



Wessex Hardy Relay. Holton Lee, nr Poole

Sunday 21st July

Final Details

Location

Holton Lee, East Holton, Holton Heath, Poole, Dorset BH16 6JN

The entrance (SY951920) is on the south side of the A351 about 500m SW of its junction with the A35 at the Bakers Arms roundabout. If approaching from the roundabout you will come across a series of posts with red retroreflectors. The entrance is 10 metres after the last post. If approaching from the Wareham direction the you will see white reflectors on the posts and the entrance is 10 metres before the first one.

From the entrance drive just over 1km along the access road, then turn right to get to the car park. **Please drive slowly along the road as you may encounter some horses and/or deer on it.**

Assembly Area

The Assembly area will be in a field adjacent to the car park. There is plenty of room for Club tents and a toilet block is nearby

Terrain

The southern part of the area consists mainly of open grassland. The northern area is a mixture of rough open and woodland with some marshy areas. **The marshy areas should not be crossed and the controls have be positioned so that any sensible route means that crossing them would not be the quickest option.** There is quite a lot of gorse in the northern section so full leg cover is essential

Map

The map has been recently updated and is of 1:7500 scale. There are a number of fields that are marked out of bounds as they have horses and cattle in them. The railway line along the southern edge of the map is also strictly out of bounds.

Courses

Senior Relay Event

This a Harris Relay for teams of 3 people but with a few additional challenges, namely;

- 1) There are 8 spline controls (numbered 102-109) which must be visited by every member of the team and 17 non spline controls, each of which only needs to be visited by one member of the team.
- 2) The 8 spline controls **must** be either the **first 8** or the **last 8** controls that each team member visits. A loop just doing the spline controls will be about 3.5km long
- 3) Each team member must visit either only odd numbered non-spline controls, or only even numbered ones. There are 10 even ones and 7 odd ones.
- 4) There will be a time penalty of 10 min for any control that is missed.

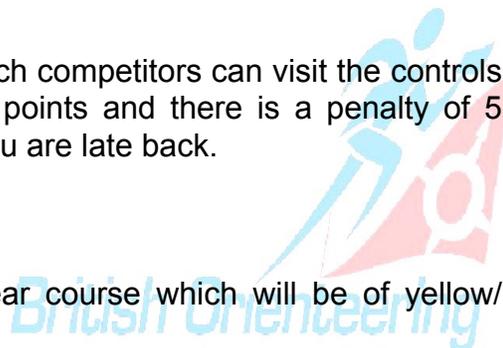
To help you distinguish between the different types of controls, the numbers of the spline controls are printed on a white background, while the circles on the odd numbered non-spline controls are printed in blue rather than the normal red.

Individual Score

This is a simple 45 minute score event in which competitors can visit the controls in any order. Each control will be worth 10 points and there is a penalty of 5 points for every minute , or part of thereof, you are late back.

Junior Relay

Teams of three will each run the same linear course which will be of yellow/orange standard.



Permanent Course

Holton Lee also has a permanent orienteering course which people may also use. If you wish to do so you should download and print your own map from the [Wessex Web Site](#) beforehand as these will not be available on the day. The permanent controls are all near paths but will not have any SI boxes on them. The use of the permanent course is not part of the event and the organisers will not be overseeing its use in any way.

Handicaps

Each team will be given a handicap, calculated using a special formula devised by the organiser. It is cunningly designed to take account of the Harris relay format and should mean that teams of any mix of age/gender classes have an equal chance of winning. The organiser will inform the team of their handicap, and hence start time, after the entry has been received.

Entries

Individual and Senior Team entries should be made by Tues 16th July using the Google Forms at

wessex-oc.org/events/event/hardy-relays-holton-lee-july-21st/

For junior team entries please e-mail the organiser

The entry fees should be paid on the day prior to competing.

Senior Relay: £20 per team of 3 seniors, deduct £2 for each junior in team.

Individual: Seniors £7, Juniors £4. Junior Relay £10

£30.00 charge for lost dibber

Times

Relay start times 13.00 minus team handicap.

It will be a punching start and the SI times will be used to determine the winner

Individual start times 12.30 - 13.00

Courses closes 14.30

Organiser

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Safety



All competitors MUST go to download before leaving

Any person doing the permanent courses should inform a friend or family member (not the organiser) which route they are taking

An emergency mobile phone number is printed on all event maps

For the northern section of the map the safety bearing is south west, which will bring you back either to the the assembly area or the approach road to it. In the southern half the safety bearing is generally west.

If you are not a member of any orienteering club, you will only be covered by British Orienteering insurance for your first 3 events