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

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 West through Shedfield and along the A334 to Curdridge from where it takes minor roads heading North past Marwell Activity Centre and to Owslebury.
The route continues Nort East assending the South Downs, turns right and passes The Millburys (pub) and on to the top of Wheely Down where it turns left.
This takes us through Brockwood and then round to West Meon. Cross the A32 and on to East Meon, climb the South Downs again and normally stop for coffee
at the Sustainability Centre. Return to Wickham via Denmead and Southwick

Route Statistics	
Distance	42 miles
Height gained	2,500 feet
Maximum gradient	10.0%

Risk Assessment

ID	Description of Hazard	Location	Distance into route	Level of Risk	Mitigation	Action
1	There is a 'blind' turn onto the A334 which is a main road and then 2 miles following the road which can be busy and varies from a 40mph to 50mph limit	Between Shedfield and Curdridge	1.5 to 3.5 miles	Medium	The road tends to be less busy on a Sunday Morning. Riders should follow the highway code and ensure they are visible	All riders
2	Very minor roads with gravel, potholes and potentially 'standing' water	Brockwood Park	18.5 to 22.5 miles	Medium	Riders should reduce speed where required and keep a sharp look out	All riders
3	Blind junction	Southwick	37 miles	Low	Slow down and leading riders to inform following riders if there is traffic	All riders