



RISK ASSESSMENT

Courses and roads assessed. L823 Knottallow Hill Climb	Course is located 1.5 miles north of Ulverston at SD281802
Date of assessment: Jan 2021 – adapted from Type B course risk assessment; approved 14 July 2021	Name of original assessor: Howard Lindow, adapted by K Hesketh July 2021

Course description

The course starts south of cross-roads at SD281802, with a left turn at the cross roads followed by a steep ramp up to Higher Lath farm and then past Knottallow Tarn to finish just before T junction at SD267805.

Traffic flows

The course follows a very narrow unclassified road with very light traffic.

Course event/history

This is a Type A (Open) events course adapted from a Type B event used previously by Barrow Central Wheelers. This risk assessment is adapted from that for the Type B 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 place cycle event warning signs and display head up sign.
4	0.0 miles	Start at north side of entrance to Stone Briggs Farm GR SD281802, proceeding north on Old Hall road		LOW	Organiser to position 'CYCLE EVENT' warning sign to make rivers aware of cycle event and ensure officials to wear high visibility jackets/bibs. LOCAL Rules – riders not to perform a 'U'-turn in the vicinity of the start. Organiser to ensure riders are reminded with a notice in the start sheet.
5	0.1 miles	Riders turn left at crossroads	Oncoming traffic	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs
6	0.25 miles	S bend & road narrows	Road narrows. Buildings on right	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning sign for traffic approaching the course and position 1 marshal for safety (to be visible to approaching traffic).
7	0.35 miles	Steep ramp	Steep ascent - competitors may ride off line	LOW	Organiser to position cycle event warning triangle visible to oncoming traffic and ensure riders are advised in the start list to be aware of oncoming traffic and position accordingly.



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8	1.21 miles	Finish 50 yds before T junction GR SD267805	Riders stopping and marshals on verge.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs. Organiser to notify riders that no times will be given to competitors or supporters at finish and also notify that no vehicles or competitors to stop on road or verge.
9		Return to HQ	Potential conflict with competitors and/or traffic on course.	LOW	Organiser to require riders not to descend course during competition and advise riders of alternative return route (signed) to HQ. Organiser to remind riders to obey rules of the road with a notice in the start sheet.

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 / bridleways 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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