Assessment of Risks Applicable to the FWCC Club Run Route Known as 'Alresford Reverse'

Overview

This Tab assesses the risks specific to the 'Alresford Reverse' FWCC club run route and should be read in conjunction with the generic club run risks Tab
This route is one of the shorter routes and is used generally by the Social groups. To be paired with 'The Candovers Reverse' route.

Route Description

This route heads North from Wickham, through Swanmore from where it heads North up Beacon Hill, through Kilmestonand on to Cheriton
From Cheriton the route heads East along rural roads leading to Bishops Sutton, and then turns West to New Alresford. Coffee stop at Josies, New Alresford.
From New Alresford the route heads briefly North before turning Southwest in the direction of Itchen Stoke and on to Ovington
From Ovington the route heads across Lane End Down and Lane End, where it then heads South to Upham and Bishops Waltham
From Bishops Waltham the route continues Southeast through Swanmore and returns to Wickham.

Route Statistics

Distance	38 miles
Height gained	2088 feet
Maximum gradient	8%

Risk Assessment

ID	Description of Hazard	Location	Distance into route	Level of Risk	Mitigation	Action
1	Descent on narrow road without kerbs	Newmans Hill	1.2 miles	Low	Riders to be vigilant as kerb edges have deep rough sides, particularly when passing oncoming traffic	All Riders
2	Lengthy ascent, narrow road, risk of oncoming traffic	Ascent of Beacon Hill Lane	7 miles	Low	Riders should take particular care here. Be vigilant and relay clear verbal warnings of any traffic throughout their group. Riders are able to see that they are ascending a significant hill and should ride at a speed that they feel is safe	All riders
3	Poor road surface	Badshear Lane (East of Cheriton Village)	12.7 miles	Low	During winter months Badshear lane can be mucky and potentially slippery due to farm vehicles. Riders should take care particularly if a significant rain has fallen	All Riders
4	Steep Descent on narrow road	Cheriton Lane (to junction with Old Park Road)	15.8 miles	Low	Cheriton Lane heads downhil steeply at the end. Also horses /cows can occasionally cross the road with farmers. Riders to be vigilant and control speed accordingly.	All Riders
5	Busy Main Road	Alresford Bypass A31	16.1 miles	Medium	The route crosses a roundabout on a busy A road bypass. All riders should be vigilant. Ride leader should give verbal warning to slow down prior to roundabout	Ride Leader; All Riders
6	Turning onto busy Main Road	Turning from Droves Lane onto Winchester Road	20.6 miles	Low	Riders to be aware of fast moving traffic in both directions along the Winchester Road, and riders should be in single file until turnoff towards Ovington	All Riders
7	Ford in road	Ford Lane	21.5 miles	Low	If water is flowing across the road, riders should dismount and use to path to cross the Fjord	All Riders
8	Crossing of Dual Carriageway with fast moving traffic in both directions	Crossing of A31 Alresford Road (south of Ovington)	22.9 miles	Medium	Riders to be aware of fast moving traffic in both directions whilst crossing the dual carriageway	All Riders
9	Turning onto busy, fast Main Road	Junction of Rodfield Lane and A272	25.4 miles	Medium	The route follows the A272 for a short distance and turns off after a short distance. Ride leader to warn riders to be vigilant and stay in a single file.	Ride Leader; All Riders
10	Steep Descent with Bollards to navigate and oncoming traffic	Descent of Beeches Hill towards Bishops Waltham	32.5 miles	Medium	If practical, the ride leader should give a verbal warning before the start of the descent. Riders to be vigilant, stay in single file, and be aware of the bollards and of any vehicles approaching.	Ride Leader; All Riders