



Event Information
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2021

Harlequins Orienteering Club

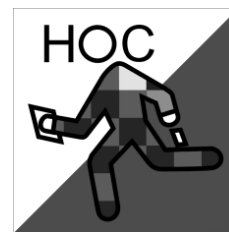
Invite you to a Summer Evening Event

At

Habberley Valley

On

THURSDAY 27th MAY 2021



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

Venue & Travel Entrance to the area is on the B4190 2km NE from Bewdley and denoted by a brown Habberley Valley sign on the North side of the road at grid reference SO805767 (DY12 1LA is about 500m SW of the turning according to google). Proceed with care on the narrow road for approximately 1km to the car park.

Parking: Wyre Forest DC public parking - capacity for ~20 cars. Parking is only permitted in this official car park and not on road verges or the central grassland - parking enforcement does take place. **Gets very busy - note there is a lull between 17:00 and 17:30.** If arriving for a late start - call organiser. There is alternate roadside parking in Low Habberley (DY11 5RD SO804776) a five minute walk from the main car park.

Terrain: A much frequented local beauty spot comprising a sandstone valley containing open acid grassland, remnant lowland heathland, birch and oak woodland. Large sandstone outcrops in the northern part. In the southern part holly is proliferating making vegetation generalisation a challenge. Since the area was first mapped it has become brambly in parts. The course and control sites have been planned accordingly.

If attempting the full course you will need your **very grippiest footwear** - steep, slippery when wet, loose soil and leaf litter when dry.

Map: 1:5000 with 5m contours. Updated David Williams May 2021. **Map is not waterproof** - you will need an A4 size poly bag. Descriptions on the back of the map. No loose descriptions. Note special symbol green circle is used for large, isolated Scots pine, **a green Y for a mature yew tree and a green X for a standing, but dead tree trunk.**

Courses: One course and a 60 minute time limit. Out of respect for the organiser you must report to the finish within 75 minutes of starting - otherwise I will start to panic and will really really shout at you. Competitors must take controls in the correct order, but can miss out controls as they wish. 10 points per control. 1 point lost each 6 seconds or part thereof if back late. Eg controls 1,3,4,7,15 scores 50 points but 1,7,2,12,9 only scores 30 points.

Entries: Via e-mail habberley2021@ddwilliams.net. Please add your contact phone number. Strictly no Entry on the day! Please state your preferred start time, I will allocate start times and e-mail participants back. Due to COVID19 limited slots available and to allow map printing without any equipment related panics - entries close on 25th May.

Registration: N/A **Starts:** 18:00 to 19:00. Please make allowance for rush-hour traffic. Course closes at 20:00 and controls will be collected from this time. It may be possible to start earlier but not guaranteed. **Safety: please tick your name off on the start list so we know you have started.**

Punching: Electronic Punching using SportIdent. Please bring your SI-Card to registration. SI-Cards may be hired for £1.00 - by prior arrangement, replacement fee £30 if lost.

Fees: Seniors £5 Juniors/students - no charge. Please bring exact cash amount. No change will be available.

Dogs: Dogs welcome. Really they should rename it "Doggerley Valley" - you will meet crepuscular dog walkers and, sadly, there is poo all over the place - check your shoes after the race.

Facilities: None

Officials: Organiser David Williams 0793 - 478 - 9689 habberley2021@ddwilliams.net

COVID19 You must not attend if you or a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace,

By entering you confirm that you have read, understood and will abide by the Participant Code of Conduct at all times:

<https://bof2.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/Competitions/EcY4YtgbMHdKv4IC-qNoEagBQQVTzhzxMq4yCLhC7ILxww?e=kOV6qh>

If that link does not work for you...

https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/COVID19_Safe_Orienteering and scroll down to the appropriate section.

Safety

- There are **steep rock faces and high cliffs** - pay attention and do not attempt to run along the top of or descend any of these.
- There are areas of **bare rock** which may be slippery. Some paths incorporate short sections which have eroded through to slippery bare rock.
- **Exceptionally steep slopes - take care on descents** - after the recent wet weather the terrain is muddy and slippery.
- Expect traffic on the road through the area - dog walkers and residents.
- Competitors take part at their own risk. A **whistle** must be carried.
- In case of bad weather competitors may be required to carry **water- and wind-proof tops (aka cagoules)**.
- It is recommended that you **carry a phone**. Organiser number is on the map

Website & Cancellation:

Check for <http://www.harlequins.org.uk> for final details, updates and changes before travelling.