



# Risk Assessment

Course: Walcote 25

Course/Road(s) Assessed:

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**Course Description:** . Start in parking layby 500m east of Walcote. 52.450293, -1.157949  
Follow A4304 from Walcote through North Kilworth to Husbands Bosworth, turn left at Bell Lane, proceed north for approx. 1.5 miles to turn left onto B5414 Pincet Lane towards South Kilworth. Rejoin A4304 east to proceed through Husbands Bosworth, Thediingworth and Lubenham to circle island at the western edge of Market Harborough. Retrace A4304 West through Husbands Bosworth to finish 750m east of Walcote near parking layby. 52.449526, -1.141112

**Traffic Flows:** Counts are well within the allowed limits at 128,120,48,30,220 vehicles per hour (Sunday 9.07 to 10.25) and 168, 132 and 192 vehicles per hour between 19.50 and 20.40 (weekday evening)

**Course/Event History:**  
For the last two years, the part of the course from Husbands Bosworth to Market Harborough has been used without incident.  
Seventy percent of the course has been used as a time trial course (NX4/25) for many years without problems.

## Key Identified Risks

Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
Approaching the start	Competitors riding from HQ. Competitors warming up	Passing traffic	LOW	No warming up on course when event has started. Riders to wear fluorescent numbers on their back and front and rear lights.
0 miles	<b>START:</b> Start at layby 500m east of Walcote on A4304.	Passing traffic	LOW	Warning signs for traffic in advance of start layby
2.7 and 22,9 miles	North Kilworth	Village traffic Joining lanes	LOW	Warning signs

4,4 miles	Husbands Bosworth, left turn onto Bell Lane.	Narrow road through village, parked cars on one side of the road	MEDIUM	Riders following one way system, so no oncoming traffic. Briefing note at start/course information.  Warning signs Marshall
6.2 miles	Left turn onto Pincet Lane B5414	Sharp turn slightly greater than 90degrees	MEDIUM	Briefing Note at start/course information. Riders warned of disqualification if cross central white line on Pincet Lane.  Warning Signs Marshall
8.8 miles	Left turn at North Kilworth to rejoin A4304 east to Husbands Bosworth	Passing traffic on main carriageway	MEDIUM	Warning Signs Marshall
10.5 miles and 21.3miles	Husbands Bosworth	Village traffic Joining lanes	LOW	WARNING SIGNS
10.6miles and 21.2miles	Husbands Bosworth – Pedestrian Controlled Traffic Light crossing of A4304	Red light, pedestrians on crossing	LOW	Usage of crossing rare Riders briefed at start/course information – all riders must stop if red.  Marshall to ensure compliance
12.2miles and 19.6 miles	Theddingworth	Village traffic Joining lanes	LOW	Warning signs
14.9 and 16.9 miles	Lubenham	Village traffic Joining traffic from Foxton Rd Several joining village lanes	MEDIUM	Warning signs
15.9 miles	Lubenham hill roundabout	Joining traffic Adverse camber, mitigated by slow approach following hill climb	MEDIUM	Warning signs Marshall
25 miles	<b>FINISH:</b> 750m east of Walcote near parking layby. 52.449526, - 1.141112	Traffic passing riders who have stopped at finish	LOW	All riders to continue past finish without stopping. No riders to congregate at finish

The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities 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.

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