



## WESSEX ORIENTEERING CLUB

**Saturday February 5th 2022**

### Studland Dunes Level D

**ENTRY IN ADVANCE only – ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRY ON THE DAY.**  
The event is open to BOF Members and Non-Members.

The event will be based at or near the National Trust Car Park at Shell Bay, BH19 3BA. Parking is free for NT members. The alternative is to park alongside the road south of the ferry or park on the Sandbanks side on nearby roads (no parking fee) and just pay for passenger fare on the ferry. All Day parking fee for non-members is around £5; 2 hours for £3.

There are Toilets operated by the National Trust nearby.

#### Map and Terrain

We were delighted in 2020 when the National Trust agreed to allow us to map and use the northern section of the dune system for orienteering. In fact, they were very enthusiastic for us to do so as the cover of vegetation needs to be broken down.

Sand began being deposited on the eastern shore of the Studland peninsula only about 500 years ago: the beach we all enjoy is just the seaward edge of a dune system that has been growing ever since. In that time the dunes have formed a barrier that has separated Little Sea, a freshwater lake, from the sea itself. At the northern end of the peninsula the dunes are still growing at more than 1m per year, and the peninsula is nearly 1km wide.

The Studland dunes themselves are unusual, because they are made of acidic sand with very low shell content. This acidity means that after about 60 years, when the roots of the marram grass have anchored the sand in place, they become colonised by heather, and most of the Studland dune system is characterised by an unusual habitat known as dune heath. With more than 75 hectares, Studland is the largest area of dune heath on the South Coast.

The whole of the dune system has now been mapped by Ben Mitchell in 2021 and we are pleased to offer this 'taster event' to you.

The map is 1:7,500

#### Courses

Yellow/Orange, Light Green, Blue

Start times      11.30 – 13.00      Courses close      15.00

#### Entries

In advance via [Fabian4](#) (available early January)

Entries close 23.59 Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> – or when limit of 125 is reached.

NO EODs or late entries allowed.  
Controls will be SIAC-enabled.

BOF Seniors	£7.00
Non BOF Seniors	£9.00
Juniors	£4.00
Dibber hire (normal)	£1.00 (free for juniors, £30 charge if lost)

THERE IS NO SIAC Dibber Hire

### **Event Officials**

Organiser Julie Astin (WSX) [julie.astin14@gmail.com](mailto:julie.astin14@gmail.com)  
Planner Roger Crickmore (WSX)

**ORIENTEERING IS AN ADVENTURE SPORT.** A comprehensive risk assessment for the event has been prepared and identified risks mitigated, however participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event. Parents are responsible for their children and advice is available beforehand (by contacting Organiser) about what courses may be suitable.

**PERSONAL DATA** The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers and their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate insurance cover.

**CANCELLATION OR LAST MINUTE CHANGES** Check website [www.wessex-oc.org.uk](http://www.wessex-oc.org.uk) prior to travelling in case of any last minute changes.

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British Orienteering registered event no. 80735

**PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT** Everyone taking part must follow the BOF Participant Code of Conduct which can be found [here](#) and key considerations include:

- Acting as an ambassador for the sport of orienteering at all times and considering how their actions may appear in the eyes of landowners or members of the public.
- Observing social distancing at all times, including keeping their distance from other participants, volunteers and members of the public.
- Using hand sanitizer on arrival and departure. Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, who is living in a household with someone who has a possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection, or who has been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace should remain at home. People who are classified as clinically extremely vulnerable can now consider taking safe exercise outdoors and meeting up with one person outside their household; however, it is unlikely that they would be able to safely take part in an organised orienteering event or activity.