

Safety Notes

These notes are for the attention of riders in the Southdown Velo Hilly Time Trial on 9th October.

Risks on the Course

I rode the course on 6th October 2016, with a view to identifying any hazards on the course.

The condition of the roads is fairly standard for West Sussex. There will be potholes, as you'd expect, but we are all used to them. But please be careful. There are two sections where riders should be particularly wary of potholes:

- Descent down New Barn Hill (commonly known as the Sculpture Park Hill) – particularly at the end of the descent where you may be at top speed.
- Descent to the finish – Kennel Hill. The road is in poor condition south of the Kennels. It is better to finish the event than to crash, so do take care!

There are a few other places where particular caution is advised:

- Descent to Charlton down Knights Hill. This is a fast descent, down a single track road. Please remember that the roads are not closed, and there may be cars coming up the hill.
- Sharp turn from the A285 into Droke Lane (just before Upwaltham). Droke Lane has been resurfaced, which is good news, but the turning into Droke Lane has quite a lot of loose gravel and looks better than it is.
- Turn from New Road onto A285, near Strettington. This turning is deceptive and is tighter than it looks. The A 285 can be quite busy.

It is the Chichester Half Marathon on Sunday too. This won't affect the time trial directly, as the routes don't intersect and the run only starts at 9 from the middle of Chichester. But, when you come back from the finish, there may be runners on New Road as you approach Lavant (and, if you go the other way, on the road between the Kennels and Lavant, near Chalkpit Lane). Please be patient!

Prizes

Prizes are as follows:

- 1st £30
- 2nd £20
- 3rd £10

- 1st Lady £30
- 2nd Lady £20

- 1st Junior £10

Good Luck!