



# Risk Assessment

Course/Road(s) Assessed: Ringwood/Sopley B3347

Course: P311

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**Course Description:** START at first lamp post in Wellworthy Road (SU 15346 04443), proceed west for 32 yards to new roundabout on B3347. Turn left (CARE – Give Way) onto Christchurch Road. Proceed south via Bisterne and Avon to Sopley one-way system. (5.05m). Turn right over bridge at the Woolpack pub and retrace to Ringwood via Avon and Bisterne to FINISH at drain 10 yds south of junction with Hampshire Hatches Lane at Moortown Green. (SU 15383 03818)

**HQ:** Greyfriars Community Centre, Christchurch Road, Ringwood. BH24 1DW. Toilets at Community Centre.

**From HQ to start:** 0.5 miles. Exit car park and turn left into Kingsbury's Lane. Turn left onto Bickerley Road. Follow to roundabout on Christchurch Road and turn right. Continue on Christchurch Road to roundabout at Wellworthy Road and the Lidl supermarket. Turn left into Wellworthy Road.

**From finish to HQ:** 0.9 miles. Continue north on Christchurch Road to roundabout at Wellworthy Road and Lidl supermarket. Go straight across and continue on Christchurch Road to next roundabout at Bickerley Road. Turn left into Bickerley Road and right into Bickerley Gardens to reach the HQ and the car park.

**Traffic Flows:** The B3347 is generally a busy road linking Christchurch to Ringwood and accessing the A31. It is busy at commuting times and during working hours. However, evenings and weekends are quieter. The road is quiet on Boxing Day. The Lidl supermarket is closed on Boxing Day, resulting in a reduction in traffic levels between the HQ and the start/finish.

**Course/Event History:** This course has been used for both club and open time trials for a number of decades. It has been regularly used for week day evening 10 mile time trials as well as Saturday afternoon and Boxing Day open events.

## Key Identified Risks

Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
	General Requirements	Road Usage meets CTT standards	L	Traffic Counts /Time restrictions on use of Course.

	Before START	Competitors riding from Event HQ to the start. Competitors warming up.	L	Cycle Event Warning Sign Instructions on Start Sheet; - safe routes to START - prohibited areas for warming up - no U turns in sight of Timekeeper
0 miles	Area of START (SU 15326 04439)	Competitors waiting at side of road. Traffic coming from Lidl supermarket, industrial estate and Travelodge.	L	Cycle event warning signs on B3347 north of start. Instructions on start sheet on conduct at start. Lidl closed on Boxing Day. Industrial estate likely to be closed on Boxing Day.
32 yards	Turn left at roundabout onto B3347 (SU 15290 04431)	Traffic coming from right hand side onto roundabout. Riders give way to traffic from the right.	L/M	Cycle Event Warning Sign on B3347 north of roundabout (as above). Marshal recommended to raise awareness of traffic.
0.36 miles	From roundabout to Moortown Lane (SU 15384 03884)	Houses & driveways. David Lloyd sports centre on right. Petrol station on left at Moortown Lane. Moortown Lane on left. Hampshire Hatches Lane on right.	M	Cycle event warning sign opposite Moortown Lane (SU 15384 03884). Warning to competitors on start sheet / sign-on.
1.17 miles	Rod Lane (SU 15168 02640)	Minor road on left side	L	No additional measures
1.94 miles	Dragon Lane (SU 14854 01508)	Minor road on left side	L	No additional measures
3.05 miles	Anna Lane (SZ 14910 99776)	Minor road on left side	L	No additional measures
3.53 miles	Avon Tyrrell Farm (SZ 14516 99161)	Sharp left hand bend. Can be gravel on road.	L	Warning on Start Sheet / at sign-on. Check during On The Day Risk Assessment.
3.77 miles	London Lane (SZ 14667 98808)	Minor road on left side.	L	No additional measures.
3.87 miles	New Queen Pub (SZ 14668 98640)	Pub car park on right side of road. Can be busy in evenings.	L/M	Pub closed on Boxing Day until midday. Otherwise: Cycle event warning sign on grass verge opposite exit from car park.
4.40 miles	Avon Causeway (SZ 15020 97878)	Crossroads with minor lane (Court Lane) on left. Busy road (Avon Causeway) on right with two entrances/exits.	M	Cycle event warning signs in Avon Causeway warning traffic turning right and left onto B3347.
5.05 miles	Sopley one way system (SZ 15655 97062)	Start of one way system. Potential for traffic waiting to join one way system from right.	L	No additional measures.
5.15 miles	Sopley one way system at Derritt Lane (SZ 15776 96966)	Right hand bend from one way into two way road at junction with Derritt Lane on left. Potential for traffic waiting to turn right into Derritt Lane.	M	Marshal and/or Direction signs. Cycle event warning signs. Warning on Start sheet to be aware that turn is not all two way.
5.22 miles	Right turn at Woolpack pub (SZ 15719 96868)	Right turn from two way into one way. B3347 continues south on left. Potential for traffic waiting to turn left onto one way system. Rough road surface.	M	Marshal and/or Direction signs. Cycle event warning signs on B3347 south of turn. Warning of rough road surface on Start Sheet.
5.28 miles	Entrance to Woolpack Pub car Park (SZ 15666 96924)	Entrance to Woolpack Pub on right hand side of road. Cars turning in & out.	L	No additional measures.
6.02 miles	Avon Causeway (SZ 15020 97878)	Crossroads with minor lane (Court Lane) on right. Busy road (Avon Causeway) on left with two entrances/exits. .	M	Cycle event warning signs in Avon Causeway warning traffic turning right and left onto B3347.
6.55 miles	New Queen Pub (SZ 14668 98640)	Pub car park on left side of road. Can be busy in evenings	L/M	Pub closed on Boxing Day until midday. Otherwise: Cycle event warning sign on grass verge opposite exit from car park.
6.65 miles	London Lane (SZ 14667 98808)	Minor road on right	L	No additional measures.

7.36 miles	Anna Lane (SZ 14910 99776)	Minor road on right	L	No additional measures.
8.48 miles	Dragon Lane (SU 14854 01508)	Minor lane on right side.	L	No additional measures.
9.24 miles	Rod Lane (SU 15168 02640)	Minor lane on right side.	L	No additional measures.
10 miles	FINISH at drain 10 yds south of junction with Hampshire Hatches Lane at Moortown Green. (SU 15383 03818)	Crossroads close by with Hampshire Hatches Lane on left, shortly after finish, and Moortown Lane on right. Petrol station just after Moortown Lane on right.	L	Cycle Event Warning Sign opposite Moortown Lane (as above). Chequered board. Instructions on start sheet: - no stopping at finish - no times will be given at finish - riders to continue back to HQ. No vehicles to be parked at finish other than timekeepers.
	After FINISH	Competitors returning to HQ.	L	Instructions on start sheet on safe route back to HQ.

The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.

**Date of original assessment: April 2015**