



Wessex Night Event. Holton Lee, nr Poole Monday 3rd December 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 retro-reflectors, which are very obvious in the dark. The entrance is 10 metres after the last post. If approaching from the Wareham direction 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.**

Note: these animals (and cows) may also be encountered on the courses. They are used to seeing people during the daytime but may be somewhat surprised by people running around at night with lights shining out of their heads! Therefore please try to avoid approaching them too closely.

Assembly Area

There will be an indoor assembly, with toilets, which is adjacent to the car park. Please remove any muddy shoes before coming inside. Also the main assembly room has a wooden floor so even clean spiked shoes must not be worn in there. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

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 been 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 some areas in the middle which are marked out of bounds, including a field containing horses. The railway line along the southern edge of the map is also strictly out of bounds.

Courses

The Wessex Night League event is a 60 min score course consisting of 25 controls each of which is worth 20 points. The controls must be visited in two blocks; a block of even numbers followed by a block of odd numbers, or vice-versa. If you start on evens you do not have to visit all of the even numbers before switching to odds, but once you have done so you cannot switch back again.

10 points will be deducted for every minute, or part thereof, you are late back. Anybody collecting all controls in the correct order will gain an additional 5 points for each full minute if their time is less than the hour. The optimum course to get all controls is about 8.5 km long (measured along a straight line).

Competitors may also do the event as a simple score course but this will not count as part of the Wessex Night league.

Fees

£5 Seniors plus £1 SI dibber hire if required. £3 Juniors (inc. dibber hire)
£30.00 charge for lost dibber

<u>Times</u>	Registration	17.30- 18.30
	Starts	18.00 - 19.00
	Courses Close	20.00

To reserve a map please complete the entry form [here](#).

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Safety

Please ensure you have suitable equipment for a winter night event. Hi Vis must be worn and a whistle and spare torch must be carried. In the event of bad weather cagoules may be made compulsory

All competitors MUST go to download before leaving even if they have not completed their course.

An emergency mobile phone number is printed on all maps

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

