



Risk Assessment

Course/Road(s) Assessed: 1Y/16 (Hilly 16)

Course: Local to Bedfordshire Road Cycling Club

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Course Description: Start at entrance to Cardington hangers. Turn immediate left and join the A600. Continue A600 for approximately 5.8 miles, turning left at the roundabout onto Bedford Road, then immediate left onto the road towards Ireland. Taking the right fork at 6.7 miles before The Black Horse pub towards Southill, over the bridge. Left turn into Southill at 7.3 miles then left again at 7.7 miles at The White Horse following the road through Warden Warren, turning left at the T junction in Old Warden at 9.5 miles, then following the road round to turn right onto Bunny Lane at 11.3 miles. Left at the T junction at 12.7 miles, then down Hillfoot finishing at 16 miles before BRCC Clubhouse.

Traffic Flows: These rural roads only receive light local traffic. Whilst the A600 can be busy, the 8am start for Sunday TT's ensures light traffic.

Course/Event History: This course has been in use for many years for Sunday morning TT's.

Key Identified Risks

Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
0 miles	START: Start at entrance to Cardington Hangers, just off A600.	Traffic already using A600 as riders join it	Medium.	Competitors form orderly queue, behind start. Cycle Event sign to warn traffic.
0.8 miles	Pedestrian crossing, traffic light operated.	Possible pedestrians using crossing.	Low	Competitors to exercise caution and stop if crossing in use.
0.9 miles	Mini roundabout	Traffic leaving or joining the course.	Low	Competitors to exercise caution.

1.0 miles	Pedestrian crossing, traffic light operated.	Possible pedestrians using crossing	Low.	Competitors to exercise caution and stop if crossing in use.
1.0 miles	Mini roundabout	Traffic leaving or joining the course.	Low	Competitors to exercise caution.
1.5 miles	Offside junction to Wilstead	Traffic leaving or joining the course.	Low	Competitors to exercise caution.
1.8 miles	Nearside layby	Traffic unexpectedly leaving the layby	Low.	Competitors to exercise caution.
3.0 miles	Offside junction to Haynes	Traffic leaving or joining the course.	Low.	Competitors to exercise caution.
3 4 Miles	Nearside layby	Traffic unexpectedly leaving the layby	Low.	Competitors to exercise caution.
4.1 Miles	Crossroads junction (riders have right of way)	Traffic leaving or joining the course.	Medium	2x Cycle Event signs to warn traffic approaching from side roads. Competitors to exercise caution.
5.8 Miles	Left turn at roundabout	Traffic leaving or joining the course	Medium	Cycle Event sign to warn traffic approaching from south, left turn sign.
5.9 Miles	Immediate left onto road to Ireland.	Traffic joining course from Shefford on B658	Low	Cycle Event sign to warn traffic approaching from Shefford. Left turn sign.

6.7 Miles	Right turn at fork towards Southill	Traffic approaching from Ireland and from Southill.	Medium	Cycle Event sign to warn traffic approaching from Ireland Right turn sign Riders to exercise caution.
7.3 Miles	Left turn into Southill.	Competitors have right of way.	Low	Left turn sign to advise riders of course direction
7.7 Miles	Left turn at White Horse pub towards Warden Warren	Competitors have right of way. Potential gravel on road at corner.	Low	Left turn sign to advise riders of course direction. Competitors to exercise caution.
7.9 miles	Straight on at junction with church on left.	Competitors have right of way	Low.	Straight ahead sign to advise riders of course direction.
9,5 miles	Left turn at T Junction in Old Warden onto Bedford Road. Possible traffic on right.	Traffic joining the course.	Medium	Left turn sign for competitors Cycle Event sign to warn traffic.
10.8 miles	Sharp left bend followed by sharp right bend under narrow width bridge passing junction on left.	Oncoming traffic. Worn road surface (often loose gravel in road). Traffic joining from left.	Low. Low. Low	Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
11.2 miles	Right turn at junction.	Other traffic using junction. Often loose gravel in road.	Medium Low.	Right turn sign for competitors and Cycle Event sign to warn traffic approaching from the West (Haynes direction). Competitors to exercise caution.
11.3 miles to 12.7 miles	'Bunny Lane'.	The length of 'Bunny Lane' is narrow and prone to gravel and potholes.	Low.	Competitors to exercise caution.
12.6 miles	Blind rise over narrow bridge.	Oncoming traffic. Potholes and loose gravel on far side of bridge.	Low. Low.	Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
12.7 miles	T-junction, turn left.	Traffic approaching from Old Warden direction joining course	Medium.	Left turn sign for competitors and Cycle Event sign to warn traffic from Old Warden Competitors to exercise caution.

13.2 miles	Steep descent down 'Hillfoot' bending to the left at the bottom.	Competitors can reach speeds in excess of 40mph. Exposed to crosswinds at bottom of hill. Farm buildings either side of road.	Low. Low. Low.	Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
15.2 miles	Sharp bends and blind rise over bridge.	Oncoming traffic, possibly straddling road on sharp corners.	Medium.	Cycle Event sign to warn traffic from Cardington.
15.8 miles	Sharp right bend leading to finish line.	Oncoming traffic, possibly straddling road on sharp corners.	Low.	Competitors to exercise caution.
16.0 miles	Finish line, Southill Road, Cardington. Just past the entrance to Duck Lane Farm on its North Eastern side.	Clubhouse on nearside after finish – risk of pedestrians.	Medium. Medium.	Cycle Event signs 50m either side of Club House, to warn traffic from both directions.

NOTES:

1. The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.