Assessment of Risks Applicable to the FWCC Club Run Route Known as 'Harvesting Lane'

Overview

This Tab assesses the risks specific to this club run route and should be read in conjunction with the generic club run risks Tab
This route is one of the longer routes and is used generally by the Fast and Intermediate groups.

Route Description

This route heads East from Wickham to Staples Cross, turns left and follows to Denmead where it goes left again and climbs Old Winchester Hill via the bat and ball.
The route desends sharply East Meon, turns East again to Stroud and then Steep after which it follows the old A3 (now B2070) to Rake. Here the route turns very sharply to the right and starts to return via Rogate and South Harting. The route avoids Harting Hill, instead turning right and then to Buriton after which it crosses under the modern A3 and to Harvesting Lane. The route climbs the very steep asent of Harvesting Lane, desends to Clanfield via Hogs Lodge Lane and Petersfield Lane.
The route re-asends Old Winchester Hill to the Sustainability Centre (for coffee) and returns to Wickham via Soberton.

Route Statistics	
Distance	54.5 miles
Height gained	3,500 feet
Maximum gradient	11.5%

Risk Assessment

ID	Description of Hazard	Location	Distance into route	Level of Risk	Mitigation	Action
1	Steep descent	Descent from Old Winchester Hill into East Meon	10 miles	Medium	Riders should take particular care here. This hill offers good views and is reasonably wide. Riders are able to see that they are descending a significant hill and should ride at a speed that they feel is safe. If practical the ride leader should give a verbal warning on approaching this hill.	All riders
2	Steep descent	From the Church at the village of Steep	19 miles	Medium	Riders should take particular care here. There is poor visibility as the road runs in a 'holloway' and there may be gravel on the road.	All riders
3	Sharp right turn off main road	Junction	24 miles	Medium	Riders approach downhill on a more major road and need to turn back on themselves. This requires a relatively slow speed at the turn. Ride leader should warn other riders if possible	All riders
4	Fast desent on Narrow road	Hogs Lodge Lane	40 miles	Medium	There is mostly good visibility at the road is fairly straight. However, the lane is also narrow and so the combination of cars and bikes travelling at speed in oposite directions is hazardous. Rides can mitigate this risk significantly by slowing down.	All riders
5	Long descent on a minor road that is narrow in places	Descending towards Soberton	47 miles	Medium	Riders should take care and not traval faster than is safe. If possible the ride leader should warn other riders.	All riders