

Harlequins Orienteering Club invites you to

Get SMApping in Walsall

on Thursday 3 December 2026.

Venue	Registration & afterwards at The Met, 10 Wolverhampton Street, WS2 8LR. Those with local knowledge might now this as the Wharf Bar before it changed its name! It is adjacent to the canal basin next to the Art Gallery. w3w ///trees.polite.river (entrance)
Public transport	Walsall Train Station – 350m Walsall Bus Station (St Paul's) – 450m
Nearby parking	Lots of paid parking options in close proximity: Waterfront Retail Park (for The Light Cinema) – Pay & Display Crown Wharf Retail Park – massive car park – Pay & Display You might be lucky and find free on-street parking in the Charles St / Frederick St / Station St areas.
Start times	Registration from 6pm, starts from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Courses close at 8:30pm.
Post Event	Food is available at The Met – menu available at https://themetsportsbarbydavenports.co.uk/ It is their "Quiz Night" which apparently can have very variable attendance.
Event details	This is a 'score' event (effectively a treasure hunt). You will be given a 1:10,000 scale map showing the location of the controls (checkpoints) scattered across Walsall Town Centre. Your task is to find as many as possible in 60 minutes, in any order you want.
Scoring system	The scoring is carried out by your phone using the free MapRun App (download from the iStore or Android Play Store). The app will bleep each time you find a control. You score 10 points for each control found, but lose 10 points for each minute or part-minute if you are late back over 60 minutes. MapRunG is also available for those with a Garmin watch.
Area conditions	Urban streets, parks and canal-side paths are all in the event area. Starting in the retail centre of Walsall, the course also takes in surrounding residential and commercial areas, as well as some controls in the Arboretum. The central area is pedestrianised and well lit; outer areas more variable. Visit Hippos, Handbags and let Jerome K Jerome be your source of ingenuity as you run around Walsall!
Entry costs	Club and BOF members £6/ £8 non-members. Member/non-member juniors £3/ £4. Register to take part at: Fabian4 - Entries and Timing
Officials	Planner: Alex Hudson 07979 233617 SMApp coordinator: John Leeson 07756 103886

Safety	You will need hi-vis clothing & torch/headtorch. The central area near the start/finish is pedestrianised and well lit. There is good street lighting in most parts, but this can be variable in quieter area. Juniors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. <u>Be especially aware of the area of open water (canal basin) immediately adjacent to the start and finish locations which is unguarded.</u> There are several areas of construction in the central area. All routes shown on the map are passable, but might sometimes be narrower than the map suggests. A risk assessment has been completed. Participants are responsible for their own decisions and safety.
What is SMApping? Do I get a result More info-	*SMApping is a fun event using a street map, which you're given at the start, and an App on your phone to record your run or walk. You use the map to find checkpoints and your phone does the rest.* *At the end of your run, you'll be able to see your score and that of other runners, as well as the route you took, which can be loaded direct into Strava.* *You can run on your own, or with a partner, or you can walk with a dog- it's up to you.* *Visit www.Harlequins.org.uk/SMApp*

