



RISK ASSESSMENT

Courses and roads assessed. <u>L155, Shap Circuit</u>	Course local to: Lowther Castle, Askham, Bampton, Shap, A6 & Lowther
Date of assessment/review: Feb 2018; Approved 21 March 2018	Name of assessor: Kevin Hesketh

Course description
14.8 mile SPOCO – new course Feb 2018

Traffic flows
Mix of main roads and unclassified roads suitable for use without restriction.

Course event/history
This is a Type A (Open) events course.



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Key identified risks

	Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
1		General requirements	Time of event meets CTT standards. Course clear on day.		Traffic counts Organiser to ensure course checked on day
2		Before start	Competitors parking. Competitors riding from HQ and warming up.	LOW	Organiser to place 'CYCLE EVENT' warning signs.
3		Start area	Competitors waiting	LOW	Organiser to display head up sign and position CYCLE EVENT warning sign to make riders aware of cycle event and ensure officials to wear high visibility jackets/bibs.
4	0 miles	Start in Askham road at junction with unnamed road leading to Lowther Castle and Gardens.	Competitor/holder up falling. Wide minor road, with light traffic.	LOW	Organiser to brief start marshal to warn riders of approaching traffic and place warning sign/cone.
5		Riders descend on Askham Lane in a westerly, then southerly direction towards Askham Bridge	Fast downhill section with 2 cattle grids.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs and to warn riders in the start sheet to be particularly careful on the descent and cattle grids.
6		Riders bear sharp right onto Askham Bridge.	Tight right turn onto Bridge with on-coming traffic.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs and 1 marshal for safety.

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7	1.1 miles	Riders turn left at T-junction in Askham onto Helton Road	Riders turn left at T-junction. Riders must give way to approaching traffic. Wide junction with good visibility.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs and 1 marshal for safety and direction.
8	1.3 miles	Riders bear right onto Wideworth Farm Road at minor junction left	Traffic emerging from minor road junction must give way to riders.	LOW	No additional measures required
9		Butterwick Village	Entrances to houses	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs in village for awareness
10		Brampton Village	Entrances to houses and two minor road junctions to the left.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs at the two junctions for awareness
11		Left bend onto Bampton Bridge with minor road junction to right.	Sharp turn to left	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs at the junction for awareness. Organiser to warn riders in start sheet to take particular care in Bampton Village.
12		Section between Bampton Bridge and Rosgill	Narrow road with oncoming traffic	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning sign visible to oncoming traffic
13		Minor road junctions to right in Rosgill	Traffic emerging from junctions should give way to riders	LOW	No additional measures required
14		Keld lane - Minor road merges from right	Traffic emerging from junctions should give way to riders	LOW	No additional measures required

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15		Pow Lane	Narrow minor road oncoming traffic	LOW	No additional measures required
16	8.9 miles	Riders turn left at T-junction with A6 at Pow Lane (using the short by-pass road that avoids the very tight 150 degree turn where Pow Lane meets the A6)	Riders must give way to traffic on A6	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs approaching the junction and position 1 marshal for direction and safety.
17		Riders follow A6 north	Wide main road with relatively light traffic and ample opportunities for traffic to pass. Multiple minor road and farm junctions to left and right.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs at intervals on A6.
18		Riders turn left off A6 at Lowther	Riders turn off A6 onto minor road with a minor road junction immediately to the left. Wide junction with good visibility and riders only turn through 45 degrees.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs approaching the junction and position 1 marshal for direction and safety.
19	14.9 miles	FINISH 50m before cross-roads	Oncoming traffic on narrow minor road.	LOW	Organiser to notify in start sheet that no times will be given to competitors or supporters at finish.



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		Return to HQ			Organiser to place cycle event warning signs and remind riders in start sheet to obey rules of the road.

NOTES:

1. The use of a vehicle for the timekeeper(s) at start and finish is where appropriate and is only identified as an example for the action to be taken.
2. The small junctions or entrances to farms/facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.
3. All rules of the road must be followed as to 'the Highway Code'.
4. This risk assessment shall be made available at the event signing on. By the riders signing on to event sheet they accept all hazards identified on this course and are aware that this is an open road event and that they have a duty of care and courtesy to other road users.

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