



Rev	Date	<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	
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**Course Description**

Start at a point in the lead out onto the A31 from the lay-by on the south side at the commencement of the Bentley by-pass, approximately 800 yards west of the (former) 'The Bull' Public House on the north side of the A31 and 5 yards beyond the last but one drain grating and 25 yards short of the large road direction sign marked 'Bentley ½m'. Proceed (Care) to join the A31 and continue to go westwards along the Bentley by-pass through Froyle to the Holybourne roundabout (Turn)  
Circle the roundabout (M2, M3, M4) (Check) and take the third exit back on to the A31 to retrace, going through Froyle and along the Bentley by-pass to a point 10 yards beyond the concrete end of a water culvert on the north side and 63 yards short of the Gravel Hill Road minor crossroad and 163 yards short of 'The Bull' to where finish

Marshalls referred to in this course description (M1, M2) etc may be provided solely to indicate the course direction.  
They have no role whatsoever in the risk assessment itself.

**Traffic Flows** Organisers to carry out Traffic Counts during ALL events and submit to LWDC with results

**Course Restriction** None

**Course History**

There have been two serious incidents, seven years apart, on a section of the A31 covered by this course, the first was in 2015 and a second in 2022. Both drivers were subsequently convicted of serious driving offences. There is no suggestion that either of the cyclists involved, nor the course design was in any way at fault.

No	Location	Appx Dist	Perceived Risk	Level	Action Required
1	Start	0	Traffic passing riders waiting to start	LOW	Place <b>warning sign</b> before start. All officials to wear Hi-Viz upper garments. Riders to wear fluorescent numbers on their backs. Riders attention to be raised to traffic movement at time of their start. Riders waiting to start must keep off highway.
2	Holybourne Rbt at junction A31 and B3004	4.7	Traffic approaching rbt from A31 and B3004 being unaware of cycling event	MEDIUM	Place <b>warning signs</b> on A31 from Winchester, and B3004 from Alton
3	Finish			LOW	All officials to wear <b>Hi-Viz upper garments</b> . Riders to continue past finish without stopping. A finish chequer board or flag is to be displayed at finish. It must be fixed to ensure it is not affected by passing traffic.
4	Wherever placing or removing signs		Danger from passing vehicles	Medium	Be very vigilant of traffic conditions It is strongly recommended that sign erectors to wear Hi-Viz upper garments complying with BS EN 1150, BS EN 471 or ISO EN 20471:2013

Side road junctions, the small junctions or entrances to farms/facilities (garages, cafes etc) that are not mentioned in this risk assessment have been considered, they are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.