

CHEW VALLEY

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Cycling Club

Chew Valley Cycling Club presents "Smithams Chimney Hill Climb"

Part of this year's WTTA Hill Climb Series

Event date: Sunday 15th October 2023

Promoted for and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their rules and regulations

Headquarters:

East Harptree Village Hall
Whitecross Road
East Harptree
BS40 6AA

Organiser details:

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Timekeepers:

Rob Hutchinson
Mary-Jane Hutchinson

Sign on & HQ will be open from 8:00am. Tea, coffee & cake will be provided by East Harptree Primary School PTA with all event proceeds going to the local school. Prizes will be awarded at the HQ after the race so please come and join us.

Parking is limited at the HQ so please cycle or car share if possible. Please park along Whitecross Road and show consideration to local residents and do not block entrances to driveways.

Prizes will be awarded for the following:

Men

1st - £30
2nd - £20
3rd - £10
1st Juvenile - £20
1st V40 - £20
1st V50 - £20

Women

1st - £30
2nd - £20
3rd - £10

Important notes:

- No warming up on the course after the first rider has started
- Please sign the official start sheet at the HQ at least 30 minutes before your start. Please do not forget to sign out after your race or you will be registered as 'DNF'.
- Please allow 10 minutes to get from the HQ to the start. Proceed up Middle Street. Carry on past Culver Lane and Barn End. The course starts before the junction to Wallace Lane.
- No U-turns are permitted near the start or finish (within sight of the timekeepers!)
- Please shout your number as you cross the finish line
- A hard shell helmet and working front & rear lights are compulsory

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Course records: (M) Andrew Feather – 4:47.8 (2022) / (F) Illi Gardner– 5:36.0 (2022)

Course details: UH91 – Smithams Chimney (1.2 miles / 1.9km)

The course starts beyond the last house in the village, before the junction for Wallace Lane. Beside a road gully and telegraph pole (there should be a white line painted on the road).

The gradient increases gradually until you reach the snaking turns, where it ramps up to around 16% for a hundred metres. To add to the difficulty the road surface is particularly poor here. Once through the twists and turns you reach a plateau with beautiful views across the Chew Valley. Something to look forward to on the way back down! After this respite, the road kicks up for the final climb to the summit. Come out of the woods and continue to the crest of the hill, beside a clump of short trees. Again, there should be a white line painted on the road. Approximate route is on Strava as "Smitham Chimney Hill Climb" www.strava.com/segments/17064780

