

Wimborne Orienteers December 15th, 2024. Final event details

Location:

Godshill Wood, Godshill Enclosure and Millersford Bottom. New Forest.

Event Centre:

Godshill Village Hall, SP6 2LN. (W3W congested.flow.curls)The event will be signed from the junction of the B3078 and Woodgreen Road, close to the Fighting Cocks pub. Collection of hired dibbers, download and Enquiries will be in the village hall. Keys may be left at Enquiries. No muddy or spiked shoes inside the hall.

Parking:

Car parking is in a large, flat field adjacent to Godshill Village Hall.

The entry and exit to the village hall car park is quite narrow and over a cattle grid. Competitors will be using the same route to get to the start and back from download so please approach with caution.

Terrain:

The terrain consists of mixed woodland and fast, open heath with large marshes which, following the recent rain are very wet. Some parts of the marsh are marked as OOB.

New minor paths created by horses and deer have not been mapped.

All courses will cross a quiet, minor road towards the end of their course. A crossing point will be manned but please be alert for passing cars. The crossing point on the Short Green, Green and Blue will not be manned. Part of this road is marked as OOB.

Maps:

1:10,000 on A4 waterproof paper. Control descriptions on front of map and loose control descriptions in the start box. White and Yellow course will have text control descriptions.

The map was last revised in 2021, there have been minor updates to reflect recent vegetation changes. Most of the bracken has died down.

Courses: subject to final controlling.

Course	Km	Controls	Climb m
Brown	9.2	26	160
Blue	6.9	20	135
Green	4.8	12	100
Sh Green	3.7	11	80
Lgt Green	3.8	11	60
Orange	2.8	10	60
Yellow	2.0	9	45
White	1.6	8	3

Facilities:

Maia Jane Dessert Catering will be attending, offering bacon rolls plus plenty of cake and sweet treats. The Fighting Cocks pub opposite the village hall is under new management and has a lunch menu. It is advisable to book.

Toilets in the hall.

Timing:

Registration open from 9.45hrs to collect dibbers.

Starts 10.30-12.15; courses close 14.00 as sunset is 16.01

Starts have been allocated in 15min blocks.

Entries:

Entry via Fabian preferred www.fabian4.co.uk Online entries close 08/12/24

There will be EOD while map stocks last. For information on map availability once the closing date has passed, please contact entries@wimborne-orienteers.co.uk

The events will use SIAC enabled Sportident punching. There will be a punching Start and Finish
Dibber hire £1 for adults, free for Juniors

Fee - £13 senior (£15 for non-BOF members), £3 juniors. Seniors on White, Yellow & Orange £6

Route to Start:

From the village hall cross the road and follow the gravel track (Post Office Lane) 1.3km gently downhill to the start. There are several fields with horses lining the route, please do not feed or pet them. Please close all gates behind you.

Route from Finish:

From the finish turn right along the small road, after 100m turn left down to a public footpath, the route takes you through several fields and some woodland, over stiles, ending up at the road just below (130m north of) the village hall. You are advised to walk in single file on the road as it is narrow, it will be manned - please follow the instructions of the marshals and stay alert for cars and cyclists.

Remember to report to Download even if you retire. This is so we know you are back safely, and we don't need to send out a rescue team.

Safety:

Full leg cover must be worn. If the weather is poor competitors may be required to wear a waterproof top. In which case a notice will be placed in the car park.

All competitors must carry a whistle.

The area is used by walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers, please respect the locals.

First Aid will be based in the village hall.

Lone runners – if you have travelled alone, we advise you to leave your vehicle registration and emergency contact details in an envelope at Enquiries in the village hall.

Medical conditions – we recommend you download and complete the British orienteering form – https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/uploaded/downloads/officials_handbook_safety_firstaid_medical_form place it in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside and leave it at Enquiries in the village hall. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency, unopened envelopes may be collected or will be destroyed immediately after the event.

Bio safety - to help protect the New Forest please come to the event with clean, dry shoes and clothing.

Although it is winter there are still ticks around, please be aware of the risk of Lyme disease.

For many reasons please stay away from the ponies and cattle that roam free in the New Forest.

Currently some ponies have a bacterial disease which can be spread through contact, see link below for details and precautions.

www.verderers.org.uk/announcements/strangles-a-guide-for-horse-owners-and-visitors/

Please read and follow the information in the New Forest Code www.forestryengland.uk/new-forest-code

Entrants compete at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety

Officials:

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Controllers: Ian Moran and Terry Smith (SOC)