



Harlequins Orienteering Club

Beginners Families and Score Orienteering Event

At Banners Gate, Sutton Park

Date Saturday 24th October 2026

Choose your own start times between 1pm and 2.30pm.

Where? Banners Gate, Sutton Park off Monmouth Drive Sutton Coldfield B73 6JX

What? Four orienteering routes to choose from; orienteering is a fun sport that combines running with navigating – finding your way with a map. It's a great way of exploring your local parks and staying fit. Recommended routes as follows:

Route	Approx Distance	Technical Difficulty
White	1.3 km	Easy – path based
Yellow	1.8 km	Slightly harder – path based
Orange	3.0 km	Harder – off path.
Score	60 minutes	Hard – off path.

Help is available for beginners, including a maze to practise running round!

Children: £3 per child (£2 if BOF member). Adults may also go round with their children but should try to let the children do the navigating!

Adults: £8 per person (£6 if BOF member)

60 minute Linear Score – same course for everyone, but competitors can miss out controls.

Accessibility: There are good paths throughout the park, but the grass may be very soggy. White and yellow courses can be completed on the paths. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Entries: If you would like to take part, please email the organiser stating which course you would like to run by 9pm on 23/10/26 so we can print enough maps. Please put BFS Banners Gate in the title of the email sent. There will be limited entry on the day subject to map availability.

Equipment: Many of the paths are wet or muddy. Participants should wear boots or bring a change of shoes and socks. Suitable clothing must be worn. A compass is useful (especially for the Orange and Score routes that go off the footpaths) but not vital, these can be borrowed. Race timing uses SI cards – these can also be borrowed for the event.

Facilities: There is a car park at Banners Gate. There is a small café next to the playground selling hot and cold drinks, snacks and ice cream. It has a toilet.

Results and details of further orienteering events at [Club Events – Harlequins Orienteering Club](#)

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