



RISK ASSESSMENT

Courses and roads assessed. Colton Hill Climb	Course local to: Spark Bridge, Cumbria
Date of assessment: 08/12/19	Name of assessor: David Huck

Course description

The course starts on the west side of the bridge over the river Crake, and finishes at the crest of Colton Hill, with the HQ and parking located approximately 0.1 miles from the start area, in public parking in Spark Bridge. The course rises approximately 210ft in 0.3 miles. Return to the HQ during the event is via an alternative route through Tottlebank so as to avoid riders riding back down the hill during the competition, this route is 1.6 miles

Traffic flows

Very light traffic.

Course event/history

This is a Type B (Club) events course starting in Spark Bridge and climbing Colton Hill to finish at the crest of the hill. It is a new course and no part of it is currently in use on any Barrow Central Wheelers events.



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Key identified risks

	Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
1		General requirements	Time of event meets CTT standards. Course clear on day.		Traffic counts Organiser to ensure course checked on day
2		Before start	Competitors parking. Competitors riding from HQ and warming up.	LOW	Organiser to place 'CYCLE EVENT' warning signs.
3		Start area	Competitors waiting	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs and display head up sign.
4	0 miles	START on B road adjacent to the western end of the bridge wall over the river Crake.	Traffic passing riders waiting to start.	LOW	Organiser to position 'CYCLE EVENT' warning sign to make rivers aware of cycle event and ensure officials to wear high visibility jackets/bibs. LOCAL Rules – riders not to perform a 'U'-turn in the vicinity of the start. Organiser to ensure riders are reminded with a notice at signing-on. See Picture 2.
5	0.02 miles	T-junction on LH side of the road	Joining traffic from quiet minor road as riders pass. Good visibility for riders and traffic.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs at on minor road joining the course before T-junction.
6	0.03 miles	LH turn onto Colton Hill	Riders take LH turn onto minor road Colton Hill, good visibility for oncoming traffic on B road	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning sign for traffic approaching the course and position 1x marshals for direction and safety. See Picture 3.
7	-	Riders climb Colton Hill	Minor road, with minimal traffic. Wide enough for traffic to pass at all points.	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs for traffic approaching the course and position 1x marshal for direction and safety. See Picture 4.



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8	0.3 miles	Finish at crest of Colton Hill	Passing traffic	LOW	Organiser to place cycle event warning signs for traffic approaching the course and position 1x marshal at the crest of the hill. Organiser to notify riders that no times will be given to competitors or supporters at finish and also notify that no vehicles or competitors to stop on road or verge. All riders to continue past finish without stopping. No riders to congregate at finish. LOCAL Rules – riders not to perform a ‘U’-turn in the vicinity of the Finish. Organiser to ensure riders are reminded via notice at sign on. See Pictures 4 and 5.
16		Return to HQ		LOW	Organiser to remind riders not to descend course during competition and notify riders of alternative 1.6 mile return route to HQ at sign on. Organiser to remind riders to obey rules of the road with a notice at signing-on.

NOTES:

1. The use of a vehicle for the timekeeper(s) at start and finish is where appropriate and is only identified as an example for the action to be taken.
2. The small junctions or entrances to farms / bridleways etc 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.
3. All rules of the road must be followed as to ‘the Highway Code’.
4. This risk assessment shall be made available at the event signing on. By the riders signing on to event sheet they accept all hazards identified on this course and are aware that this is an open road event and that they have a duty of care and courtesy to other road users.

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Pic 2 – Start area



Pic 3 – L/H turn onto Colton Hill



Pic 4 – Crest of Colton Hill



Pic 5 – Finish area