



Event Information
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Harlequins Orienteering Club

Invite you to a Winter Evening Event

At

Burlish Top & Meadows

On

THURSDAY 24th February



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

- Venue & Travel** Burlish Top and Burlish Meadows, Kidderminster. Approach from the A451. Just North of Stourport town centre, turn NW at the traffic lights, head past the Stourport High School on your left and Stourport Sports Club on your right. Parking entrance on your right after ~750m
- Parking:** Wyre Forest DC public parking at SO810731, 52.356459, -2.279182. DY11 7DY resolves to the sports club a few 100 metres SE. There is a barrier with a vehicle height limit of 2 metres. Over-height vehicles can use roadside parking just beyond, if full then try the 'old' car park at DY13 8NA (continue on the road - as road bends sharply left, car park is on the right).
- Terrain:** Burlish Meadows is a former golf course in the early stages of rewilding. Open, rough open with copses, isolated trees and typical golf course 'brown' features. There are a number of significant stock control fences - strongly recommend you cross at the marked gates and stiles.
Burlish Top is the site of a former WW2 army camp, a mixture of maturing woodland and open heath. There is quite a lot of undergrowth - brambles and broom and gorse - but, good news, there is an active program of management/clearance. There are many concrete hut bases and a good path network. Stock control fences as previously described. There is one partly collapsed fence close to controls 7 and 8 - this may be easily crossed.
- Map:** 1:7500 with 5m contours. Updated by Paul Basher (2021). Minor revisions for vegetation and paths - where these affect route choice and navigation - David Williams Feb 2022. It is possible that further brush/bramble clearance will have taken place post re-survey.
Map is not waterproof - you will need an A4 size poly bag (limited number available on the night)
- 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. The course is compact and loops back on itself. Pay attention. If you accidentally punch a later control - let the organiser know when you download.
- Entries:** Email the organiser before midnight Monday 21st February to guarantee a map. After recent printer disasters I don't want to cut things too fine. I will print a few extra maps for folks who miss the deadline.
I will need Name, Class, Club, SI Number/Hire, Willing & Able to collect controls and a mobile number in the case of late cancellation.
- Registration:** 17:30 to 18:45 **Starts:** 18:00* to 19:00
Course closes at 20:00 and controls will be collected from this time.
(*or proper darkness, whichever comes last. Nautical twilight starts at 18:11)
- Punching:** Electronic Punching using SportIdent. Please bring your SI-Card to registration. SI-Cards may be hired for £1.00, replacement fee £30 if lost.
- Fees:** Seniors £5 Juniors/students £1. Please bring exact change (**yes, really**)
Juniors must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- Dogs:** Dogs welcome.
- Facilities:** None
- Officials:** Organiser David Williams 0793 478 9689 burlish2022@ddwilliams.net
- Safety** This is just a summary. Please read the **risk assessment** (<https://harlequins.org.uk/wp/wp->

[content/uploads/WEE_20220224_risk_assessment.pdf](#)). A copy will be available on the night. This area has some unusual hazards.

Area is former military ground; some old pits, walls, rubble piles, rusty metal, memorial markers and foundations remain. Small but deep brick lined **drainage sumps*** around former operating theatre and possibly other building bases - these are potentially leg breakers and such voids may open up without warning (*marked with a black pit symbol)

A “rat run” **road is crossed** on the way to the start and once during the course. Crossing points will be marked on the map and there will be warning signs for motorists BUT please take exceptional care - there are nearby bends and a blind summit.

You may encounter **cattle**. I have found these to be placid and uninterested in runners. Do not to approach or “confine”, do not to shout or wave arms, be as uninteresting as possible. Observe behaviour/stance and avoid if cattle give signs of being stressed, aggression or “wishing to play”. If cattle are around a control site competitors may claim control without punching.

There are many stock control **fences** - substantial and barb-wire topped and (potentially) electrified. It is strongly recommended competitors make use of the marked gates and stiles.

Take care on descents - after the recent wet weather the terrain is muddy and slippery.

Competitors take part at their own risk. A **whistle** and a **spare torch** 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’s number is on the map.

**Website &
Cancellation:**

For the latest information check: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk> for updates and changes before travelling.