



Event Information  
V.1.0 as of 18<sup>th</sup> Nov  
2024

**Harlequins Orienteering Club**  
Invite you to a Winter Evening Event  
At

# Hollybed Common

near The Malvern Hills

On

THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024



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

- Venue & Travel** Hollybed Common alongside the south west side of the Malvern Hills. Signposted Golden Valley  
OS: SO 774 371  
3Word: backtrack.scripted.ahead  
Post Code: WR13 6AA
- Parking:** Parking on a small car park beside the Mill Pond. Please car share if possible.  
**IMPORTANT** If the carpark is too wet then parking will move to the MHT Swinyard car park and there will be a 1.5K walk to the start, older runners will be allowed to drive to start. Please check these details the night before for the final decision.
- Terrain:** The area is mainly open, grassy and fairly runnable. It is interspersed with some trees and bushes. In the south there is some interesting contour features.
- Map:** A4 1:7500 5m contours. Mapped by Brian Hughes, updated October 2024. There will be loose control descriptions. The map will NOT be waterproof, so please bring a map bag if is going to be wet.
- Courses:** One course and a 60 minute time limit. Out of respect for the organiser (and search team) you **must report to the finish within 75 minutes of starting**. 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.  
For example: controls 1,3,4,7,15 scores 50 points but 1,7,2,12,9 only scores 30 points.
- Entries:** To allow map printing entries close on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Send an email to [robthomasrose@icloud.com](mailto:robthomasrose@icloud.com) with **Name**, **BO number** (if a member), **Class**, **SI chip number**/hire and, if possible, please add your **contact phone number** - preferably the one you will be carrying during the competition. If you are able to assist with **control collection**/search party please indicate this.  
  
While I will print plenty of extras for entry on the day, but it will be on a first come first serve bases, so please let me know if you think you will come.
- Registration:** 17:30 to 18:45      **Starts:** 17:30 to 18:45. Please make allowance for rush-hour traffic. It may be possible to start earlier but not guaranteed. Course closes at 19:45.
- Punching:** Electronic Punching using SportIdent. Please bring your SI-Card to registration. SI-Cards may be hired for free by prior arrangement, replacement fee £30 if lost.
- Fees:** Seniors £8 (£6 for BO members) Juniors/students - £4. Control collectors & Helpers will pay half price  
  
Please bring exact cash amount if possible. If a data connection is available it will be possible to pay by card or phone using the HOC contactless terminal.
- Dogs:** Dogs welcome if under control. There is likely to be grazing sheep and cattle about.
- Facilities:** None during event.  
  
**Pub After:** I have provisionally booked a table at the near by pub called The Robin Hood Inn for 10 people at 8:15pm. If you are planning to eat please let me know when you reserve a map.
- Officials:** Organiser/Planner Robert Rose 07522060450 [robthomasrose@icloud.com](mailto:robthomasrose@icloud.com)

**Equipment & Safety**

- Competitors take part at their own risk and must satisfy themselves that they have sufficient ability to safely take part in night orienteering.
- Participants under 16 years of age on the day of the even must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- A **whistle** and a **spare torch/headlamp** must be carried.
- In case of bad weather competitors may be required to carry **water- and wind-proof tops. These to have an attached hood.**
- It is recommended that you **carry a phone**. Organiser number will be on the map.
- There will be grazing cattle and sheep on the area during the event.

**Website & Cancellation:**

Check for <http://www.harlequins.org.uk> for final details, updates and changes before travelling. In the case of severe weather the event may be cancelled.