



RISK ASSESSMENT

Courses and roads assessed. L1023	Course local to: Beetham – Borwick Lane – Beetham (All on A6)
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Course description

Start next to clearway sign at mouth of Paradise Lane, Beetham, then proceed south along A6 for 4.85 miles to roundabout at junction with A6070 and Borwick Lane. Encircle RAB and exit onto northbound dual-carriageway of A6. Continue north, past Beetham, to finish at northern end of lay-by beside the River Bela (approx. 0.2 miles north of start point).

Traffic flows

For midweek evening cycling club events the traffic flows are very light as the route is almost all in open countryside linking Carnforth with Milnthorpe. Even in daytime on a Sunday (Christmas 10 once a year) vehicle numbers are well within permissible limits for a CTT event as the bulk of north-south traffic between North Lancashire and Cumbria uses the nearby M6.

Course event/history

This is a Type A(Open) events course. The course between Milnthorpe and start of southbound A6 dual-carriageway has been used by the Kent Valley Road Club for midweek club 10-mile time trials since the late 1970s. The proposal to start starting and finish the event further south of Milnthorpe has been prompted by feedback from our turn marshals to make the event turn safer. The acceleration of modern motor vehicles entering a section of dual-carriageway creates a growing safety risk for any cyclist trying to change lanes to reach the safety of the central reservation gap at Snape Lane, where they can turn and retrace north back up the A6. Moving the turn further south to the RAB means riders can stay on the left side of the dual carriageway before filtering onto the RAB with much slower-moving traffic.



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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 miles	START next to clearway sign at mouth of Paradise Lane, Beetham	Joining A6. Low Risk as good sight lines in both directions.	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.
5	1.09 miles	The Tavern public house	Possible traffic joining A6 from pub car park.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs at junction.
6	4.16 miles	Start of dual-carriageway section of route	Accelerating vehicles	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs.
7	4.85 miles	Give Way restriction for traffic entering RAB. Riders encircle roundabout to return on northbound A6	Riders filtering into correct lane to encircle RAB	MED	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs on A6070, Borwick Road and A6 for all traffic approaching RAB. Organiser to position two marshals for direction and safety – one at entry and the other at exit of RAB – to direct riders back up the A6 (north) and further alert traffic to the cycle event.



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8	6.70 miles	A6 junction with Nineteen Acre Lane	Possible traffic joining A6 from Yealand Redmayne and Yealand Conyers. Good slight lines north and south.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning sign in Nineteen Acre Lane.
9	9.60 miles	Leighton Beck Lane joins A6	Possible traffic joining A6 from Wheatsheaf, Beetham. Good sight lines north and south.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning sign at mouth of junction to alert drivers to cyclists on the A6.
10	10.00 miles	FINISH at at northern end of lay-by next to River Bela	Riders stopping instead of carrying on over rise into Milnthorpe and the event HQ	LOW	Organiser to ensure riders are reminded in race instructions to continue past the finish into Milnthorpe before stopping.

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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