



Event Information
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Harlequins Orienteering Club
Invite you to a Winter Evening Event

At

Habberley Valley

On

THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2018



Orienteering in
Worcester, Hereford,
South Shropshire, Black
Country and Birmingham.

- Venue & Travel** Entrance to the area is on the B4190 2km NE from Bewdley and denoted by a brown Habberley Valley sign on the North side of the road at grid reference SO805767 (DY12 1LA is about 500m SW of the turning according to google). Proceed with care on the narrow road for approximately 1km to the car park which will be signed locally.
- Parking:** Wyre Forest DC public parking - capacity for ~20 cars. Please share where practical.
- Terrain:** A much frequented local beauty spot. A sandstone valley containing open acid grassland, remnant lowland heathland, birch and oak woodland. Large sandstone outcrops in the northern part. Since the area was first mapped it has become brambly in parts. The course and control sites have been planned accordingly - if you are getting brambled then you are (probably) doing it wrong.
- Map:** 1:5000 with 5m contours. Updated by Alison Sloman 2015. Minor revisions for vegetation and paths - David Williams 2017 **Map is not waterproof** - you will need an A4 size poly bag (limited number available on the night)
- Courses:** One course and a 60 minute time limit. Out of respect for the organiser you must report to the finish within 75 minutes of starting - otherwise I will start to panic and will really really shout at you. Competitors must take controls in the correct order, but can miss out controls as they wish. 10 points per control. 1 point lost each 6 seconds or part thereof if back late. Eg controls 1,3,4,7,15 scores 50 points but 1,7,2,12,9 only scores 30 points.
- Entries:** On the evening. It would assist the organiser if you could email before the event to reserve a map.
- Registration:** 17:30 to 19:00 **Starts:** 17:45 to 19:00
Course closes at 20:15 and controls will be collected from this time.
- Punching:** Electronic Punching using SportIdent. Please bring your SI-Card to registration. SI-Cards may be hired for £1.00, replacement fee £30 if lost.
- Fees:** Seniors £4 Juniors/students £1. Juniors must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- Dogs:** Dogs welcome. Really they should rename it "Doggerley Valley" - you may meet nocturnal dog walkers and, sadly, there is poo all over the place - check your shoes after the race.
- Facilities:** None
- Officials:** Organiser David Williams 0798 021 5561 habberley2018@ddwilliams.net
- Safety** There are **steep rock faces and high cliffs** - pay attention and do not attempt to run along the top of or descend any of these. There are areas of **bare rock** which may be slippery. Some paths incorporate short sections which have eroded through to slippery bare rock. **Take care on descents** - after the recent wet weather the terrain is muddy and slippery. Expect traffic on the the road through the area - dog walkers and residents. Competitors take part at their own risk. A **whistle** and a **spare torch*** must be carried. In case of bad weather competitors may be required to carry **water- and wind-proof tops (aka cagoules)**. It is recommended that you **carry a phone**. Organiser's numbers are on the map
- *Last time we had two folks turn up without any torches at all.
- Website & Cancellation:** For the latest information check: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk> for updates and changes before travelling.

