

Chiltern Anytime Kanter – Risk Assessment – Long Route

DETAILS OF THE EVENT

Date of event	12 th April to 31 st May 2021
Local Group Organiser	Beds Bucks and Northants
Event Start	Anytime
Event Finish	Anytime
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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

CHILTERN ANYTIME KANTER CHALLENGE from 12th April to 31st May 2021 with a choice of 26, 18 or 13 mile routes, no checkpoints or start and end support. Complete a set of questions at known grid references by plotting your own course on foot through these points.
This Risk Assessment covers the Long Route of 26 miles.

AIM OF RISK ASSESSMENT AND WHO IT COVERS

The primary aim of the Risk Assessment is to understand key risks around the challenge event and for challenge event organisers to demonstrate they have been mitigated to an acceptable level. Some of the key risks challenge event organisers must consider are:

- Covid-19 compliance;
- Health, safety and welfare of entrants taking part in the challenge event;
- Health, safety and welfare of local communities, including residents, landowners and the general public; and
- Reputational risk to the Local Group and LDWA.

2020 will be remembered for the year the UK was hit, along with all other nations, by COVID-19. The impact of the pandemic has been far reaching with a large number of people losing their lives or having their lives changed substantially. So, it is unlikely we will return back to 'normal' in the foreseeable future. This risk assessment is designed with this in mind and address some of the previously unknown risks around social distancing, transport, hygiene that have always been assumed as safe by challenge event organisers.

EVENT DISCLAIMER

You agree that you participate in the event at your own risk. You understand that you are responsible for ensuring that you have undertaken the necessary preparation and training to participate in the event, that you are sufficiently fit and healthy to participate and that you will comply with all relevant UK government and local (English Tiers, Wales, Scotland & N.Ireland) COVID laws and guidelines. You understand that if you have a medical condition that would cause doubt on whether you can participate

in the event, then you will not do so unless you have sought medical advice to confirm your fitness to participate. You will abide by the Countryside Code and understand that the Long Distance Walkers Association will not be held responsible or liable for any loss, damage, action, cost, expense, claim, injury, illness and in worst case scenario, death suffered as a result of your participation. On entering the event, you assume full and complete responsibility for any injury, accident, costs, expenses, damages, losses and any other liabilities which may occur while you are travelling to and from the event and during the event

EVENT RISK ASSESSMENT

PART 1 ORGANISING THE EVENT				
A) HAZARD/RISK	B) INITIAL RISK LEVEL H/M/L	C) REVISED RISK LEVEL H/M/L	D) MANAGING THE RISK PROPOSED ACTION/CONTROL MEASURES	E) FURTHER ACTION NEEDED/BY DATE
1.1 That the event organisers do not have the necessary skills and commitment to organise the event adequately.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New organiser but the format of an anytime challenge makes things easier ➤ Help from experienced LDWA BBN organisers 	None
1.2 Event organisers are not familiar enough with the most up to date HM government guidance on COVID-19 and social distancing.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The organiser and BBN view Government & LDWA guidance on Covid-19 when it changes. As announced on News item. 	Review Covid & local Tier information for changes during the event
1.3 Persons attempt the event that are not appropriately qualified or equipped for the event leading to accident, injuries and placing extreme pressure on organisation of event.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LDWA disclaimer issued on Event Flyer to inform entrant if they qualify and the risks involved ➤ Similar disclaimer present on SiEntries 	LDWA disclaimer to be put on Grid Ref and Question Sheet

PART 2 FACILITIES, ROUTE AND STAFFING

A) HAZARD/RISK	B) INITIAL RISK LEVEL H / M / L	C) REVISED RISK LEVEL H / M / L	D) MANAGING THE RISK PROPOSED ACTION/CONTROL MEASURES	E) FURTHER ACTION NEEDED/BY DATE
2.1 That the route is not appropriate for an LDWA event. It may be too difficult in terms of the terrain and it may be inadequately described and not signed in key areas. This could lead to accident/injury, people getting lost. Walkers/runners could inadvertently cause disruption to local residents and public causing severe reputational damage to LDWA and Local Group.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 26, 18, 13mile routes are to be checked before the event opens and during the event in case of changes. ➤ It's an orienteering event that requires maps and route planning. NOT getting lost is the skill and experience of the entrant. ➤ BBN & members have organised this event for two decades. ➤ Anytime Challenge ensures low count of entrants, little disruption to public. 	<p style="color: red;">To check by 7th March & monthly thereafter</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p style="color: red;">Entrant to text a close friend when start & end the walk on the day</p>

PART 3 MANAGEMENT OF THE EVENT

A) HAZARD/RISK	B) INITIAL RISK LEVEL H / M / L	C) REVISED RISK LEVEL H / M / L	D) MANAGING THE RISK PROPOSED ACTION/CONTROL MEASURES	E) FURTHER ACTION NEEDED/BY DATE
3.1 Entrants become lost and/or are unaccounted for.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Entrants to text a friend when they start & end the walk 	Information for entrant
3.2 Disposal of Rubbish and recycling is not managed leading to reputational damage to LDWA and Local Group. Additionally, gates are left open on route and items dropped on route			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Entrants to follow the Countryside Code 	Information for entrant

PART 4 MANAGEMENT OF THE ROUTE

A) PARA NO	B) LOCATION	C) GENERAL HAZARD/RISK	D) INITIAL RISK LEVEL H/M/L	E) REVISED RISK LEVEL H/M/L	F) CONTROL MEASURES
4.00	Throughout the route	Rough & uneven ground. Footbridges may be slippery when wet or icy			Caution to be taken throughout. Route to be checked regularly for any changes.
4.01	Throughout the route	Exposed to elements during adverse weather. Dehydration/hypothermia			Entrants to be reminded that there is no support and to wear appropriate clothing, footwear and carry sufficient drink.
4.02	Throughout the route	Getting lost or becoming disorientated. Sustaining an injury or illness.			Entrants advised to take a charged mobile phone, torch, a first aid kit and emergency contact info.
4.03	Throughout the route	Social distancing on narrow enclosed paths and urban pavements			Entrants advised to take care when encountering oncoming walkers. Heed general Covid-19 advice
4.04	Throughout the route	Walking along roads and lanes, without a pavement			Entrants advised to keep right to face oncoming traffic or keep to grass verge so they can step off road quickly if required
4.05	Throughout the route	Crossing roads			Look both ways and listen before crossing
4.06	Throughout the route	Route contains some stiles, bridges and gates with high contact points			Entrants advised to carry hand sanitisers and face masks as appropriate

ROUTE RISK ASSESSMENT

A) PARA NO	B) GRID REF	C) SPECIFIC HAZARD/RISK	D) INITIAL RISK LEVEL H/M/L	E) REVISED RISK LEVEL H/M/L	F) CONTROL MEASURES
4.11	SP 936155	Road crossing outside Pitstone Hall			Just starting, focus on looking right when crossing road
4.12	SP 947158	Crossing road at bend on the busy B488 Road and a 50m walk along it			Focus on looking right to cross busy road on bend and then

	to 947159				keep right on narrow path to face oncoming traffic for 50m
4.13	SP 960155 to 959168	Chalk path can be slippery when it is wet			Care walking on stretches of sloping chalk path when it is wet
4.14	SP 960163	Crossing Beacon Road at bend, approaching Beacon			Care crossing road on the bend
4.15	SP 972155 to 972154	Steep ascent, narrow steps, public frequently walk it			Take care passing the public by keeping 2m apart from them
4.16	SP 966133 to 966132	New enclosed footpath at Little Stocks.			Take care passing the public by keeping 2m apart or wait for them to come through
4.17	SP 965127 to 964124	Narrow road into village and high public activity around popular village pond and pub			Care passing the public by keeping 2m apart and advise wearing a face mask if it is extremely busy.
4.21	SP 963101	Broken kissing gate			Take care opening the wooden gate, it can collapse
4.22	SP 964095	Road crossing at sweeping bend on A4251			Care crossing main road into Hamberlins Lane
4.23	SP 939094 to 938097	300m of Chesham Road to walk along into Wigginton before a footpath appears			Keep to the right to face oncoming traffic
4.31	SP 897089 to 897087	100m of walking on the Chivery road			Keep left for 100m on sweeping right hand bend
4.32	SP 914041 to 923095	1.2km of quiet narrow road walking.			Keep to grass verge side along narrow lanes for 1.2km
4.41	SP 951108	Limited visibility crossing busy A4251 at road junction with Hemp Lane & Newground Road			Frequently look both ways to cross the fast and busy road
4.42	SP 954110 to 939129	2.7km of narrow towpath with approaching public either walking, running or cycling			Take care on towpath when passing the public that approach
4.43	SP 937139 to 940141	500m of road walking on busy B488 Upper Icknield Way			Keep to footpath over bridge then cross to the right side to face oncoming traffic to roundabout