

Bolsover District Cycling Club HARDWICK HALL HILL CLIMB – with great thanks to our hosts National Trust Hardwick Hall



Sunday 11th September 2022 7.30 pm

COURSE : OHC 11

START 19:31 HRS HQ – Hardwick Hall, S44 5QJ.

Hardwick Hill

0.7 km at 8.8%



A great evenings racing under lights, and mercifully little rain took place at Hardwick Hall on Sunday night. The Hill is usually closed to riders as it is the one way exit for visitors. The climb is 615 metres long with a 55-metre climb mainly in the last third which includes a cattle grid.

With a special juvenile entry (£3) all 13 young riders led off by 8-year-old Albie Saxton of Bolsover and Max Parish of Ilkeston beat the hill including the challenging cattle grid. Enthusiastic Bolsover DCC Go riders took the opportunity to ride with 11-year-old Leila Crookes, becoming the youngest female to beat the hill. However, showing the strength of the field 6 of eth juveniles went sub two minutes

Ethan Squires	Beeston Cycling Club	00:01:42
Noah Starbuck	Sleaford Wheelers Cycling Club	00:01:46
Harley Widdowson	Clancy Briggs Cycling Academy	00:01:47

Thomas Lindley	Team Sheffield	00:01:54
Sam Martin	Banbury Star Cyclists' Club	00:01:55
Thomas Wray	Beeston Road Club	00:01:59

ADULTS

The usual rain at this event threatened as dark fell and riders ascended through the darkness punctured by the floodlights and the fervent cow bell clattering crowds

Encouraged by the flood lights and closed road nature of this event the start sheet had several first timers and riders heading from Ludlow and Banbury.

FEMALES

Emilie Verroken returned to competing with a vengeance and matched her time of 2021 to top the female podium

Emilie Verroken	Team Lifting Gear Products	00:01:58
Nicola Soden	Datalynx-Parenesis Cycling	00:02:05
Alison Dockney	Macclesfield Wheelers	00:02:17
Lilja Raine	JRC Interflon Race Team	00:02:18
Carol Lonsdale	Bolsover and District CC	00:03:15
Maddi Smith	Bolsover and District CC	00:03:17

Special kudos to 72-year-old Yvonne Twelvetrees who made this a truly inclusive all age event

BROMPTON

Three female Bolsover riders took part on Brompton's. Maddi Smith of Cyclo Cross Terminator notoriety topped the podium climb and commitment was made to expand the opportunity to compete on Brompton's next year in what is now the Suburban Hill Climb challenge!!

Maddi Smith	Bolsover and District CC	00:03:17
Sonia Insley	Bolsover and District CC	00:03:32
Julie Leonardo	Bolsover and District CC	00:03:32

As it got darker times got faster and event regular Gregg Booker topped the male podium at 1:21 7 seconds up on his rivals.

Gregg Booker	SUMMAT CC	00:01:21
Alex Raynard	Velo Bavarian	00:01:28
	Team Jewson - MI Racing ~Poly	
Tom Parsons	Pipe~McCann	00:01:29
James King	OVB	00:01:30
Steven Prince	Ludlow Brewery Race Team	00:01:35

Two minutes is a great target for male riders with over two thirds of the adult male field achieving this

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