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

Overview

This Tab assesses the risks specific to the 'West Harting short' 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 group. To be paired with the 'West Harting' route.

Route Description

The route heads East from Wickham passing North Boarhunt and Southwick and continues across Portsdown Hill road all the way to Bedhampton
From Bedhampton the route continues to the north of Havant and continues north and through Rowlands Castle and Finchdean to Idsworth
From Idsworth the route heads in a north easterly direction across the South Downs and down to South Harting
From South Harting the route continues North passing through West Harting. Coffee stop at Sky Park Farm, West Harting.
The route then heads west through Nursted and Buriton where it meets the cycle path (which parallels the main London road) through the Queen Elizabeth Country Park.
Exiting the cycle path, the route heads in a south westerly direction through Clanfield, Hambledon, and Worlds End after which it heads back to Wickham

Route Statistics	
Distance	43.2
Height gained	2407
Maximum gradient	11%

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 along the Petersfield road towards Rowlands Castle	All Riders	
4	long ascent and very steep descent	Climb from the Compton direction to the top of South Downs; very 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	Sharp hairpin turn off busy main road	Turning off Sussex Road and onto North Lane	26 miles	Low	Riders should slow right down before this turning as well as clearly indicating to cars behind that they are slowing down and turning	All Riders	
6	Crossing from footpath onto busy, fastmoving traffic road.	southern end of the QECP cyclepath where it joins the old London Road.	31 miles	High	Riders should take particular care here as fast moving traffic coming down the hill (London Road) from the A3M is not clearly visible. If practical the ride leader should give a verbal warning on approaching this section to request all riders to stop before crossing onto the road	Ride Leader	All riders
7	Long Descent; fast moving traffic	Descent down Broadhalfpenny Down towards Hambledon	34 miles	Low	Riders to ride at a speed they are comfortable with, and in single file	All Riders	
8	Turning onto busy road with fast moving traffic	Junction of from Fareham Road onto Southwick road	40.4 miles	Low	Riders to be vigilant of fast moving traffic in both directions on the Southwick Road	All Riders	