

## Sunday, 4th Dec, 2016

## SCOL 4 - Level C Ashurst, New Forest

(SCOL = South Central Orienteering League - Event No. 4)

**Location:** The car park and event centre are at Ashurst Campsite.

Grid ref: SU332098 Nearest postcode: SO40 7AR

Signposted from A<sub>35</sub> Ashurst to Lyndhurst road.

Car parking £1 per car, please park only on the hard standing.

The assembly area is a short walk from Ashurst Station.

**Timing:** Registration: 10:00 – 12:00

Start times: 10:15 – 12:15

Courses close: 14:00

**Facilities:** Toilets, no catering – bring your own food and drinks

**Entry:** Pre-entry via fabian4 and plenty of maps for entry on the day.

EMIT timing system. Punching start (turn up and run).

Pre-entered runners: collect hired cards from Enquiries.

For entry on the day please bring the correct change:

British Orienteering members please bring your Emit card or have your BOF

Number.

Non members are welcome – please complete the entry form, which is

available on the event page here and at registration:

Courses: Course Distance/Climb/Controls Course Distance/Climb/Controls

Light Green 3.8 km Brown 9.2 km Blue 7.2 km Orange 2.7 km Yellow 2.4 km Green 4.9 km Short Green White 1.5 km 3.7 km

Free children activity.

Fees:		Members	Public	Timing card hire
	Adult	£8.00	£10.00	£1.50
	Junior	£4.00	£4.00	£Free
	(Underas)			

A charge of £45 will be made for lost emit timing cards.

Map: Scale 1:10,000, 5m contours, updated Summer 2014. Courses and control descriptions will be over printed on waterproof paper. Loose control

descriptions will be available in the start lanes.

**Terrain:** Typical New Forest terrain of open heathland and runable woodland.

Rootstocks both large and small have not been mapped.

Hides marked on the map (X) should not be relied on for navigation as new ones are continually being created and old ones destroyed. Only one hide has been used as a control site.

The gorse cover in the extreme western part of the area is more extensive that is indicated on the map.

The falling leaves at this time of year conceals many paths, making them difficult to spot when crossing and even difficult to follow.

Yellow and White courses - This is a tricky area to offer yellow and white courses. On the white course streamers will be used to indicate the route to the next control on some legs. Smiley faces will also be used on parts of both courses, partly because of the leaf fall issue. The yellow uses line features other than paths.

Yellow and white maps will be available to view before starting and parents/teachers are advised to talk through both map and control descriptions with their children.

**Start:** There is a short walk (<200m) to the start and back from the finish.

Clothing: Full leg cover must be worn. Full arm cover is recommended. Whistles should be carried. In adverse weather we may ask you to wear a cagoule or

similar waterproof top.

Safety If you get lost the safety bearing is North, then follow the fence line Northwards, without crossing the main road or railway, whichever you find.

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

- Check
- Clean
- Dry

Before leaving the event **check** your clothing and equipment and remove any mud, soil or leaf litter.

Once home thoroughly **clean** your footwear and clothing and then leave it to **dry** for as long as possible. Many invasive non-native species are able to survive in damp corners for very long periods of time, but are less able to survive if the equipment is thoroughly dried.

Hazards:

There is a danger area on Matley Heath where unexploded 2<sup>nd</sup> world war munitions are being cleared. The area is marked by yellow posts. This area is strictly out of bounds and must not be entered. Only the blue and brown courses go close to this area.

All courses, including white and yellow, cross a private road twice.

The Blue and Brown courses cross the Beaulieu River; recommended crossing points are marked on the map and may be made compulsory on the day if it is very high.

Cars and pedestrians inevitably mingle in the parking area. Please take care and respect the clockwise one way traffic flow.

Please be aware of the risk of ticks and Lymes disease. The area is frequented by ponies, deer and livestock and the usual precautions to avoid infection apply.

Dogs:

Dogs should be kept in the assembly area, under control and on a lead when necessary.

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