

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

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

Longdon Orchard near Bewdley

On

THURSDAY 12 December 2024

Venue & Travel

South side of B4194 to Northwest of Button Oak, Bewdley DY12 3HS
52.403439, -2.377680



If driving from Bewdley, take the Dowles Road (B4194), pass through Button Oak and then as you re-enter the Forest pass the first car park on the left and then park in the second car park on the left where you will find registration and the start/finish.

Please make allowance for rush-hour traffic.

NB Due to flood defence works, Bewdley Bridge is open only for cars travelling westwards so if passing through Bewdley on your return journey you will need to go west out of the town up Welch Gate and the Cleobury Road and then go round the bypass.

Parking:

It is only a small car park, so if it is full you will need to use the first car park and then follow the tapes along the path with runs parallel to the main road to reach registration and the start/finish.

There is also a small area sometimes unofficially used for parking opposite the second car park on the north side of the B4194. As it will be dark and cars can travel very fast along the B4194 and over the blind summit here, it is recommended that you do **NOT** use this north side for parking and HOC/the Organiser accept no liability for the safety of people who choose to park there, rather than walk from the first car park.

Terrain:

Longdon Orchard features typical undulating Wyre Forest terrain in mixed woodland. As with much of the Wyre Forest with public access, the area is popular with dog walkers, horse riders, and mountain bikers. There are several environmentally-sensitive OOB areas on the map including the new Beaver enclosure; please make sure that you do not enter these OOB areas.

There has been recent felling and clearance and the map has been updated to reflect recent work so far as it directly impacts the course.

The map only shows that part of Longdon that has public access. Take care not to go off the map to the East into the non-public part of the forest.

Some of the paths are currently muddy and in some cases waterlogged.

Map:

1:10,000, 5m contours, A4 partially updated November 2024 Paul Basher. Waterproof, loose control descriptions will be provided.

Courses:

One course and a 60 minute time limit. 5.6k 130m climb. 22 controls.

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:** Limited to the first 25 entries received.
Please send an email to jeremygeere@gmail.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.
Please also indicate if you are interested in having a drink or meal afterwards and arrangements will then be made.
- Entry on the Day while stocks last.
- Registration:** 17:00 to 18:30
- Starts** 17:15 to 18:45
- Course closes at 20:00 but control collection of the first few controls will start at 19:45.
- 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 £8 (£6 for BO members) Juniors/students - £4. Appointed helpers and Control collectors will pay half price.
- Please bring the exact cash amount where possible as only limited change will be available. Signal is poor in the area so it will not be possible to pay by card or phone.
- Dogs:** Dogs welcome though event is not suitable for dog walkers.
- Facilities:** None.
- Officials**
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| Organiser/Planner | Jeremy Geere | jeremygeere@gmail.com |
| Mobile (for texts or emergencies only) | | 07496 282275 |
- 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** though please note mobile reception in the area is poor.
 - There are no unusual hazards but please note the small possibility of vehicles on the Forest road.
- 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.