

Guildford Orienteers: The Chantries Challenge orienteering event, Saturday 15th May 2021

Final details

Guildford Orienteers are looking forward to welcoming you to our event which celebrates World Orienteering Day, The event is planned with newcomers and families in mind in the beautiful Chantries Woodlands south of Guildford.

In entering this event you have signed up to a Participant Code of Conduct

Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, who is living in a household with someone who has a possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection, or who has been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace should remain at home.

If you have a high risk medical condition you want the organisers to be aware of please download and complete the *British Orienteering* form:

https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/officials_handbook_safety_first_aid_medical_form_280514.doc

Place it in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside and leave it at the Download tent. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency and unopened envelopes will be destroyed immediately after the event.

Everyone taking part must follow the Participant Code of Conduct at all times. The Code of Conduct can be found on the [British Orienteering website](#).

The key considerations include:

- Acting as an ambassador for the sport of orienteering at all times and considering how their actions may appear in the eyes of landowners or members of the public.
- Observing social distancing at all times, including keeping their distance from other participants, volunteers and members of the public. Please use the 2 m distanced boxes at the start and obey orders from helpers at all times.
- Using hand sanitizer provided in the car parks, close to the start and prior to down load. All hardware equipment will be sanitized prior to the event and regularly throughout, but in addition please avoid touching any equipment including controls as far as possible.

Directions:

The Chantries woods are about 1 mile south of Guildford. The closest post code to the event centre is GU4 8AW. We have secured a private car park, grid reference: TQ001478
What3words: dining.trash.early. Nearest post code: GU4 8AE. Access is from East Shalford Lane. The event will be signed from its junction with the A281, 1.1 miles south of Guildford.

Walk to the start

The walk to the start will be taped. It is approximately 1 km, about a 15 minute walk. It follows East Shalford Lane for some 200 metres where extra care must be taken to avoid traffic.

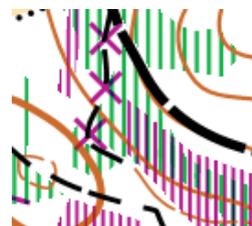
Terrain and area

Mostly open runnable sweet chestnut, holly or pine forest. The bracken remains low but there are brambles in some areas. See our special note on the bluebells below. There is a comprehensive track and path network, please give way and be thoughtful to the public who will be enjoying their Saturday morning dog walking at the same time.

Bluebells

The Chancies are renowned for the splendid display of bluebells at this time of year. We are lucky to have obtained permission for this event from Guildford Borough Council, but this is on the strict condition that orienteers stay on the paths in the bluebell areas.

The larger areas of bluebells (mainly on the south side of the hill) have been marked as “out of bounds” with purple shading. There are also two paths which have been closed by the council for the bluebell season. They are marked on the map with the “forbidden route” crosses on the map. See example.



You will find that a few extra controls have been placed to guide you on paths through the bluebell areas, please don't cut any corners where there is an obvious path route in these places.

All large areas of bluebells are mapped, but there are many smaller clumps and individual plants. Please avoid trampling these.

There are large areas of clear, very runnable forest and open ground where more intricate navigation is possible, so just enjoy the beautiful floral displays on your path runs around the bluebells.

Our future use of this lovely area and indeed our very important relationship with Guildford Borough Council are dependent on everyone respecting these rules.

Map

Scale 1:7500. Contour interval 5m. Recently updated by Tom Edelsten. A4 overprinted on waterproof paper.

Control Descriptions

Control descriptions will be printed on the map. No loose descriptions at the event but they are posted on the GO website for you to print and bring with you if desired, follow this link:

<http://www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk/web/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Course-Descriptions.pdf>

Times

Start times from 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Courses will close at 14. 30 pm

Start

There is an approximate 1 km walk from the car park to the start, part of which will be on a narrow lane, which although a no through road, does have occasional cars on it. Care must be taken. The path will be marked by red and white tapes. Please allow a 15 minute walk.

Courses

Short Blue: 5.7 km 245 m climb.

Green: 4.6 km 220 m climb.

Orange: 3.1 km 100 m climb.

Yellow: 2.2 km 90 m climb.

One unmapped path on the Yellow and Orange courses is marked with a sad face to prevent use. This will be pointed out by Start officials.



Facilities

The field has been hired for the occasion, please respect its use. There will be a single porta loo in the car park for careful covid compliant use. There will be no key or baggage drop.

Clothing and equipment

Full leg cover and footwear suitable for the terrain must be worn. Whistles must be carried. In adverse weather we may ask you to wear a cagoule or similar waterproof top. **Please bring your own water or other drinks.**

Dogs

Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a lead and under control at all times. Note there are cattle grazing on parts of some courses.

Hired SI dibbers

Please collect your pre-hired SI dibbers from Download, which is close to the Start.

Start

The courses are SIAC enabled.

Maps will be issued at the start.

Please punch, not swipe, the Start (including SIACs!).

If you are a newcomer, make yourself known at the start where there will be a GO member available to give you some help and direction.

On the Course

Just before you enter the Start area there will be a SIAC Battery Test box for those using SIAC dibbers.

We are using a combination of mixed SI and SIAC contactless punching. You are encouraged to use a SIAC if you have one.

Avoid touching the control units. Be aware of other competitors and other users. Keep your distance at all times. Give way at controls, be patient.

If during your race a SI control box fails, **the back-up pin punch attached to the stake must not, for Covid-19 reasons, be used. A failed SI box will not result in your disqualification.** SIAC users are responsible for ensuring a contactless punch has registered. If there is no optical/acoustic feedback from the SIAC and the punch has not registered, the box should be punched manually like a standard SI dibber.

Finish and download

The finish and download are close to the start.

All competitors including SIAC users are to **punch** the finish

Please give **SPACE** to the download marshal and other competitors.

All competitors must report to download, even if you not complete the course.

Have a safe journey home.

Results

There will be no results at the event. Results, splits and Routegadget will be available on the GO website after the event.

Bio-security

Please come to the event with clean and dry shoes and clothing. After your run please follow the guidance that helps us protect our precious environment: Check - Clean - Dry.

Hazards

The area is popular with walkers, dog walkers and mountain bikers so please be respectful of the general public and their animals.

Be aware of rabbit and badger holes which proliferate in some areas.

The Short Blue, Green and Orange courses pass through an area grazed by cows. Be alert, we believe they are harmless, but caution is advised. Make sure all gates are closed behind you. Also give way at the gates to avoid people contact.

Check for ticks after the event.

Risk

Orienteering is a physically challenging sport. Competitors take part at their own risk.

First Aid

A first aid kit will be available at Download. Whilst there are qualified first aiders in the team, competitors will be encouraged to conduct self-help/self-clean, with the first-aid materials provided.

The nearest A & E Hospital is: The Royal Surrey, Egerton Rd, Guildford GU2 7XX. A map will be available with the first aid kit at Download.

Photography

Any concerns with photography or the behaviour of anyone toward any child or young adult must be reported to the event organiser or other official. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, play your part, report any concerns and follow good practice.

Event Officials

Planner: Helen Rivers GO

Organiser: Marion Payne-Bird GO

Personal information

The personal data you provide will be used by the event organisers and their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing entries and results and as required by our insurers to validate our cover. Your personal data may also be used , if requested, as part of the Covid-19 Track and Trace service.

Thanks

This event can only take place due to the kind permission of Guildford Borough Council and Gail Brownrigg is lending us the car parking field. At her request we are sending a donation to the Air Ambulance Service, details to be found on these links:

<https://www.aakss.org.uk> <https://www.aakss.org.uk/about-us/>
<https://www.aakss.org.uk/about-us/talks/>

Any further donations to the service will undoubtedly be gratefully received.