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

Overview

This Tab assesses the risks specific to the 'Steep Reverse' FWCC 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 Intermediate and Fast groups. (To be paired with Wheely Down Reverse)

Route Description

This route heads North West from Wickham through Bishop's Waltham, climbs Beeches Hill and crosses the South Downs via Millbury's to Cheriton. Directly through to Alresford and then turns right to Ropley. The route turns right again onto Petersfield Road and follows this all the way to Petersfield (crossing the A32 and descending Stoner's Hill).
From Petersfield the route turns South West, crosses under the A3 and climbs the Downs again to the Sustainability centre (usual coffee stop).
Then returning to Wickham via Soberton

Route Statistics

Distance	46 miles
Height gained	2,600 feet
Maximum gradient	9%

Risk Assessment

ID	Description of Hazard	Location	Distance into route	Level of Risk	Mitigation	Action
1	Main road	The route briefly follows the A31 near Ropley	17.5 miles	Medium	Usually not too busy on a Sunday morning. Follow the highway code and take care when turning right off the A31	All riders
2	Descent to give way to the A32	Part way between Ropley and Petersfield	22 miles	Medium	Take heed of road signs and ride at a sensible pace	All riders
3	Steep descent	Descent of Stoners Hill towards Petersfield	26 miles	Medium	Riders should take particular care here. If practical the ride leader should give a verbal warning on approaching this hill.	All riders
4	Town centre	Petersfield	28 miles	Medium	Follow highway code at trafic junctions and on various traffic systems	All riders
5	Steep descent	Approaching Soberton	39 miles	Medium	This road is narrow and has a few side turns - so a safe speed should not be exceeeded	All riders