

Event Information V1 as of 30th Jan 2023 (flyers are often

revised)

Harlequins Orienteering Club

Invite you to a Mass-Start Multi-Map Limited-Entry Saturday event

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HARTLEBURY WEST

Stourport-on-Severn Saturday Feb 18th 2023



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

Venue & Travel

This small area is intricate and well-mapped, not suitable for beginners, but perfect for something different! It is the triangle of grass/ gorse / bramble / trees / to the SW of the A4025, so similar to the lower part of Hartlebury Common. There will be four loops A, B, C, D, each about 1.2k, and competitors will run several loops, but in a random order. There are 24 different combinations, so even with a mass-start it is unlikely that anyone will run the whole course with a competitor!

Parking:

On Power Station Road, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9PF. OS Map 138, SO 816 707. The SW part of this road has open land on either side, so the public shouldn't be affected. Please park thoughtfully.

Terrain:

The area is flat, but with many low contour features in the SE. There is a complex pattern of paths and gaps between clumps of gorse and bramble, all confusing, and well-mapped by Brian Hughes. There are also some prominent trees. Pylons and telegraph posts are not mapped. Lots of fun!

Map:

Each map will be A4, 1:4000 with 5m contours. Brian Hughes, Jan 2023. The maps will be professionally printed and waterproof.

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4 maps about 4.8k, 3maps 3.6k, 2 maps 2.4k. Surely no-one will want just 1 loop??!! Tricky controls!

Courses: Entries:

40 maximum, but probably this number won't be reached. First-come-first-served, with HOC-only until Feb 5th. Book your once-in-a-lifetime event by email to <u>andyandpennyhemsted@virginmedia.com</u>, phone 0121 382 6168, or via the HOC Forum. Name, Club, Age-class, SI Number, Course. If the 40-entrant limit is reached then there will be a reserve-list. Please let Andy know if you enter,

Registration Andy's Car on Power Station Road, 10.00 Start:

but subsequently realise that you cannot attend.

500m walk from cars at 10.45, mass-start 11.00am

- 10.35am.

Electronic Punching using SportIdent. Please bring your SI-Card to registration to Clear and Check. SI-Cards may be hired for £1.00

Fees: Seniors £6 (Up to 4 maps!)

Juniors £2

Cash or Card at Registration

Dogs:

Punching:

OK, but there are very occasionally horses tethered, or mini-motorbikes charging around.

Facilities: None

Officials: Planner

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The event procedure will be explained in $\underline{\text{the final details (linked here)}}$, and

before the mass (non-punching) Start.

Control Descriptions on the map, 27 controls plus Finish for 4 courses.

Safety:

Competitors take part at their own risk. Whistles must be carried. In case of bad weather competitors may be required to wear cagoules. If quad bikes or horses are around, please stay clear.

Website For the latest information check: http://www.harlequins.org.uk