



Orienteering in Worcester, Hereford,  
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## Harlequins Orienteering Club

Invite you to an Urban event

### Church Hill, Redditch

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

West Midlands Urban 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 with minor updates 2022. Printed on A3 water proof paper at a scale of 1:4,000

#### 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 is via Fabian 4 online entry system – first closing date of Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October.** Late entries will remain open until Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct on Fabian subject to map availability (additional £1 surcharge)

Limited entry on the day dependent on map availability; email the organiser after 2<sup>nd</sup>

Oct – to check availability and reserve a map. [maccacm@outlook.com](mailto:maccacm@outlook.com) .

#### Starts

10:30 – 12:30hrs

Punching start, approx. 400m 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 2nd October £9/£3 subject to map availability after. Courses 6-7 £3.

Late Fabian entry/Entry on Day (dependent of map availability) Seniors £9 Juniors £3

#### Dogs:

No restrictions imposed by the landowner or organiser.

#### Facilities:

Toilet arrangements –[Arrow Valley Visitor centre](#) has a café with toilets for customers. They may be closed for refurbished and if this occurs then please use the temporary toilets outside the centre. Adjacent is the newly installed (and very good) adventure playground.

#### Officials:

Organiser : Chris McCartney HOC – contact [maccacm@outlook.com](mailto:maccacm@outlook.com) or 07828941478

Planner : Harrison McCartney JOK

Controller Russ Faucet (HOC)

#### 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.

#### Website:

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

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Course	Length (Straight line distance)	Controls	Climb	WMOA League Category	Age restrictions if unaccompanied	Senior / family	Junior
1	7.1km	33	Negligible	Men Open	Must be <b>age</b> 16 or older.	£8.00	£3.00
2	5.7km	26	Negligible	Women Open and Men Vet (M40-50)	Must be <b>age</b> 16 or older.	£8.00	£3.00
3	4.7km	21	Negligible	Men Supervet (M55-60) and Women Vet (W40-50)	Must be <b>age</b> 16 or older.	£8.00	£3.00
4	3.8km	21	Negligible	Men Ultravet (M65-70) and Women Supervet (W55-60)	Must be <b>age</b> 16 or older.	£8.00	£3.00
5	2.9km	18	Negligible	Men Hypervet (M75+) and Women Ultra and Hypervet(W65+)	Must be <b>age</b> 16 or older.	£8.00	£3.00
6	3.3 km	22	Negligible	Junior (M/W16 or younger)	Must be <b>age class</b> M/W14 or older	£3.00	
7	1.8km	17	Negligible	Young Juniors (M/W12 or younger)	Must be <b>age class</b> M/W12 or older	£3.00	

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.