



EVENT PACK

SUNDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Thank you to everybody who has signed up to take part in the Race Harborough Festival of Cycling event.

This event could not go ahead without the help and support of the volunteers who have given up their time to ensure that this event can take place – please thank them at the start and finish areas and the feed station at Tugby. A special shout out goes to both Michael Donington and Richard Smyton who have not only created this year's routes once again, but Richard has also helped with the route marking in the days leading up to the event and been a constant source of expertise. They will be out riding the routes on Sunday, so please do say thank you if you see them. They've created some fantastic routes for us once again!

If you are vegan, or have any food intolerances, please let us know by signing back into your Eventrac or Lets Do This account and updating your entry so that we can ensure that we cater for you accordingly at both the feed station and also at the pizza van at the finish. This should take you less than a minute to complete.

Please read through this event pack thoroughly, and do not hesitate to [ask if you have any further questions](#) at all.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

~Mary Pearson

(Event Director)



VENUE:

Kibworth Mead Academy, Smeeton Road, Kibworth, Leicester, LE8 0LG.

Car Park Marshals will be in place to direct you to park in the South Leicestershire Medical Group car park (Car Park 1 in the image below), or Car Park 2, at Kibworth Mead Academy.

Car Park Marshals will be in place from 7am. Before 8am, cyclists parking in Car Park 1 will be able to access registration through the Start/Finish entrance at the school, but once cyclists begin from 8am, we ask that anybody accessing registration from Car Park 1 does so via the route marked in red on the image below.



REGISTRATION:

Please collect a ride number from registration. This number should be wrapped around the seat post of your bike and will enable us to identify you out on the course. You will also need to confirm the mobile number you will be carrying with you on the ride. Registration will open from 7am on event day morning. There are toilets located in the registration area.

BAGGAGE:

We encourage you to take any valuable items with you on your ride. There will not be any official baggage facilities at this event, as the finish location is in the same location as the start.



WHAT TO BRING:

Once you have begun the ride you will be responsible for yourself and your bike. The condition of cycles and other equipment should be roadworthy and they should be safe to ride on the roads.

You should think about bringing the following items with you on your ride: nutrition, water, money, a basic tool kit, spare and appropriate clothing, a working pump and spare inner tubes. **A helmet and mobile phone are compulsory items.**

You should record the following numbers in your phone should you need them:

- Mary Pearson (Event Director) – 07810 877546
- Phil (Genesis Event Medical) – 07549 983442

If you do have a mechanical problem that you cannot fix on the roadside, we will transport you and your bike to the finish.

EVENT START:

We will be setting cyclists off in small groups once they are ready from 8am, with a short briefing to be given to each group on the start line.

Riders can set off anytime between 8am and 9.15am. To stagger riders en route we would encourage riders on the longer routes to leave earlier and those riding the 40k and 50k routes to leave later on. The feed station (based at approximately halfway on all routes) will open from 9am and hot pizza at the finish will be available from 10.30am.

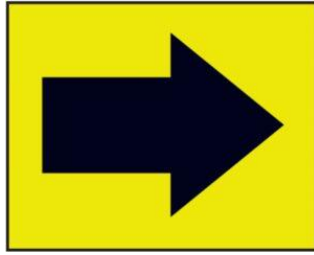
ROUTES:

Please be mindful that all four routes cross paths or come together for sections of the event, so please don't just follow the cyclist in front of you as they may well be completing a different distance! If you have a watch or device capable of following a GPX file, we would recommend downloading and following the route on your device.

GPX files for download: [40k off-road](#) / [50k road](#) / [70k off-road](#) / [100k road](#)

The road routes will be well signposted using yellow Cycle Route signs as shown below. They will also be marked on the ground in places using spray paint; white paint for 100k and yellow for 50k.



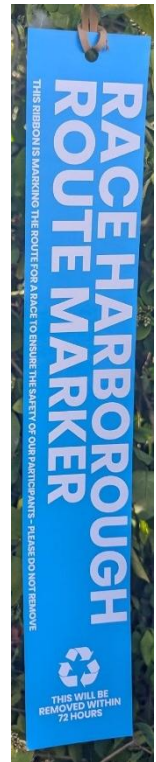


Cyclists riding the off-road routes should be following their route on a device. The off-road routes will be marked along road sections using plain arrows (as shown above) and red spray paint. The off-road sections will be marked using blue Race Harborough route markers as shown on the right.

Please ensure that you follow the [Highway Code](#). Maps of the routes can be found on the [Race Harborough website](#).

As all of the routes use rural roads and lanes, you are likely to encounter horses. Please familiarise yourself with the British Cycling guidance on encountering horses while bike riding, and follow this advice, to ensure that both you and the horse riders can continue with a safe and enjoyable ride:

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/knowledge/article/izn20150106-Horses-on-the-road-0>



‘THE HILL’:

All routes will enjoy the rolling aspects of Leicestershire but also include a personal hill challenge for all riders! A 'special hill climb' has been nominated as a particularly tasty little beast and one which we think all riders deserve a little kudos for climbing. So en route look out for the signs which indicate the start, half way and summit of this short section where you can enjoy that King or Queen of the Mountain moment!

This section is in the second half of the road routes, and the first half for those riding the off-road routes.

We also have a Strava club called '[Race Harborough Festival of Cycling](#)', which riders are welcome to join. Anybody who shares their ride publicly on Strava will be able to see how they fare on this hill segment!

E-BIKES:

We've had a few enquiries about the use of e-bikes and would like to confirm that they ARE permitted at our Festival of Cycling event this weekend. As we're running under British Cycling insurance we need to conform to their guidelines for non-competitive events.

- Electric bikes (e-bikes) are permitted provided that they comply with The Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983 SI 1983/1168

Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs)

Any electric bike that meets the following requirements:

- Be fitted with pedals that can propel it
- Have an electric motor with a maximum continuous rated power not exceeding 250 watts



- Cut off electrical assistance when it reaches 15.5 miles per hour (mph)

Any form of e-bike that does not comply with the above (eg, ones with a “twist & go” throttle) are not permitted.

DURING THE RIDE:

There will be one feed station on the route, at Tugby Village Hall, which falls approximately halfway into all four distances. Here you will be able to top up your water, as well as enjoy hot drinks or squash, and a selection of sweet and savoury treats.

If you have any food intolerances, please ensure you have let us know via your entry form, so that we can ensure we can cater for all.

Should you need to withdraw from the event at any point during the ride, please contact Mary (07810 877546).

MEDICAL COVER:

Please ensure that you are fit enough to take on the challenge of completing a 40k / 50k / 70k / 100k event, and that you are feeling well enough on the day to take part. Medical cover for the event is being supplied by Genesis Event Medical Services. They will be based at the feed station at Illston, should you have any minor concerns. For urgent attention for yourself or another participant, please call the Race Medic on **07549 983442**. It would be helpful if you were able to install the [what3words app](#) on your phone so that the medical team are able to pinpoint you exactly should an emergency occur.

Our first aid team will have access to your medical and emergency contact details for the duration of the event only.

THE FINISH:

Upon reaching the finish you will receive your bespoke medal and a member of the volunteer team will direct you to the Wood Fired Pizza Shack van where you will be able to collect your post-race meal. The meal will be available for all cyclists from 10:30am. This year the food served will be pizza. Vegan/gluten free options will be available, but please be sure to let us know using your entry form if you require a vegan or gluten free pizza so that we can ensure we can cater for all.

There will also be water and toilets available at the finish.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

A photographer from Mick Hall Photos will be capturing your moments from the day, with images available free to download on his website shortly after the event.

<https://search.mickhall-photos.com/pages/events-2026>

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Please follow the Race Harborough accounts on social media and share your photos from the event using the hashtag #RHFOC.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RaceHarborough>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/raceharborough>



NEW EVENT



UPCOMING 2026 EVENTS

Grafham Water Trail Races

Sunday, 11th October

FULLY MARKED & MARSHALLED TRAIL RACES
OVER 10K & HALF MARATHON DISTANCES ON THE
GLORIOUS TRAILS & TRACKS SURROUNDING
GRAFHAM WATER

Starting and finishing at Marlow Park, Grafham Water, the 10k race provides the perfect introduction to trail running whilst the half marathon provides a decent challenge for those looking to go further or build their experience of trail running. The routes enjoy the best of the Cambridgeshire countryside as well as having some fantastic views.

Halloween night time runs! Something a little different!

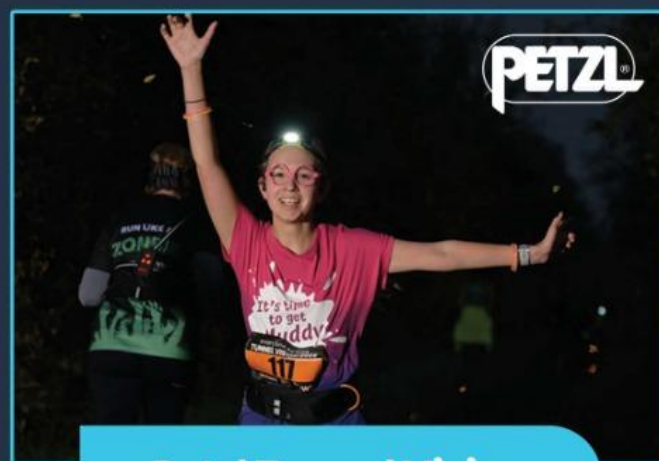


Irchester Spooktacular

Friday, 30th October

RUN AT NIGHT WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON THE
WONDERFUL WOODLAND TRAILS AND TRACKS IN IRCHESTER
COUNTRY PARK OVER 5K OR 2K

Halloween-themed night-time runs (fancy dress encouraged!) on two exciting routes which will be fully marked and marshalled by witches, wizards, goblins, ghosts and ghouls! Awesome finishers medal for all participants and Halloween themed sweet treats after your run!



Petzl Tunnel Vision

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th November

IF YOU WANT AN EVENT THAT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT –
WELCOME TO THE PETZL TUNNEL VISION NIGHT & DAWN RUNS
Both routes take in the very long and very dark Oxendon Tunnel giving you a unique opportunity to run through it ...and back again. The Dawn Run has the added bonus of a sunrise to enjoy too. You also get a hot brew and biscuits after the Night Run and juice and a croissant after the Dawn Run. What could be better than that!

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