



Not an ordinary run!
Newcomers & non-
members welcome!

Harlequins Orienteering Club
Invite you to take part in a
Night Street League Event
at



Alvechurch

On

Thursday 21st December 2023



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

**Venue and
Parking:**

Alvechurch Cricket Club. 6 Birmingham Rd, Alvechurch, Birmingham B48 7TA
What3words:///nasal.points.indeed. Parking Available at Cricket Club OR Alvechurch Car
Park (Free) on Tanyard Lane (from Birmingham direction, right before Red Lion then first
left after Red Lion) OR polite parking on Birmingham Road (do not block driveways).

Travel:

Nearest station is at Alvechurch (approx. 10-12 minute walk from cricket club).
(Redditch-Lichfield Cross City Line - trains twice hourly to Birmingham New Street).

Terrain:

Urban orienteering and map running with options to run along streets/urban footpaths.
Plenty of village based controls on urban road/path with many Christmas lights to view.
Canal towpaths bordering village can be used but are not mandatory. More distant
controls offer optional route choices crossing Meadows park, short sections of non
surfaced footpath.

Alvechurch offers NSL runners over a millennia of history in a convenient score format.
From a 13th century church with Saxion roots, Tudor cottages and Industrial Revolution
canal engineering to roads referencing The Black Death, Sports Car factories, Morris
Dances and misspelt Saxon Kings. All on the auspicious Winter Solstice evening.

Map:

A4 sized 1:10,000 scale map on Open O map. Printed on non-waterproof paper so please
bring a transparent map bag. Control descriptions offered loose format

**Course &
Scoring:**

Using MapRun6 App which is free to download onto a smart 'phone. 60 minute score, with
controls taken in any order worth 10 points each. Any time over 60 minutes will be
penalised at the rate of 10 points per minute, or part thereof. PIN number to unlock the
course will be provided on the night. Competitors may adjust scores using HITMO function.

Entries:

Please notify planner in advance to reserve a map. Entries £5/ adult & £2/junior. Juniors
under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Registration &
Start Times:**

Starts from 6:30 to 7:15 and course closes at 8:15pm. Persons wanting to run earlier, or
who may arrive later, should notify Planner.

Facilities:

Our friendly Cricket Club is offering a licensed bar, hot drinks, toilets/changing.
We are planning to organise a delivery from Fish&Chip Shop for 8.00pm-8.15pm - those
interested pls reserve order with map. Mince Pies of course for all finishers.

Officials:

Planners : The Thompsons e-mail THOMPSONKL542452@AOL.COM tel 07740 373404
NSL Coord. : John Leeson, e-mail johnleeson@aol.com tel: 07785 707617

Safety:

Competitors take part at their own risk. Hi-vis clothing highly recommended at all times
and headtorches should be used. Good quality lighting is required for Meadows park/out
of village footpaths/towpath which are otherwise unlit. The majority of roads in event
area are quiet, but runners should take care when crossing all roads. Please use footpaths
where possible & runners on main Birmingham Road through village & up towards
Hopwood must use footpath.

Special Notes: One short section of road is marked out of bounds which is hazardous at
night because of low visibility to car drivers. Railway MUST be crossed at road bridge or
at pedestrian footbridge (station) which is obvious & well lit. Canal MUST be crossed at
road bridge or road tunnel (aqueduct) or crossing point marked on map. All roads crossing
canal offer access to towpath. Motorway MUST be crossed by underpass or bridge. Care
on footpath (if taken) from Old Rectory Lane to Old Birmingham Road as horses graze in
field. Very few steps in Alvechurch (just hill), steps can be marked on map if required.

**Website &
Cancellation and
Changes to Start
Window:**

For the latest information check NSL pages at: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk>