



Orienteering in Worcester, Hereford,
Black Country and Birmingham.

Harlequins Orienteering Club

Invite you to an Urban event

Church Hill, Redditch

Sunday 12th September 2021

West Midlands League



Venue & Travel

The Church Hill estate is ideal for urban orienteering, with a complex and confusing network of dead end roads and pedestrian routes. Parking will be **accessed from the Arrow Valley Visitor Centre Car Park**. Redditch is on the Cross City train line from Lichfield via Birmingham New Street, and the 58 bus service runs every 15 minutes to take you from Redditch train station to the Start. **If you have entered on line and do not require a hired SI card you can go directly to the start.**

Parking & Enquiries:

Stitch Meadow field, Arrow Valley. **Accessed from the Arrow Valley Visitor Centre Car Park, off Battens Drive B4497.** Approx postcode B98 0RT / GR SP062677 / W3W: holds.focal.reveal.. Enquiries and download will be adjacent to car park.

Terrain:

A complex urban area. Church Hill is a varied new-town estate. Some sections contain intricate traffic-free path networks, with other sections of a more typical suburban layout.



Map:

A brand new map by Paul Basher; created 2021 to ISSOM specification. Printed on A3 water proof paper at a scale of 1:4,000 or 1:3,000 for the shorter courses.

Courses:

See table on the next page. For safety reasons, and in line with Governing Body guidance, there are restrictions on which courses unaccompanied Juniors can run. There is no such restriction if they are accompanied by, or shadowed by, an adult. To be eligible for West Midlands League points, enter the course indicated in the table for your age class. Unless otherwise stated, course lengths are approx. straight-line distances. Subject to final Planning / Controlling.

Entries:

Entry on the day while maps available; email the organiser - marianw123@aol.com to check availability and reserve a map. .

Starts:

10:30 – 12:30hrs Punching start, approx. 700m taped route from Parking.

Course close

14:30hrs Please ensure that you report back to the download team.

Punching:

Electronic Punching using Sportident; controls will be SIAC enabled.
SI-Cards (not SIAC) may be hired for £1.00. Lost hire cards will be charged at £30.

Fees:

Courses 1-5 : Seniors £8, Juniors and Students £3 before 5th September, £9/£3 subject to map availability after. Courses 6-7 £3, Courses 8-10 £4 including SI hire

Dogs:

No restrictions imposed by the landowner or organiser.

Facilities:

Portable toilets at parking. Arrow Valley Visitor centre has a café with toilets for customers. Adjacent is the newly installed (and very good) adventure playground.

Officials:

Organiser : Marian White HOC – contact marianw123@aol.com or 0121 554 8563.

Planner : Dave Aldridge HOC Controller : Bob Brandon OD

Safety:

Competitors take part at their own risk. Please respect pedestrians and beware of vehicles, and obey any specific instructions on the day. Shorts & vests permitted if you feel the weather is appropriate.

Photography

Andy Johnson, HOC, will be taking photos. If you have any concerns please talk to the organiser in person or via email.

Website & Cancellation:

For the latest information check: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk>

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Course	Length	Controls	Climb	WMOA League Category	Age restrictions if unaccompanied	Senior / family	Junior
1	8.8km	33	85m	Men Open	Must be age 16 or older.	£9.00	£3.00
2	7.2km	26	70m	Women Open and Men Vet (M40-50)	Must be age 16 or older.	£9.00	£3.00
3	5.9km	23	50m	Men Supervet (M55-60) and Women Vet (W40-50)	Must be age 16 or older.	£9.00	£3.00
4	4.3km	20	35m	Men Ultravet (M65-70) and Women Supervet (W55-60)	Must be age 16 or older.	£9.00	£3.00
5	3.5km	18	30m	Men Hypervet (M75+) and Women Ultra and Hypervet(W65+)	Must be age 16 or older.	£9.00	£3.00
6	2.1km	16	25m	Junior (M/W16 or younger)	Must be age class M/W14 or older	£3.00	
7	1.3km	15	15m	Young Juniors (M/W12 or younger)	Must be age class M/W12 or older	£3.00	
8	Approx 5km actual distance	16	36m	Newcomer course, equivalent in distance to a parkrun. The first few controls offer a chance to get a feel for the map. Feel free to run in pairs or small groups.	Must be age 16 or older.	£4.00 including SI hire	
9	Approx 2.5km actual distance	16	25m	Family newcomer course.	Must be age class M/W14 or older	£4.00 including SI hire	
10	2.1km	10	15m	Accessible course; suitable for wheelchairs up to a width of 1m. If you are interested, please email us to discuss your accessible needs.	Must be age 16 or older.	£4.00 including SI hire if required	

The nature of the area means that any of the courses could be completed pushing a **suitable buggy**

SI hire cards are NOT SIAC. £1 additional fee for courses 1 - 7. As for all very old-style SI cards, these can store 36 controls but only store split times for 30 controls. Runners on course 1 using a hired SI card will still receive an accurate overall time.