

Event Information As of 07.12.23 Harlequins Orienteering Club Invite you to a multi-lap event on

(LOWER) HARTLEBURY COMMON

HOC

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

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Venue & Travel:	SO 817708. On SE edge of Stourport . Sat nav DY13 9PA
Parking:	We have kindly been given permission to use the car park of THE OLD ROSE & CROWN pub on the A4025, 600m SE of Stourport town centre. Post code DY13 9PA . The pub opens at 12 noon so we need to have our event over by that time but if you wish to eat / drink after the event then leaving your car in the car park will be fine.
Terrain:	Hartlebury common is a nature reserve made up of lowland heathland. It has a good path network. The southern part is sandy in places you might think you are at the beach. You may also get to see the very docile long horned cattle that roam the heathland. We are only using the lower part of our Hartlebury map east of the A4025 and west of the steep slope which drops down from the higher part of the common.
Map:	1:5000 map updated December 2023 by Brian Hughes (many thanks). Map waterproof . Vegetation is mapped for winter
Courses:	I have planned 3 laps of the area. Lap A is 1.6k, B 1.3k and C 1.9k. All have negligible climb. There are 3 courses: SHORT COURSE is only Lap A (1.6k) MEDIUM course is Laps A and B (Some will run A then B, others B then A) 2.9k LONG COURSE is Laps A, B and C. (Some will run A,B C, or A,C,B or B,A,C etc). 4.8k
	The maps, A,B, and C will all be printed on 3 different sheet of A4 waterproof paper. Before starting on the morning of the event you will be given your lap order (or it may be emailed to you a day or two before the event). Failure to stick to the sequence you have been given will lead to DISQ! Try to remember the order. For those who forget it I will have a copy at the CHANGEOVER / START / FINISH AREA
	The START / FINISH / MAP CHANGEOVER point is 400m from the car park. We will all depart from the car park at 10.05 for a mass start at 10.15. Ideally the event will be over by 11.30 so the car park can be vacated by 12.00 (unless staying to eat / drink).
	At the START / FINISH / CHANGEOVER will be 2 controls clearly labelled; one for dibbing at the end of each lap/ start of next lap and the other for dibbing after all your laps have been completed. For those on MEDIUM and LONG at the end of each lap place that map into the "USED MAP" box and collect your next map from box "LAP A", "LAP B" or "LAP C" DOWNLOAD will be at the FINISH if dry or back in the car park if wet.

(Stourport-on-Severn) On Saturday 20th January 2024 Beginners are welcome but you will need to navigate carefully.

Entries: LIMITED TO 50. Please reserve maps via the FORUM for HOC members or by sending an e-mail to <u>cpnredditch@blueyonder.co.uk</u> as soon as possible and before midnight on 14th Jan stating the following:

- 1. Course (short, med or long)
- 2. Name
- 3. Club
- 4. Class
- 5. SI number or wish to borrow.

No entry on the day but if you missed the entry deadline and now wish to run email me up to 9pm the night before the event and I will tell you if there are maps available. Borrowed SI cards - collect from car park before 10.05.

Punching: Electronic Punching using SportIdent

Fees: Seniors £5, Juniors £2. Please pay in car park before the event

Dogs: Dogs welcome

Facilities: No toilets apart from after the event in the pub but only if purchasing.

Officials: Organiser; Charlie Nelson 0789 651 8288 cpnredditch@blueyonder.co.uk

Safety: Competitors take part at their own risk. Whistles must be carried. In case of bad weather competitors may be required to wear(carry) water- and wind-proof tops (aka cagoules). I.e wear appropriate clothes for the conditions. If you suffering Covid 19 symptoms (see NHS website) please do not run.

Remember to give people 2m space. Hand wash / wipes will be available at registration. Please note, due to the vegetation in some areas full leg cover is highly recommended, but not required

Website & cancellation: For latest information check : <u>http://www.harlequins.org.uk</u>

Post event refreshments .

In return for free parking at The Old Rose and Crown please consider making use of the pub. They ask for meal orders to be placed in advance. See their website and I will post photos of their menu on the FORUM a week or so before the event.

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