



Thames Valley Orienteering Club

Chiltern Challenge 2023

Final Details

Venue: Bradenham, Park Wood and Naphill Common

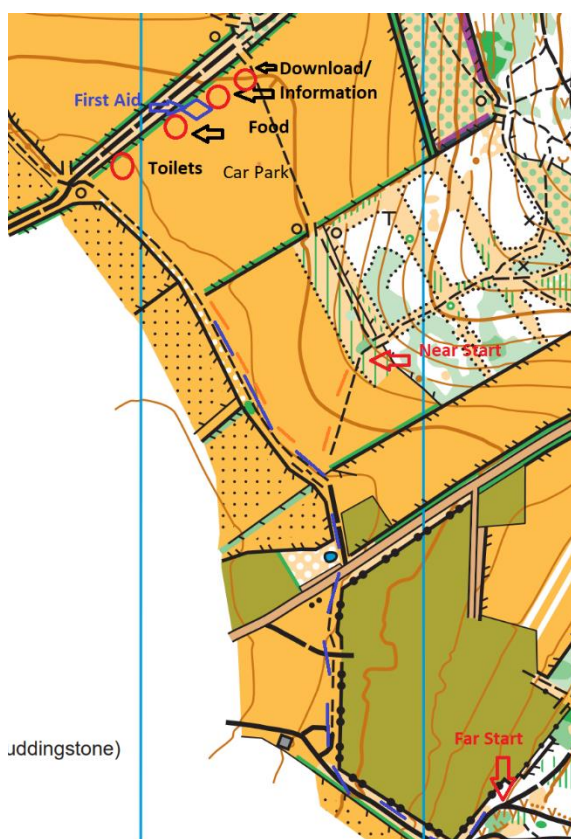
Date: 10 December 2023

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Controller: Mark Foxwell (BKO)

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Carpark and Assembly:



- The carpark is on a gently sloping field accessed off the A4010 in Bradenham, HP14 4UF at SU8218 9736,

- <https://what3words.com/reflector.squirted.people>

Traffic can move fast along this road and those approaching from West Wycombe may wish to continue to Saunderton Station (30mph speed limit) to turn around and come back, so avoiding a right turn. Access is along a single-track unmade road. Given this, competitors are requested not to leave before 12:15 pm.

- Please note marshals instructions and drive carefully as we do not wish to track up the field.

- The field cannot accommodate large camper vehicles. Anything larger than the common VW Transporter (or similar) **campervan** will get bogged down. **Motorhomes** are prohibited. Contact the organiser if this is an issue.

- 'Redline' run the 130 bus service along the A4010 during the times of the event (hourly, but check times [HERE](#)). Stop is the Red Lion PH (now a café). It is then a 500m walk to assembly

- There are limited train services to Saunderton Station, 1.7km from assembly.
- The location of Download and Information is shown on the map.
- Hired cards, those needing to pick up a hire card must do so from Information before heading to the Starts.
- Key drop is at Information.
- Those that need to leave baggage can do so at Information.



RADIO-O

There is a Radio-O event on at the same time, this has a separate Start/Finish and its own controls (small training kites). They are well away from other course controls, but you may well see people with Radio-O kit out in the forest.

Training Kites

Training Kites are small O kites. The 'Talent South Junior Squad' are also training on the area and are using Training Kites, with no punching device. Therefore any training kite encountered by competitors can be ignored.

Starts

Course starts are from 10:00 – 12:15, except;

- Black – Last start 11:45
- Brown – Last Start 12:00

Start times have been allocated and can be seen at:

https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event_id=12422

There are two starts.

- The Near Start is adjacent to Assembly, a 5 minute walk, about 300m away.
- The Far Start is about 15minutes walk, 900m away with 25m of climb and involves crossing Bradenham Woods Lane, this will be marshalled.

There is no clothing dump at either start, any items left there by competitors will not be collected when the starts close and will be left for individuals to pick up. TVOC takes no responsibility for any items left at the starts.

The event is using Sport Ident, and SiAC is enabled. **It is a punching Start.**

Call up is at -4minutes, and we will be operating a quiet (not silent) start. If you miss your start time we will try to fit you in as soon as possible, but there may be some delay. Those on Interland Selection courses could have a long wait until the next available 4 minute gap (particularly on the Blue and Green courses). Those on Yellow, Orange and Red courses do not have set start times; those competitors can just turn up at the Near Start, where they will queue (if necessary) and go.

Clear your Si Card before entering the start system.

-4 minutes	Called forward by start official, name verified. Si Card Checked.
-3 minutes	Blank maps
-2 minutes	SiAC Active check, control descriptions
-1 minute	Starters final instructions

Maps will be in boxes according to colour, yellow maps are available before the Start.

Control descriptions are printed on the map, and loose descriptions are available in the Start lanes. All courses except Yellow will have pictorial descriptions only. The Yellow course will have pictorial and written descriptions side by side.



Finish

There is one Finish, this is SiAC enabled. **All competitors must punch the Safety Control after the Finish.** The Finish is 200m from Assembly.

Once you have started a course **you must report to Download, even if you retire** so that we can verify you are safe.

Course Close

All courses close at 1:45pm, all controls will then be collected and marshals will no longer be on courses. You must report to download by this time.

Safety

Although it is not an area of open moorland, in the event of inclement weather hooded waterproof jackets (worn or carried) will be mandated. Signs to this effect will be at the exit from the carpark towards the starts.

The carrying of a whistle is mandatory.

Drivers. The tracks and areas around and to Assembly are popular with walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers. There will also be competitors who will be focused on getting to Starts etc, so please drive cautiously.

The whole competition area is popular for outdoor activities, please be considerate to all other users.

There are horses in adjacent fields to assembly, do not feed them.

There may be cattle in the competition area, particularly at the Near Start and the Finish, they are friendly and used to people, but always be cautious around livestock and give them a wide berth.

Dogs are allowed on lead with well behaved owners in assembly, **dogs are not allowed on any courses.**

The slopes in this area are, in places, a mixture of chalk and flint and can be very slippery when wet.

Courses from the Far Start have a marshalled road crossing of Bradenham Woods Lane, **this is timed out for 2 minutes**, there is plenty of time to cross, so do not rush. Please listen to the marshals instructions. Bradenham Woods Lane is out of bounds except at this point. It is forbidden to run along the road. Please cross straight across adjacent to the marshal and not diagonally.

First Aid

First Aid is being provided by White Star Medical Services, who are located next to the Information tent as indicated on the assembly map.

Medical Conditions

If you have a High Risk Medical Condition you are invited to download and complete this form <http://tinyurl.com/BOF-med> and place it in a sealed envelope with your name on it, in the box



provided at Information. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency. Unopened envelopes should be collected after the event. Any unclaimed envelopes will be destroyed after the event.

Map and Planners Notes

The area consists of mature Beech woodland and has a complex and changing path network. There are areas of dense thickets and long grass and bracken, most of the ground cover will have died back. This is an area managed by the National Trust and minor works are always on going. A previous map of the area can be found [HERE](#).

There are a lot of small pits and associated knolls caused by fallen trees, the smaller ones are not mapped.

Small and indistinct paths may be obscured by leaf fall and difficult to see at this time of year, particularly when running across them.

Some well used paths that have exposed chalk and flint can be particularly slippery when it is wet.

Power lines, wayposts, signboards and bracken are not mapped.










Map Symbols are ISOM 2017-2 enlarged 150% with special symbols as follows.

Green cross is used for either a large rootstock or significant brashing heap.

Black cross is a hide.

Black circle is a bench seat, cattle trough or water bowser.

Black T is a ladder tower used for shooting.

	T	small fenced enclosure, ladder Tower
		hard standing
		hide; bench seat, cattle trough or water bowser
		prominent large tree; prominent small tree or bush
		rootstock or significant brashing heap
		hedge
		thicket

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Map was updated from previous versions in Feb-Oct 23 using OCAD 2020 by Bob and Pattie Beresford assisted by Mark Thompson. All maps are 1:10000 with 5m contours.



Course Details

Course	SCOA Champ Class	Interland Class	Distance km	Height m	Start
Black	M21	-	12.0	310	Far
Brown	M35, M40		10.1	260	Far
Short Brown	M18, M20, M45, M50, W21	M18	8.1	220	Far
Blue	M16, M55, M60, W35, W40	M16	6.7	200	Far
Short Blue	M65, W18, W20, W45, W50	W18	5.7	170	Far
Green	M70, W16, W55, W60	W16	4.7	180	Far
Short Green	M75, M80, W65, W70		3.9	110	Far
Very Short Green	M85, M90, W75, W80, W85, W90		3.5	80	Far
Light Green	M14, W14	M14, W14	3.6	140	Near
Red			5.3	155	Near
Orange	M12, W12		3.0	105	Near
Yellow	M10, W10		2.2	90	Near

Results

Results/splits will be given at download showing current winning times. Live results will be provided at <https://tvoc-live.droppages.com>. And full results and Routegadget should be available by 6pm.

Presentations

Presentations of the SCOA Championships will take place at 1:30pm. Please stay to support these Championships.

Facilities

Toilets are located in assembly only.

Tom's Wagon will be available for hot and cold snacks.

First Aid: First Aid cover is being provided by White Star Medical, they are located in assembly.

Hospital: The nearest A&E facility is at Stoke Manderville, HP21 2AL, <https://what3words.com/tanks.spell.ahead>

There is a Minor Injuries Unit at High Wycombe, HP11 2TT, <https://what3words.com/giving.finishing.beside> 01494 526161

Complaints

If there is an issue about the course that cannot be resolved by the organisational team then the event jury will be:



TBC



If this does not resolve the issue satisfactorily the individual is welcome to use the BO process.

Photography

You are welcome to take photographs at our event. However please be respectful of other peoples' privacy when taking photographs, and do not take inappropriate or intrusive photos. Please bear in mind British Orienteering's guidelines on the subject. If you have any concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography (in terms of the way, by whom, or where photography is being undertaken), please report them to the Organiser or another official. Parents, guardians or carers who have a reason to be sensitive about the children they are responsible for should bear in mind that photographs may be taken at the event, and some may be posted onto public websites.

Ash Dieback Precautions

The following precautions have been recommended by BOF – arrive with all of your kit, especially footwear, fully cleaned since its last outing. After your run, place all your kit in a plastic bag to prevent spreading fungal spores. Full details of Ash Dieback precautions can be found on the British Orienteering website.

Please Remember

- Orienteering is an adventure sport.
- All competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.
- Please check website for last minute cancellation in case of bad weather.
- In the event of cancellation, some or all of your entry fee may be retained.
- The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers & their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate British Orienteering insurancecover. Submission of an entry for the event will indicate your acceptance of this procedure.