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# Boddenham Arboretum and Shatterford (Final Details V2 - Updated 9th Jan)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

West Midlands League



**Venue & Travel** Boddenham Arboretum, Boddenham Lane, Kidderminster, DY11 5TB

Boddenham Arboretum is situated 20 miles west of Birmingham, 19 miles north of Worcester and 3 miles north of Kidderminster. Follow the brown signs "Boddenham Arboretum" westwards from Wolverley Church island along the B4189. Enter the private drive at SO812804 52.422019,-2.27740 (WGS84). Do not follow the public road northward – this is access to the farm only. FOR SAT NAVS PLEASE INPUT DY11 5TB

**Parking & Enquiries:** Boddenham Arboretum car park, Boddenham Lane, Kidderminster, DY11 5TB  
There is a large hardstanding car park at the Arboretum. The lower car park is closest to registration/enquiries.  
Enquiries and download will be adjacent to car park in the function room.

**Facilities** Runners can sit to eat their own food or food / drinks bought from the outdoor café (see the "Eat With Us" section of their Boddenham Arboretum website)  
If runners want to eat in the restaurant (Sunday Lunch) they need to book - see website.

**Terrain:** The arboretum is a mixture of farmland, parkland and copse/riverside plantation rising from 55m to 140m. There are lots of fences. To the north, Shatterford Woods is typical Wyre Forest mixed forest terrain with deep stream valleys, and an extensive path ride network plus a hidden Roman Camp. The whole area is well-contoured. There is plenty of run forest. This a physically challenging area.

**Map:** Map: 1:7500 with 5m contours, by Paul Basher 2022 with revisions autumn 2023.  
Printed on water resistant paper.

**Courses:** 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.

All courses start and finish in Boddenham Arboretum. This has fenced / gated / woodlands and open pastures. The White, Yellow and Orange courses stay within the Arboretum. The White and Yellow courses follow fences as well as paths and tracks.

All the more technical courses cross a stream to reach these woods, requiring two crossing-points. Green, Blue and Brown cross another stream which has steep muddy banks in places.

### **Please read and tell children the important points**

All courses start and finish in Boddenham Arboretum. This has fenced / gated / woodlands surrounded by pastures. To the north, Shatterford Wood is mixed forest, very little-visited by the general public. The whole area is well-contoured.

1) Control descriptions are printed on top of the Map Legend. White and Yellow have textual descriptions, other courses have pictorial descriptions. Copies of the Map Legend are on display near to Enquiries, and in the Pre-Start area.

Unusual symbols:

A large green circle : distinctive large tree

A small green circle: distinctive holly

A brown triangle: platform

2) There are many fences in the Arboretum, between the woodland and the pasture; please do not climb these; consider them uncrossable. Choose a route which passes through a pedestrian gate; these are generally the fastest routes. Two sections have been overprinted with the purple 'boundary line' symbol; these fences will be taped with black and yellow OOB tape.

3) White and Yellow follow fences as well as paths. Yellow has one leg which crosses a short section of pasture; this whole leg will be marked with red and white tapes.

4) There may be sheep and/or cows present in the pastures. They are used to people passing. There may be temporary electric fences constructed to keep the animals in a particular part of the field. These are not mapped, and would have pedestrian crossing-points. The latest information about such temporary fences will be posted near to Enquiries, and in the Pre-Start.

5) Three courses have a repeated control; such controls need to be visited twice. Orange and Light Green have a loop of two controls; make sure that you run this loop in the correct clockwise direction.

6) Short Green has a repeated control just south of a constructed stream crossing. Other technical courses come to this point on their return from Shatterford Wood to the Arboretum.

7) There is one farmgate after the final control on all courses except White and Yellow. This gate should be unlocked during the event. This gate must be closed after you pass through.

8) Light Green, Green, Blue and Brown have a taped route down a set of steep uneven steps and across a stream. This leg is taped and timed-out, with a maximum of 2 minutes, so that competitors can WALK CAREFULLY DOWN THE STEPS and across the stream.

9) Green, Blue and Brown cross another stream to the north. The central section has a very steep slope to the south and has been marked OOB. These courses have been planned to avoid this dangerous slope, but the stream crossing/s/ may still be tricky in wet conditions.

- Entries:** Pre entry is via Fabian 4: [Fabian4 - Entries and Timing](#) (see fees below). Entry on the day while maps available; email the organiser\_ [maccacm@outlook.com](mailto:maccacm@outlook.com) to check availability and reserve a map. .
- Starts:** 10:30 – 12:30hrs                      Punching start, approx. 200m taped route from registration.
- Finish:**    500m from download
- Course close**                                      14:15hrs                                      Please ensure that you report back to the download team.
- Punching:** Electronic Punching using Sportident; controls **will not be SIAC enabled (change from initial details)**  
SI-Cards (not SIAC) may be hired for free. Lost hire cards will be charged at £30.
- Fees:** Entries before midnight on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024: Seniors £10 (plus £2-00 for non-BOF members)    Juniors £4-00 (plus £1-00 for non-BOF members)  
Late entries open until midnight on Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 (subject to map availability : Seniors £12 (plus £2-00 for non-BOF members)    Juniors £5-00 (plus £1-00 for non-BOF member)  
Entry On Day (subject to map availability) Seniors £13 Juniors £6

- Dogs:** No restrictions imposed by the landowner or organiser.
- Facilities:** Toilets; we can use their public toilets (between restaurant and function room), but no muddy shoes or spikes.
- Officials:** Organiser : Chris McCartney HOC – contact [maccacm@outlook.com](mailto:maccacm@outlook.com) or 07828941478  
 Planner : Andy Hemsted (HOC) Controller Henry Morgan (POTOC)
- Safety:** **Whistles will be compulsory**

Competitors take part at their own risk. Please take care on wet and slippery slopes.

NEAREST HOSPITAL  
 Kidderminster General 01562 823 424 only for minor injuries  
 Worcester 01905 763 333 or Shrewsbury 01743 261 000  
 Or Russell’s Hall, Dudley 01384 456 111 for major accidents.

**Website & Cancellation:** For the latest information check: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk>

**Bodenham Final Course Length and climb**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Length (Approx)</b>	<b>Climb</b>
<b>Brown (Double sided map)</b>	8.3 k	305m
<b>Blue</b>	5.7 k	200m
<b>Green</b>	4.3 k	170m
<b>Short Green</b>	3.2 k	115m
<b>Light Green</b>	3.5 k	115m
<b>Orange</b>	2.8 k	60m
<b>Yellow</b>	2.0 k	70m
<b>White</b>	1.2 k	40m

## Course Entries for West Midlands League

### Men:

Course	Technical Difficulty	M Classes Long	M Classes Short
White	TD1		10
Yellow	TD2	10	12
Orange	TD3	12	14 70 75 80 85 90
Light Green	TD4	14	16
Short Green	TD5	70 75 80 85 90	60 65
Green	TD5	16 60 65	18 45 50 55
Blue	TD5	18 45 50 55	20 21 35 40
Brown	TD5	20 21 35 40	

### Women:

Course	Technical Difficulty	W Classes Long	W Classes Short
White	TD1		10
Yellow	TD2	10	12
Orange	TD3	12	14 60 65 70 75 80 85 90
Light Green	TD4	14	16
Short Green	TD5	60 65 70 75 80 85 90	40 45 50 55
Green	TD5	16 40 45 50 55	18 20 21 35
Blue	TD5	18 20 21 35	