




Guildford Orienteers welcomes you to the CompassSport Cup/Trophy Heat at Chobham Common on Sun 22nd Feb 2026

Essential points – for the busy reader

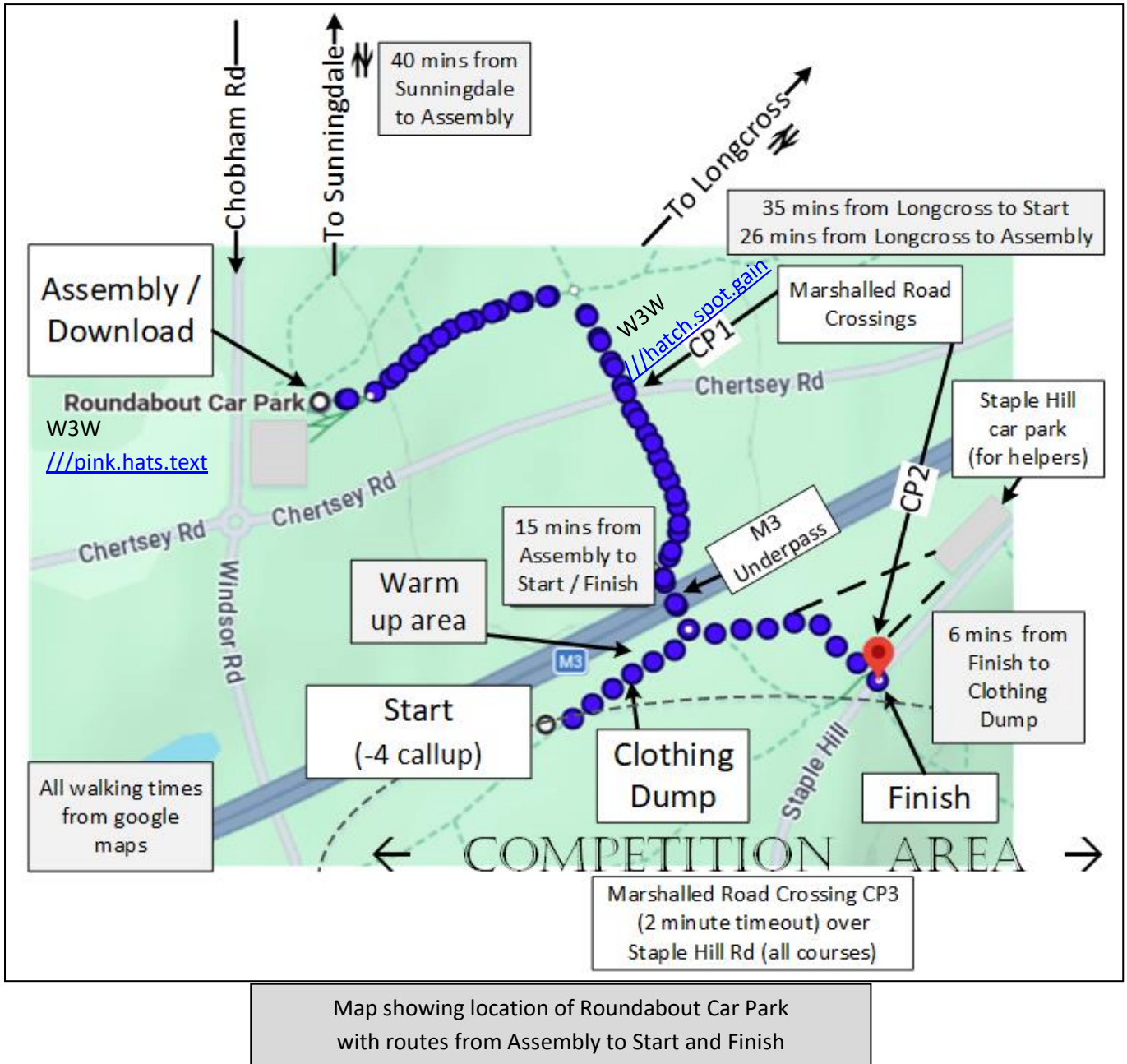
- This is a **CompassSport Cup match**. Make sure you know the **Course Number** you have been entered on – if you run the wrong course you will be **disqualified**.
- Car Parking and Assembly is at the Roundabout Car Park, Chobham Rd, Chobham, nearest postcode SL5 0HY, Grid Ref SU965649, What3words [///pink.hats.text](http://pink.hats.text)
- Please **don't arrive** before the car park opens at 8:45am. It has a (moveable) low height barrier – ensure the marshal opens it if you arrive with an overheight vehicle!
- The overflow field of the carpark is flat, but if your **EV** is **untowable / unpushable**, you may wish to consider using an alternative vehicle to avoid any problems exiting.
- Tom's (Warren's) food wagon, toilets, SI/SIAC card hire, Enquiries, Download, First Aid and the free O-Score activity for the younger generation of budding orienteers are all at Assembly.
- Dogs are allowed in/around Car Park on a lead but not accompanying competitors.
- Electronic Punching – **SI**, including **SIAC**. The longest Course (1) has 34 controls – please ensure your SI card has sufficient capacity. Start times are pre-allocated, BOTH Start and Finish are **punching (not swipe)**.
- Clothing **must cover torso and legs**. Cagoules may be **compulsory** if the weather is bad – come prepared.
- Control descriptions (loose) in Start lanes at -3; also printed on the maps.
- There is a shared walking route via the M3 underpass – this then forks right to the START and left to the FINISH. On the way this crosses the busy Chertsey Road (B386) and will be marshalled.
- The START is 0.7 miles from Assembly (allow 20 mins walk to include the -4 callup at the START); there will be a **Clothing Dump** near the Start. All items left at the clothing dump **MUST** be **BAGGED (waterproof bag)** and **LABELLED** with a name and phone number and email. This is at your own risk !
- The FINISH is 0.7 miles from Assembly and is close to the Start (0.3 miles / 7 mins walk). Immediately after the Finish is a marshalled road crossing on Staple Hill Road on the route to Assembly/Download.
- Maps are A4 single sided, scale 1:10k / 1:7.5k depending on the course – see table below.
- Courses close at **15:00**. **YOU MUST download/report** to the Download team by this time. 
- **Safety issues** -----
- **Horses and Walkers:** The common is widely used for dog walking and horse riding. Please take especial care around horses, give due consideration to dog walkers and keep out of the way of mountain bikers!
- **Road crossings:** All courses cross Staple Hill road which is marshalled – there is a 2 minute timeout. Staple Hill road, is a forbidden route choice other than at the marshalled crossing. The M3 (on the way to the Start) must only be crossed via the underpass!
- **Dress** appropriately for the expected weather, bearing in mind that in the event of an accident you may be stationary for a few hours. Full cover leg protection is required. There may be ticks – please check yourself carefully after the race. **Whistles** advised. In bad weather **cagoules** may be made compulsory.
- **Safety bearing to Assembly in emergency:**
If Staple Hill road has not been crossed then North towards the M3 (you can hear it) to intersect with the footpath running parallel to it leading to the M3 underpass. Follow the tapes to Assembly / Download.
If Staple Hill has been crossed, then NW towards Staple Hill road, walking parallel to it to a marshalled crossing where the Finish is located (this will be either be NE or SW), then follow tapes to M3 underpass as above.
- Please ensure that you Download even if you **retire**.
- **Emergency Number:** All maps are overprinted with an **emergency** phone number which can be used on the day to contact the Organiser for emergencies (07824 859654).
- **First Aid / A&E:** There will be professional First Aid at Assembly (Event Medic Services). For A&E: St Peter's Hospital Chertsey KT16 0PZ is 5 miles away / Frimley Park Hospital GU16 7UJ is 8 miles away.
- **Medical Conditions:** If you have a medical condition that might require **medical assistance** during the event you may download and fill in and print the [BOF medical form \(click here\)](#) and give it to Enquiries in a sealed envelope (with your name/dibber number on). It will be shredded after the event.
- **Lone competitors** are encouraged to use the Keydrop by Enquiries / Download, at your own risk.

Final Details

In case of poor weather, please check the Guildford Orienteers website before travelling
www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk/events/chobham-common-2026-02-22

There are no longer any formal restrictions around Covid-19. However we encourage you not to attend if you or a member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms. By entering this event competitors agree to abide by the current [British Orienteering Codes of Conduct](#).

Competitors take part in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety!



Car Park

See also Essential Points on page 1. There won't be any signage to the event until you reach the car park.

Suggested Route: from A30 (Sunningdale) take B383 south - car park is on the left just before the roundabout. From A319 (Chobham) take B383 north, crossing the M3 and heading straight over the roundabout, the car park is on the right immediately after the roundabout.

Car Sharing

We are grateful to all those who have arranged to share cars; possible nearby meeting points for car sharers are:

- Chobham Village car park GU24 8LZ, pay and display £2 for 3 hours – also has a public loo. what3words:[///bath.bless.kind](https://www.what3words.com/#!/bath.bless.kind)
- West Ottershaw, Foxhills Road car park KT16 0NQ, free, what3words: [///donor.tricky.first](https://www.what3words.com/#!/donor.tricky.first)
- Sunningdale Station car park SL5 0EL, £3.90 all day, what3words: [///famed.judge.cheat](https://www.what3words.com/#!/famed.judge.cheat)
- Sunningdale public car park, off London road, max 3 hours, free, what3words : [///shin.zones.simply](https://www.what3words.com/#!/shin.zones.simply)

Parking

Please don't arrive before 8:45am (unless you're a helper).

Parking will be on tarmac, or on the adjacent overflow level field. Please follow marshals' directions and be patient. Given the recent rain, the field could get slippery, so if you have an untowable/unpushable EV let the marshals know and if there's space they'll direct you to the tarmac.

We have a limited parking area and have collected estimates of the vehicles coming, so with the extended start window of 3 hours we believe that there should just be sufficient capacity. In the event of it being full, you should be able to find space along Chobham road either North beyond the small Monument car park or South (becomes Windsor Rd) beyond the M3 overbridge (Note that there are double yellow lines on the section of road nearest the Roundabout car park).

Public transport options are Sunningdale or Longcross station. Sunningdale has 2 trains an hour on Sunday but has a 40 min / 1.8 mile walk to Assembly. Longcross has 1 train an hour on Sunday, with a shorter route to Assembly: 26 mins / 1.2 miles (and you can go direct to the Start in 35 mins / 1.5 miles).

Directions on leaving Longcross station (south side): turn right onto footpath (head West). Follow footpath around the side of Longcross Studios onto Burma Road heading South. Then after 300m at W3W [///stop.beard.poet](https://www.what3words.com/#!/stop.beard.poet), turn right onto the footpath heading West then SW onto Chobham Common – you should intersect with the route from Assembly to the Start. Either go left (South) directly to the Start via CP1 (Chertsey Road crossing - W3W [///hatch.spot.gain](https://www.what3words.com/#!/hatch.spot.gain)) or straight on (West) to Assembly (W3W [///pink.hats.text](https://www.what3words.com/#!/pink.hats.text)). [Google maps route](#)

Assembly Area - Facilities

- Toilets
- Warren's (the new Tom) food wagon – **please make use of it!**
No free water will be provided – please bring your own.
- **Enquiries** and **hired** SI/SIAC card collection
- **Car key** drop - recommended for **lone travellers** (at own risk)
- **EOD** (for course 11 only if maps available, until 11:45am)
- **Download** and live results on a monitor
- Free **O-Score activity** with map, for the younger generation (available 10:00 - 12:15)
- **First Aid provided by Event Medic Services Ltd**

Club Tents Surrey County Council has allocated us an area for club tents between the public Car Park and Chobham Road. They have just cleared it of brambles and gorse bushes, but we can't guarantee your chosen spot will be completely bramble free - thick gloves and a pair of secateurs may be handy! Due to the presence of high voltage overhead electricity lines, feather flags are NOT ALLOWED here.

There may also be some extra space elsewhere – if you're looking for it please check with Jeremy Wilde (parking team leader) before you pitch up!

Club tents aren't permitted by SCC in the open area East of the car park.

Entry on the day

EOD for course 11 only (a non CSC course) is available at Enquiries until 11:45am – last start 12:00 (subject to map availability). Cash EOD payments will be taken.

Category	Entry Fee
Senior (age 26+)	£16
Senior (age 26+) non-BOF	£18
Young Adult (age 21-25)	£12
Young Adult (age 21-25) non-BOF	£14
Junior (age < 21)	£7
Junior (age < 21) non-BOF	£8

Full time student = Young Adult. Dibber hire is £1 (normal SI) or £2 (contactless SIAC)

Electronic Punching

Both normal SI dibbers and contactless SIAC dibbers can be used. Note that both the START and FINISH are PUNCHING (i.e. SIAC users can't swish/swipe it)

The longest course has more than 30 controls and requires a suitably **high capacity dibber** e.g. a contactless SIAC. Make sure you have one. An SI-card 8 can only record 30 control punches (they have 7 digit numbers beginning with "2"). Original dibbers (SI-card 5, numbered less than 500,000) can record 33 punches but split times for only 30 of them.

It is your responsibility to check your SI card has registered (flash/beep) at the Start, at each control and at the Finish. In case of SI failure use the pin-punch on the control stake to mark your map.

Take care of your hired dibber. It will cost you £70 to replace a SIAC if lost (or £40 for an SI dibber).

If an SI Control fails on the Common then you should punch your map with the backup punch (and please tell a marshal).

Clothing and whistles

Clothing should be suitable for walking/running over the Common, taking take account of the winter weather conditions (if very bad, cagoules may be required). Your torso and legs must be clothed. Whistles are strongly recommended.

Start

There is one START approximately 0.7 miles from Assembly along paths. Allow 20 mins to include the -4 call up. It is a punching start for all (not swipe), with pre-allocated start times (except course 11) which will be listed on the GO website. Should you arrive late we will try to fit you in when there is a suitable gap – you need to be at least 2 minutes from a fellow club member on the same course.

SI Clear, Check and SIAC Test boxes will be at the START.

If weather conditions are bad enough, cagoules will be made **compulsory** and will be **checked**.

Start is open from 10:00 – 13:00 for courses 1-10, and open from 10:00-12:00 for course 11.

Course 11 is a non CSC course, with EOD and relatively few runners booked on it - there is no need for allocated start times - queue to start on the next available minute.

Clothing Dump – close to the Start and 6 minutes from the Finish - all items left at the clothing dump **MUST** be **BAGGED** (**waterproof bag**) and **LABELLED** with a name and phone number and email. This is at your own risk!

Courses

Course	Age Classes	Colour	Distance	Climb	Controls	Scale
1	Open	Short Brown	8.8 km	140m	34	1:10k
2	M18- M45+	Blue	6.7 km	100m	23	1:10k
3	Women Open	Blue	6.4 km	120m	24	1:10k
4	M55+	Short Blue	5.7 km	75m	24	1:10k
5	W18- W45+	Green	4.8 km	80m	17	1:10k
6	M65+	Green	4.6 km	70m	21	1:7.5k
7	M75+ W60+	Short Green	3.7 km	50m	17	1:7.5k
8	M80+ W70+	Very Short Green	3.5 km	50m	16	1:7.5k
9M ♣	M18-	Light Green	5.0 km	75m	21	1:7.5k
9W ♣	W18-	Light Green	5.0 km	75m	21	1:7.5k
10M ♦	M14-	Orange	3.1 km	45m	16	1:7.5k
10W ♦	W14-	Orange	3.1 km	45m	16	1:7.5k
11	Non Cup/Trophy	Light Green	3.8 km	65m	18	1:7.5k

Please note: ♣ Courses 9M and 9W are the same. ♦ Courses 10M and 10W are the same.

All courses have a marshalled road crossing over Staple Hill Road. This will have a 2 minute timeout to remove pressure to cross quickly. Please comply with the directions of the marshal not to cross, but you must also satisfy yourself that it is SAFE to cross.

We have not been able to provide a Yellow or a White course. There will be a free **O-Score activity** with 1:750 map for the younger generation of orienteers – located near to Enquiries and available from 10:00 – 12:15.

Maps and Control Descriptions

Maps are printed by BML on Teslin and are A4 single sided.

Contour interval is 5m for all map scales – see scale in table above.

The area was remapped by Tom Edelsten in 2025.

For clarity, power lines and bases have been omitted.

Control descriptions are printed on the map and available separately (loose) in the start lanes. They use pictorial 2024 Standard symbols.

Special symbols:
✕ Large fallen tree
○ Weather station

Mapper-Planner notes on the Terrain and Map

Last used for an open event in 2019, this National Nature Reserve has been described as “amongst the finest remaining examples of lowland heath in the world”. The competition terrain, south of the M3, provides extensive undulating open and semi-open sandy heathland, mainly runnable, with some rougher sections, a significant path network, marshy areas and smaller parts of runnable forest, offering a variety of challenges for all classes. However, following the recent rain there are many extra marshes and waterlogged areas – even some of the paths are very watery!

Safety: a comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out for this event by the Organiser and agreed by the Controller, but you are responsible for your own safety and you take part in this event at your own risk. Please carry a whistle for emergencies and wear full leg cover. If weather is poor we may require you to wear a cagoule. Please report any accidents and injuries ON THE DAY at Enquiries (or contact the Organiser). Our British Orienteering insurance requires us to report such incidents promptly.

SSSI – Sensitive Habitat: Chobham Common is an SSSI and an important site for reptiles – should you find any reptile ‘hotspots’ when running on off-path routes, please don’t cause them disturbance! Adders are present on the Common, but will be in hibernation until the temperature increases to 14C for a few days – at that point they may be rather sluggish and using paths to warm up. Courses have been planned to avoid the open heath areas where fragile heather stalks may be damaged by excessive trampling, so if you come upon a heather patch please minimise your impact!

Other Users of the Area:

Please be COURTEOUS and respectful to other users of the common, particularly horse-riders – there are at least 6 stables near the common. We’ve taken advice on the best action for orienteers following an incident last year – our future use of this area depends on you!

- Say “hello” before approaching.
- Don’t hide – stay in the open (so the horse and rider can see you)
- Listen to the horse rider
- Pass slowly and calmly from the front
- STOP if the horse looks frightened



There is a Model Flying Club with a hill top “runway” – for your own safety, stay outside the Out of Bounds exclusion zone marked on the map covering this area – affects courses 1-6 and 9.

Also be aware of Mountain Bikers approaching at speed, when you are on the tracks.

Marshy Areas and Culverts: there are marshy areas marked on the map which have expanded following the recent rain – take care around these – they may be much deeper than you expect. There are a few streams / drains / culverts with steep and slippery sides, don’t take risks crossing them!

Heathland Fires: As the Natural England Fire Severity Index is currently low, there is less risk of severe heathland fires on Chobham Common. But if you do notice a heathland fire, please raise the alarm (phone 999, or if phone-less, tell the nearest marshal), then for your own safety return to Assembly / Download.

Finish

The FINISH is 15 mins walk to Download / Assembly. SIAC users must physically punch the Finish (not swipe). Courses close at 15:00 and you **must download by then** i.e. reach the FINISH by 14:45 to allow time to get to Download, to avoid a search for you being initiated. Please phone the Emergency number on the map if you can’t get back for 15:00. You must report back to Download even if you **retire**.

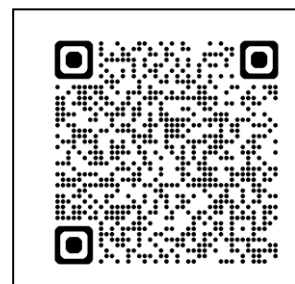
Maps will NOT be collected. Please keep to the spirit of the event by **not** showing your map to those competitors who have yet to start.

Results

Live results will be shown on a monitor and will be uploaded shortly after (maybe even during) the event to the [GO website](#).

They can be found by following this QR code.

Please download your tracks to Routegadget so the Planners can check your chosen routes – it should be available on the following day.



Safeguarding/Child Protection

Competitors are permitted to carry a mobile phone for use in an emergency and children and vulnerable adults are **encouraged** to do so.

Photography

You are welcome to take photographs at our event. However please respect other people's privacy when taking photographs, and do not take inappropriate or intrusive photos. Please bear in mind Guildford Orienteers' [Data Privacy Policy](#) as well as British Orienteering's guidelines.

If you have any concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography (in terms of: the way, by whom, or where photography is being undertaken), please report them to the Organiser.

Parents, guardians or carers who have a reason to be sensitive about the children they are responsible for should bear in mind that photographs may be taken at the event, and some may be posted on public websites.

Ticks

Ticks could be present in the area but are of low likelihood at this time of year. Check over your whole body after competing. If bites develop a rash or become inflamed, obtain medical advice.

Ash Dieback precautions

BO recommends you arrive with all kit, especially footwear, fully cleaned since its last outing; after your run, put all your kit in a plastic bag to prevent spreading fungal spores.

Insurance

British Orienteering's public liability insurance covers members but does not cover participants who are not members of British Orienteering. If you are not a member, you can only enter course 11 and by entering you acknowledge that you are taking part at your own risk.

Complaints and Protests

Please first discuss any complaint with the Organiser. Should the complaint not be resolved, then please put the complaint in written form (forms available) and the Organiser will refer the matter to the Jury.

The Jury is: Pete Jones (SN), Mike Elliot (MV), Ronan Cleary (LOK), Charlie Turner (SLOW).

Rules of this Competition: [Competition Rule U: CompassSport Cup – effective Jan 2026](#)

British Orienteering registered event: 83670

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Planner: Richard Collyer & John Collyer, GO

Controller: Steve McKinley, SN

We are grateful to Surrey County Council and Chobham Parish Council for permissions to use the area for orienteering and for the car parking.

Please remember

- Orienteering is an adventure sport. All competitors take part at their own risk and must take responsibility for their own safety. Parents are responsible for their children and advice is available on request, about what courses may be suitable.
- Please check website for last minute cancellation in case of poor weather. In the event of cancellation, some or all of your entry fee may be retained.
- The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers & their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate British Orienteering insurance cover. Submission of an entry for the event will indicate your acceptance of this procedure.