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	Location	Details of hazard	Measures to reduce risk	Risk H/M/L
1	Before the start	Riders using the roads from event headquarters.	Clear instructions for route to be included on the start sheet.	L
2	Start in Twemlow Lane near Hermitage Lane SJ 765688	Riders arriving and waiting to start.	Notice on start sheet - no cars permitted at start.	L
3	Bidlea Farm (on left)	Traffic leaving the site.	Warning sign opposite the exit onto Twemlow Lane.	L
4	Twemlow Green SJ 782 687	Traffic from Goostrey emerging from left just before A535 Riders turning left onto A535	Warning sign on Goostrey Lane facing traffic from Goostrey Marshal required. Warning signs on A535 at far corner of the grass triangle facing traffic from Holmes Chapel	L M
5	Bridge Lane on West side of A535 SJ795703	Traffic emerging from Bridge Lane onto A535	Warning sign on Bridge Lane facing traffic approaching the A535	M
6	Farm Lane junction with A535 SJ 798704	Traffic descending the hill towards Bridge Lane	Warning sign on A535 on Holmes Chapel side of the junction facing traffic from Chelford.	M
7	Roads to either side of A535	Emerging traffic	N/A	L
8	Chelford traffic island (9.18 km) SJ 818744	Traffic along A537 or turning right from Alderley Edge direction	Warning signs on approach roads. Marshals required	M
9	Crossroads between Chelford island and Booths Hall island	Traffic emerging onto main road	N/A	L
10	Booths Hall traffic island (15.67 km) SJ 764775	Riders take first exit left into Goughs Lane	Warning signs on Knutsford side of A537. Marshal at traffic island.	M

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11	Goughs Lane A50 end (16.573 km) SJ 758769	Riders turning left onto A50	Warning sign on A50 for traffic from Knutsford. Marshal at junction	M
12	Stocks Lane on left at Whipping Stocks public house.	Traffic emerging onto main road	Warning sign on Stocks Lane facing traffic approaching A50 Marshal required	M
13	Minor roads to left and right of A50 then Goostrey – Middlewich and Goostrey – Northwich crossroads.	Traffic turning or emerging onto main road.	N/A	L
14	Cranage, left into Twemlow Lane (25.81 km) SJ 751688	Left turn from the A50	Marshal required. Warning notice on start sheet - riders not to swing right before turning left.	M
15	Twemlow Lane approx 220m from A50 at bend in road. SJ 754690	Drivers heading West encounter this bend after a long straight and may swing wide as riders are coming the other way.	Warning sign placed facing traffic heading West towards the A50. Marshal required.	M
16	Passing the start after first lap SJ 761688	Riders may be setting off from the timekeeper	Warning on start sheet to watch out for other riders	L
17	Bidlea Farm (on left)	Traffic leaving the site.	Warning sign opposite the exit onto Twemlow Lane.	L
18	Twemlow Green SJ 782 687	Traffic from Goostrey emerging from left just before A535	Warning sign on Goostrey Lane facing traffic from Goostrey	L
		Riders turning left onto A535	Marshal required. Warning signs on A535 at far corner of the grass triangle facing traffic from Holmes Chapel	M

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19	Bridge Lane on West side of A535 SJ795703	Traffic emerging from Bridge Lane onto A535	Warning sign on Bridge Lane facing traffic approaching the A535	M
20	Farm Lane junction with A535 SJ 798704	Traffic descending the hill towards Bridge Lane	Warning sign on A535 on Holmes Chapel side of the junction facing traffic from Chelford.	M
21	Roads to Lower Withington and Goostrey to either side of A535	Emerging traffic	N/A	L
22	Chelford traffic island (36.49 km) SJ 818744	Traffic along A537 or turning right from Alderley Edge direction	Warning signs on approach roads. Marshals required	M
23	Crossroads between Chelford island and Booths Hall island	Traffic emerging onto main road	N/A	L
24	Booths Hall traffic island (42.98 km) SJ 764775	Riders take first exit left into Goughs Lane	Warning signs on Knutsford side of A537. Marshal at traffic island.	M
25	Goughs Lane A50 end (43.95 km) SJ 758769	Riders turning left onto A50	Warning sign on A50 for traffic from Knutsford. Marshal at junction	M

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26	Stocks Lane on left at Whipping Stocks public house.	Traffic emerging onto main road	Warning sign on Stocks Lane facing traffic approaching A50 Marshal required	M
27	Minor roads to left and right of A50	Traffic turning or emerging onto main road.	N/A	L
28	Allostock Finish opposite the Cottage Restaurant and Lodge. (50.00 km) SJ 750717	Riders completing the distance.	Warning sign placed facing oncoming traffic. Chequered board or flag to indicate the finish.. Marshal required.	M
29	After the finish	Riders returning to event H/Q	Instructions on start sheet giving directions back to H/Q	L

Notes :-

Timing of events to be considered in conjunction with traffic counts.

Suitable headquarters available at Byley, Cranage, Allostock and Goostrey.

Activity at Chelford Sunday Market restricts the use of this course

Start time to be after 16.00 on Sundays.

Events at Astle Park may attract additional traffic.

General warning on start sheet regarding U-turns and care at road junctions.

This document was prepared by Tony Millington. Any constructive comments or additions should be addressed to the Manchester District of Cycling Time Trials.