



RISK ASSESSMENT

Courses and roads assessed. L829 Ulverston-Gamswell Hill Climb	Ulverston HC – Stockbridge/Rossie Road/Gamswell Farm
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Course description

The course starts at minor road junction near Ulverston at SD278787, heading north west past Gamswell Farm and finishing near summit SD267798.

Traffic flows

The course follows unclassified road with moderate traffic. The course is mostly sufficiently wide for two cars to pass and there is a central white line over its entirety. However, there is the potential for traffic holding up riders.

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 on Stockbridge Lane at signpost 0.23 miles past the entrance to Stonecross Gardens at the junction of Stockbridge Lane and Rosside Lane SD278787		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	0.67 miles	Gamswell Farm	Riders pass farm on opposite side of road. Danger from farm vehicles emerging.	LOW	Organiser to forewarn farm owner and notify riders in the start sheet to be aware of the possibility of farm vehicles entering or leaving the farm.
6		Short descent to Hasty Gill	Opposite direction traffic	LOW	Organiser to notify riders in the start sheet to take care on this descent.



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7	0.90 miles	Steep section	Riders 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.
8	1.12 miles	Finish at parish boundary where bridleway meets the road from the south SD267798	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	The course is sufficiently wide to accommodate riders returning down the course during the event.	LOW	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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