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

Overview

This Tab assesses the risks specific to the 'West Harting' FWCC club run route and should be read in conjunction with the generic club run risks Tab. To be paired with 'West Harting short' .
This route is one of the longer routes and is used generally by the Intermediate and Fast groups.

Route Description

The route heads East from Wickham passing North Boarhunt and Southwick and continues along Portsdown Hill road to Bedhampton
From Bedhampton the route continues on to the north of Havant where it turns north and passes through Rowlands Castle and Finchdean to Deanlane End
From Deanlane End the route heads Northeast to West Marden, where it turns North crossing the South Downs and on to South Harting
From South Harting the route continues North passing through West Harting and Durford where it joins the A32. Coffee stop at Sky Park Farm, West Harting.
The route then heads NorthWest along the A32 and then passes through Sheet and Steep and on to Stroud
From Stroud the route heads SouthWest through Ramsdean, East Meon, West Meon and on to Warnford
From Warnford the route heads up Wheely Down after which it turns South to Bishop Waltham, and then back to Wickham via Swanmore

Route Statistics

Distance	51 miles
Height gained	2802
Maximum gradient	15%

Risk Assessment

ID	Description of Hazard	Location	Distance into route	Level of Risk	Mitigation	Action
1	Crossing busy, staggered road junction	A32 at Wickham	0.4 miles	Low	Riders to be vigilant of fast moving traffic both ways along the A32 as well as from the Southwick Road	All Riders
2	Long Descent plus roundabout at foot of hill	Descent of Portsdown Hill to Bedhampton	6.3 miles	Medium	Riders to ride at a speed they are comfortable with, and to ride in single file throughout the long descent. Riders to slow right down at the base of the hill due to traffic joining from the right at the roundabout	All Riders
3	Fast moving traffic on roundabout and Petersfield Road	Havant New Road roundabout and Petersfield Road to Rowlands Castle	10.4 miles	Low	Riders to be vigilant of fast moving traffic on the New Road roundabout which joins the Petersfield Road. Riders should ride single file all along the Petersfield road towards Rowlands Castle	All Riders
4	long ascent and steep descent	Climb from the Compton direction to the top of South Downs; steep descent down to South Harting	19 miles	Medium	Riders should ride single file only, both on the ascent and descent. In particular the descent (which also has a road merging from the right) is very steep and riders should ride only at a speed where they are comfortable	All Riders
5	Busy Road with fast moving traffic	From Junction off Durford Lane (from West Harting) onto the A272 towards Steep	24.3 miles	Low	Riders to ride single file	All Riders
6	Turning onto busy road with fast moving traffic and semi blind road from the left	From Junction off Ridge Common Lane (from Steep) onto the Winchester Road	29 miles	Low	Riders to be vigilant of fast moving traffic, particularly from the left.	All riders
7	Poor road surface	Ramsdean road	31 miles	Low	Riders should be vigilant to be aware of of road potholes and gravel	All riders
8	Turning across busy main road with limited visbility of oncoming traffic	At Warnford onto Wheeley Down	38 miles	Medium	Riders to be vigilant when turning across road, as well as indicating clearly to traffic behind	Ride Leader, All Riders
9	Steep Ascent of Hill	Wheeley Down	38.4 miles	Low	Riders should stay in single file all the way up Wheeley Down	All Riders
10	Steep Descent with Bollards to navigate and oncoming traffic	Descent of Beeches Hill towards Bishops Waltham	44.6 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