

Event Information  
V.1.0 as of 21st Jan  
2025

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

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

# Highgate Common

## near Wombourne

On

THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

- Venue & Travel:** Cory Community Centre Staffordshire Wildlife, Highgate Road DY7 5BS, just north of the junction with Mere Lane. Shown on Google Maps as you zoom in. Landranger Map 138, SO 835895.
- Parking:** Hard standing by the centre.
- Terrain:** A well-used country park with open and wooded areas and an extensive path network. Two roads cross the competition area.
- Map:** A4 1:7500, 5m contours, Updated Dec 2024 by Alison Sloman. Not waterproof, a plastic bag is required for protection. Loose control descriptions available.
- 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 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Post on the Forum, or send an email to [andyandpennyhemsted@virginmedia.com](mailto:andyandpennyhemsted@virginmedia.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; 4 volunteers required, 2 with cars!
- Please also add whether you would like to stay for a chat/meal/at the pub afterwards.
- Limited Entry on the Day while stocks last.
- Registration:** 17:15 to 18:30      **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..Early controls may be collected in, starting from 19:30.
- Punching:** Electronic Punching using SportIdent. Please bring your SI-Card to registration. SI-Cards may be borrowed - by prior arrangement, replacement fee £30 if lost.
- Fees:** Seniors £8 (£6 for British Orienteering members) Juniors - £4. Control collectors and volunteers will pay half price.
- Cash Only:** Please bring exact amount if possible.
- Dogs:** Dogs welcome
- Facilities:** Toilet. After event pub is the Himley House, Wolverhampton Road, Himley, DY3 4LD, as used after the Baggeridge WEE in Nov 2024. Food orders taken until 9pm.
- Officials:** Organiser/Planner Andy Hemsted 07983 475 666 [andyandpennyhemsted@virginmedia.com](mailto:andyandpennyhemsted@virginmedia.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 event 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.
- **Competitors will certainly cross one road twice, and probably also a second road. Take care; these roads are quiet at night, but traffic is sometimes travelling quickly. The best crossing-points are marked on the map.**
- There is one path in the north that is closed because of storm-damage, and marked as OOB. The course avoids this path.

**Website &  
Cancellation:**

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