

WESSEX ORIENTEERING CLUB

34th Dorset Delight & SCOL Event 6

Saturday, 31st January 2026

FINAL DETAILS

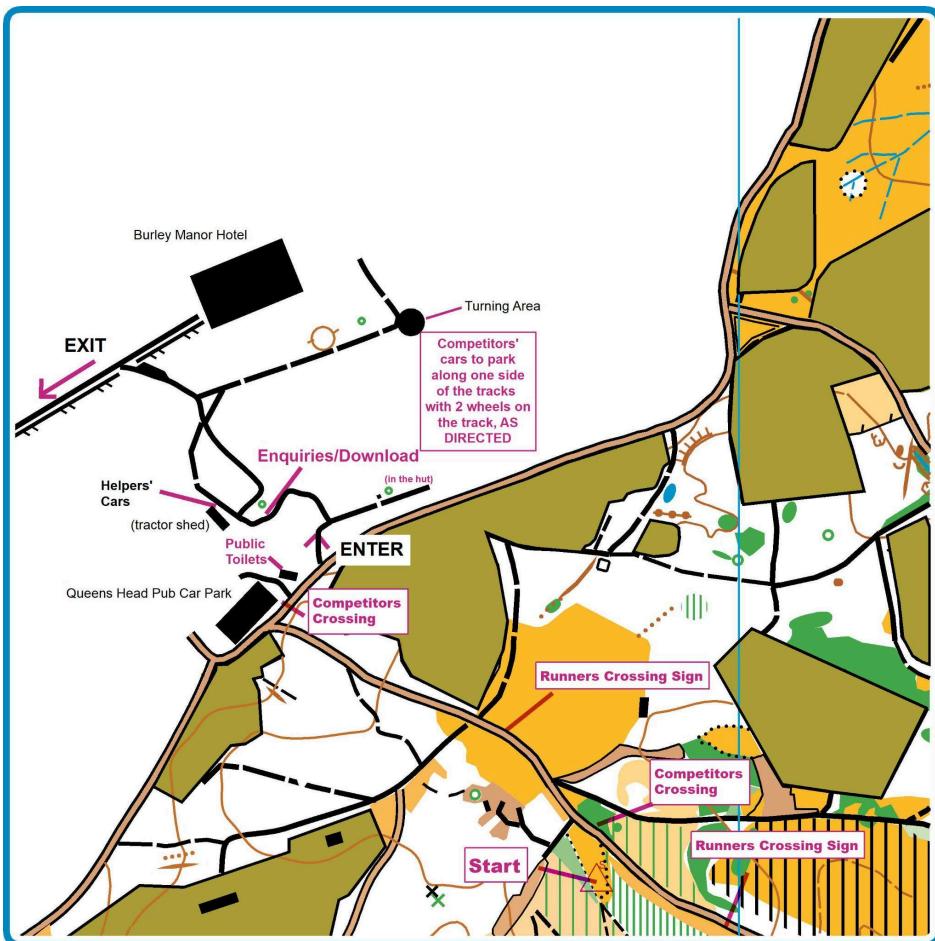
Parking:

Burley Park, Burley (as used for the November Classic in 2025) BH24 4AB

What3words:tracks.homeward.cover

Parking Instructions: it is crucial that you follow the instructions of the Car Park Marshals. We are being allowed to use this park subject to no damage being caused to the grass, particularly as it may be wet. You will be asked to park with at least 2 wheels on the track, and probably parallel parked.

Exit will be to the north of the park - through the gate and turn left.



Facilities:

- Tom's Wagon will be in attendance
- The Public Toilets are available near the car park, and are on the way to the Start.

Enquiries and Download:

This will be set up in the small hut which you will pass as you are directed to the parking tracks. Hire Dibbers, key drop and medical form drop will be at Enquiries.

Event Officials:

Organiser: Julie Astin - julie.astin14@gmail.com

Planner: Rob Hick (WSX) **Controller:** Iain Robinson (SOC)

Planner's notes:

Courses have been planned to avoid the marshes which are out of bounds although runners may still find some areas of rather soft going underfoot, due to the amount of rain in recent weeks. Where there is no alternative route, the course line has been bent around the OOB areas. Where there is an alternative the line has not been bent, but cut.

There are also many patches of gorse which courses have also been planned to avoid although some have gaps which can be run through but are too varied to be mapped (see Mapper's Notes below).

Track surfaces vary from hard stone to soft mud which can vary depending on the weather. Areas of brashings are common within Holmsley Inclosure.

Rob Hick

Map:

Originally mapped by Bill Brown and Richard Arman. Updated most recently in 2025/6 by Julie Astin. There is no Legend on the map. But a copy is available [here](#).

Brown/Blue

Scale: 1:10000 Contour Interval: 5 m Size: A3, Portrait

Yellow to Green

Scale 1:7500 Contours 5m Size: A4, Landscape

Mapper's Notes:

Although the whole area cannot be updated in the time available, I have endeavoured to ensure that the most relevant sections relating to the courses have been made as accurate as possible. This has been carried out in the last 3 or 4 months.

The gorse has been mapped as follows:

- Where gorse is sparsely scattered over an area - Rough Open
- Areas, such as where gorse has been burnt, or where patches of gorse have obvious routes through - Wide Green Stripes (Slow Running, Good Visibility)
- Where gorse grows more closely together but can still be passed through - Narrow Green Stripes
- Other areas of gorse which appear impenetrable (though may have the occasional horse tracks through) - Dark Green (Fight)

Where **brashings** are dense and carpet the floor, these have been mapped with Narrow Green Stripes. If brashings are more widely scattered, the Wide Green Stripe has been used.

Please note that mapping vegetation can be quite subjective - so please don't moan too much when you disagree!

Regarding **ditches**: it would be impossible, and unhelpful, to map every ditch (in the Inclosure in particular) as, apart from any other factor, it would make the map too congested and unreadable. Instead, they have been mapped to ensure that they aid navigation, where necessary, as well as the location of controls.

Special Symbol: Black X = Hide

Julie Astin, January 2026

Terrain and Courses:

All except Brown and Blue courses will be solely on the open heath area which is generally covered with heather, bracken and gorse. See Mapper's Notes above.

The area is bounded to the south by the old railway line. There are a series of valley mires which have been marked OOB and MUST NOT BE CROSSED.

Brown and Blue courses will also be going into Holmsley Inclosure, which is typical New Forest woodland with a network of paths. There has been substantial thinning of trees in some parts, with a carpet of brashings left on the ground. (See Mapper's Notes). As a result, there are some large log piles which have not been mapped.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Climb</u>
Brown	9.5km	150m
Blue	7.6km	105m
Green	4.4km	90m
Short Green	3.5km	75m
Light Green	3.5km	65m
Orange	2.6km	50m
Yellow	2.2km	20m

Start/Finish:

The Start and Finish (which are fairly close to each other) are approximately 500m from the entrance to the car park/assembly.

Competitors are requested not to leave the car park (through a gate opposite the Download hut) to go to the Start until 10.45 at the earliest, please. If you do so, there may not be any crossing marshals and the Start team may not be ready for you.

There will be a Marshal to assist crossing the road near the Queens Head pub and again at the top of the hill across to the Start. In the event of no Marshal being present, for some reason, please take care crossing the road and ensure that juniors are accompanied at all times.

The route will be tagged.

The Starts will be open from **11.15-12.45**

Courses close at 14.15 (if you expect to take longer than 90 minutes, please start earlier, rather than later

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THAT YOU PICK UP THE CORRECT MAP

- Control Descriptions are printed on the maps and loose copies will be available in the start lanes.
- Yellow course has text descriptions; all other courses have pictorial ones.
- There isn't a full map legend on the map. [Here's a link](#) to a copy.
- Competitors on Yellow course may pick up their maps before entering the start lanes.

Whistles are advisable for all competitors.

In the event of severe weather, the carrying of a waterproof jacket may be compulsory. If the organiser decides to enforce this, a notice will be placed in the car park.

THERE IS NO CLOTHING DUMP.

Safety:

- Other users will be in the area, including horse riders. Please be courteous and considerate at all times.
- If lost, head in a generally N/NE direction until you come to the road leading into Burley.
- **Please note that Non-Members are not insured under British Orienteering's Public Liability Insurance. By entering this event, you acknowledge that you are participating at your own risk.**

Courses close at 14.15. ALL competitors must punch the Finish control and return to DOWNLOAD even if they do not complete their course. If you do not do this, we may waste a lot of time sending out a search party for you.

SI Electronic Punching:

SI will be used for this event and controls are SIAC-enabled. All competitors, including those with SIAC, must physically punch the Start and Finish controls. There will be a SIAC Battery Check box situated near Enquiries/Download.

Please check you are using the SI number you entered with.

If you need to change the number, please inform DOWNLOAD before your run.

Procedure:

- Competitors with their own dibber may go straight to the START.
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU KNOW WHICH COURSE YOU'RE RUNNING. THERE WILL BE NO START LIST.**
- Competitors who have hired a dibber should collect it from Enquiries..
- If you wish to change your course, please visit Download before you run; changes limited to map availability.

Results:

Results will be uploaded to the WSX website: www.wessex-oc.org.uk/results as soon as is feasible after the event. Routegadget will be available for uploading your routes after the event.

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted on the courses and must be kept on a lead in the car park.

Medical Issues:

Competitors with pre-existing medical conditions may wish to leave details of their condition, any medication they take and emergency contact details with the Enquiries team. Please place in a sealed envelope which will only be opened in an emergency and which will be destroyed after the event if not collected by the competitor.

The form can be downloaded here: [Medical & Contact Details](#)

First Aid:

This will be available at Enquiries and provided by members of WSX OC.

The nearest A&E department is **Royal Bournemouth Hospital**, BH7 7DW

Any major injuries must be reported to the Organiser.

Disclaimer:

Orienteering is an adventure sport and competitors take part at their own risk. Please note that personal injury through the normal course of orienteering is not covered by British Orienteering's public liability insurance.

Photos will be taken at this event by an appointed member of Wessex OC in line with the British Orienteering guidance: O-Safe. Objections to this should be lodged with the Organiser in advance.

Cancellation:

In the event of the cancellation due to extreme weather, or other circumstances, a notice will be posted on the club website: <http://www.wessex-oc.org.uk/>

Wessex Orienteering Club reserves the right to retain part of the entry fee to cover costs already incurred. Details of how to obtain a refund in the event of cancellation will be posted on the website and also sent the email used to enter.

Acknowledgements: We are grateful to the owner of Burley Park to allow us to use the park at this time of year and to Forestry England for permission to use the area.