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A	30/03/2016		
B	01-04-2017 Notes updated	Course	H25/8
C	02-01-2023 Course History updated	By	JP
D	03-01-2024 Width Restriction updated	Date	15/03/2016
E	01-11-2025 Course History updated		

Course Description

Start at a point in the lead out onto the A31, from the lay-by on the south side at the start of the Bentley by-pass approximately 800 yards west of the (former) 'The Bull' public house on the north side of the A31, 10 yards short of the last road drain at the lay-by exit (western end)  
Join the A31 (care) and proceed along the Bentley by-pass through Froyle and Neatham to the Holybourne roundabout (Turn)  
Circle the roundabout (M1, M2, M3) (Check) and take the third exit back onto the A31 to retrace, going through Froyle and along the Bentley by-pass to continue past 'The Bull' to the Farnham roundabout at the junction with the A325 (Turn)  
Circle the roundabout (M4, M5, M6) (Check) and take the fourth exit back onto the A31 to retrace past the start point (14.294 miles) to go along the Bentley by-pass to the Holybourne roundabout (Turn)  
Circle the roundabout (M1, M2, M3) (Check) and take the third exit back onto the A31 to retrace, going through Froyle and along the Bentley by-pass to continue past 'The Bull' (24.405 miles) to a point 70 yards beyond the county boundary line and 23 yards beyond the start of a tarmac path on the north side 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 a traffic count for ALL events and to submit to LWDC with the results

Course Restrictions                      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	Perceived Risk	Level	Action Required
1	Start	Traffic passing riders waiting to start	MED	Place <b>warning sign</b> before start. All officials to wear <b>Hi-Viz upper garments</b> . Riders to wear <b>fluorescent numbers</b> 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 RAB at junction with A31 and B3004	Traffic approaching rbt from A31 and B3004 being unaware of cycling event	MED	Place warning sign on A31 from Winchester direction and B3004 from Alton
3	Single lane width restriction on A31 Eastbound carriageway, for a distance of 1.6 miles, commencing from opposite the start line, until 100 yards East of the junction with River Lane.	Faster riders overtaking slower riders (and finishers) in the width restricted section of the course		<b>Notice to be placed at signing on, instructing riders.</b> 'The A31 has a width restriction either side of the finish line. After you finish, you MUST not stop. BE AWARE of other riders approaching from behind at high speed. Avoid braking and do not pull out in front of them. Proceed smoothly, with care, from the finish line, at least as far as the Chamber Lane junction, before pulling over to the left'.
4	Coxbridge RAB at junctions with A325, A31 and A325	Traffic approaching RAB from A325(Farnham), A31(Farnham ByPass) and A325(Wrecclesham) being unaware of cycling event.	MED	Place warning signs on A325 (from Farnham), A31 (Farnham Bypass) and A325 (from Wrecclesham) on approaches to roundabout.
	Finish		MED	All officials to wear <b>Hi-Viz upper garments</b> . <b>Riders to continue past finish without stopping.</b> 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.
	Wherever placing or removing signs	Danger from passing vehicles	MED	Be very vigilant of traffic conditions It is strongly recommended that sign erectors to <b>wear Hi-Viz upper garments</b> 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.