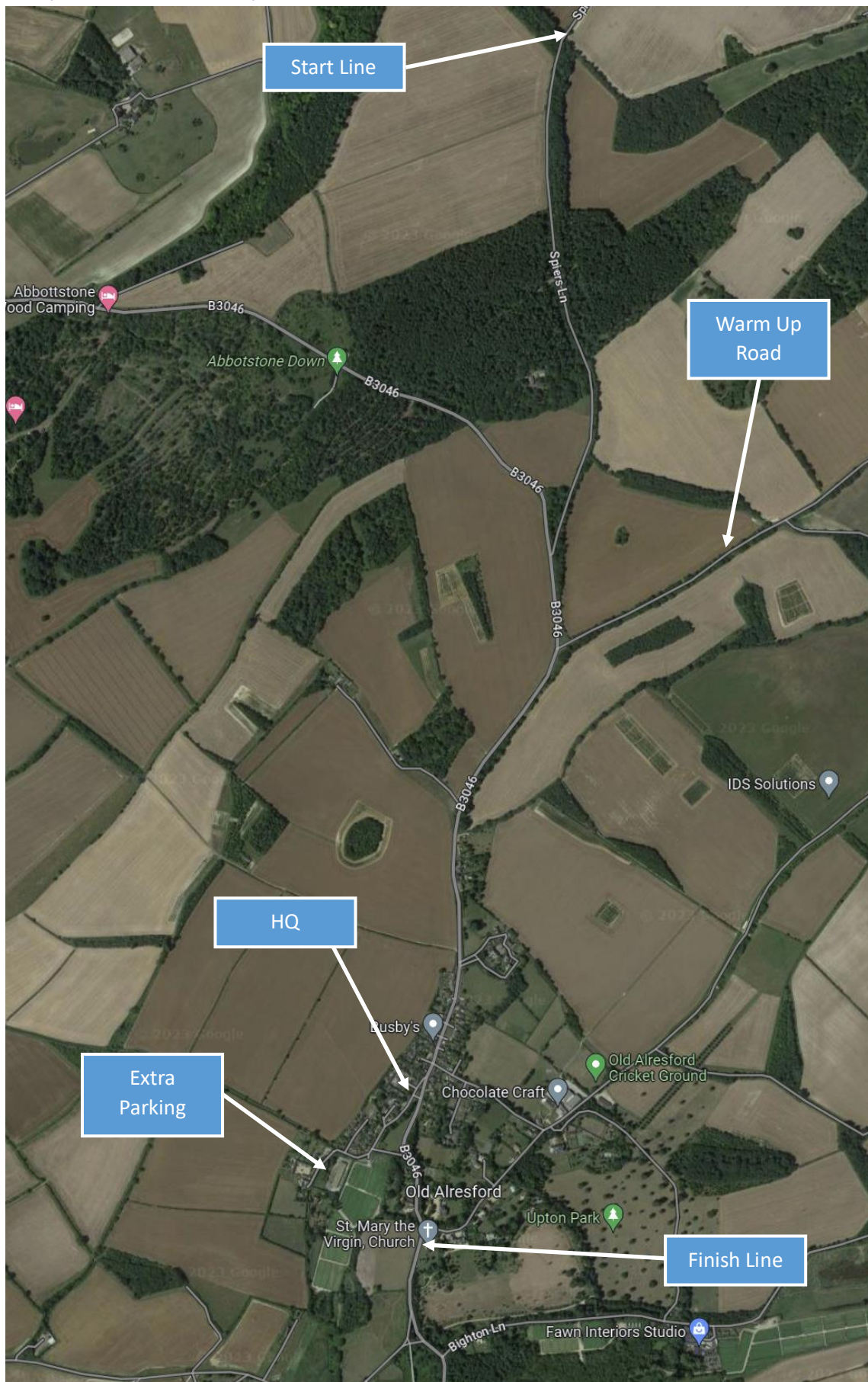
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just email Paul a full
description of bike and kit.
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paulcarpenter1992@hotmail.com

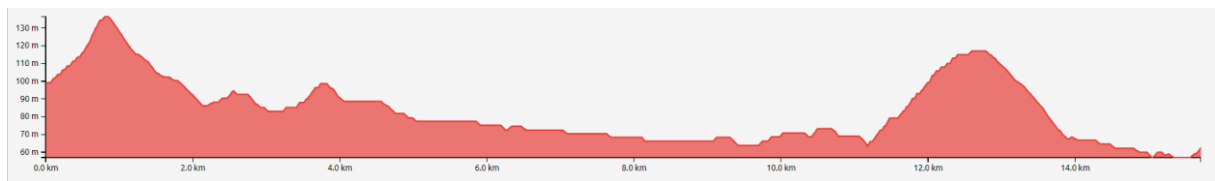
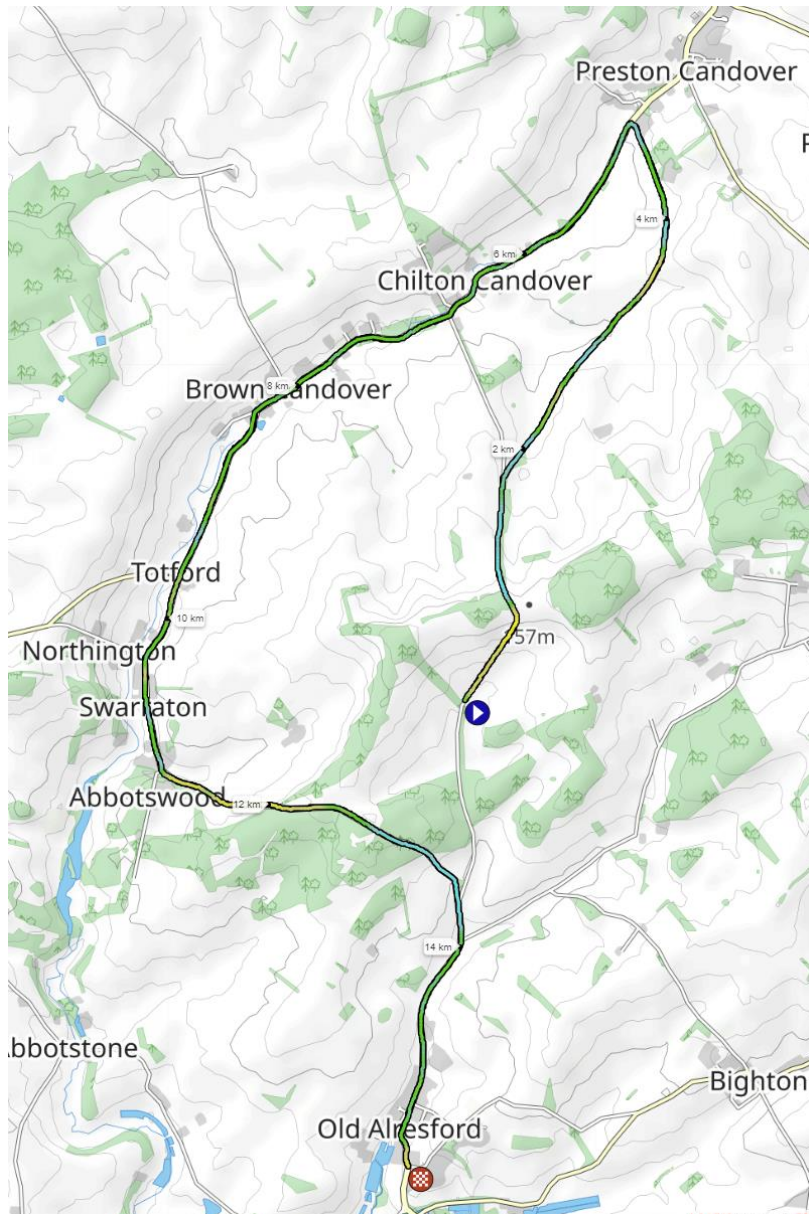
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Tony Martin
Tour of Britain ITT
2017.

Map of Noteworthy Places



Route & Elevation



Extra Parking

Extra Parking has been generously provided by the [@thewatercressco](#). They also have supplied watercress for the winners too!

This parking a very short walk from the hall carpark



Please warm up on the road signed to Armsworth and Wield



To get to the start turn right at this junction:

