

2026 - EAST LANCS LDWA TWO CROSSES CIRCUIT CHALLENGE EVENT

Greenmount Old School - Brandlesholme Road, BL8 4DS (SD 778143)

Equipment MUST include:- Clothing and footwear appropriate to the event and weather, compass, whistle, mug and map (1:50000 OS109 Manchester or 1:25000 West Pennine Moors Explorer 287). Maps and description may be electronic versions.

2026 Route alteration (26 mile route only) highlighted in yellow

Please note the following important information:

- ⚡ Registration 06:45-07:50. Mass start 08:00. All entrants to finish by 17:00.
- ⚡ Cut off point long route at 7.5 miles, by 10.30, or short routed.
- ⚡ Checkpoint 4 closes at 13:30, Checkpoint 5 closes at 14:20, Checkpoint 6 closes at 15:20, Checkpoint 7 closes at 16:10 - Entrants arriving after these times **will be retired**.
- ⚡ Checkpoint 6 does not provide water.
- ⚡ Retirement **MUST BE REPORTED** to an official event marshal.

ON THE DAY INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY CONTACT: 07770 992 479

Leaving Greenmount community centre, L on Brandlesholme Road. After 50m, by the tea room, cross the road and turn R into disused railway. Ahead over bridge then under road bridge and turn R and continue up Kirklees Street to main road. Turn L along pavement. Cross main road at the zebra crossing. R, opposite Laurel Street, along Sunny bower St (unmade road) onto Moorside Road. When road bends sharp L, take path on R, after house number 44. Continue through stables and take gate, behind the manure heap, then R up field towards houses to stile, then L on track. At junction, take stile to L of 5 bar gate. Ahead, hedge on R. Take stile in corner. At gate, go L across field to meet hedge and continue, keep hedge to L. Over stile to L of 5 bar. Continue, fence on L, around green barn to go through 2 5-bar gates. R on access track, between wooden fences. Over cattle grid and ahead to reach the road (use stile if gate is shut). R and on road CAUTION – TRAFFIC for 220m (766129).

L at Four Acre Farm. L behind buildings and garden, ahead through 2 gates. Immediately L after stile, follow fence and wall on L to go through gate by house to road (759129). R on road CAUTION - TRAFFIC passing Pack Horse Inn to the first cross of the circuit, Affetside Roman Cross. Take path from the cross with pond on L, passing between hedge on L and fence on R to stone stile. Over stile into field and ahead, following the main path, to reach road, A676, (737132). Cross road WITH CARE and follow track. Take second R at 5 bar gate. R at T junction and up steps to pass through car park. (public toilets) Continue with reservoir on L. Near end of reservoir, L over footbridge (736149), up steps, through gate, along fenced in path to reach gate to road, B639. Cross WITH CARE Turn L to **Checkpoint 1 - Turton Tower (732150): [6.0miles].**

R up track with Turton Tower on R. Cross railway and in 100m R through gate onto track. Ahead on track for approx 1¹/₄mile/2km and just before reaching the B639 again, the 18 and 26 mile routes split. **Cut Off Point: [7.5mile]. - 26 mile option please go to *. 10:30am cut-off for 26 mile route.**

18 mile route only.

R to cross road WITH CARE, through gate and onto footpath. Continue through gate, cross minor road and drop down on path into gully. L into car park to **Checkpoint 4 - Batridge Barn Car Park (721171): [7.8mile].** Continue on 26 mile route at +++ (i.e. miss out next 4 paragraphs).

** 26 mile route only.*

Continue on track to road, L on road and in 300m at first finger post on L take footpath over stile. Head towards top R of field and nearest pylon. Turn R and with fence on L to stile next to gate, under power lines. Over stile and continue ahead for 1000m. Over next stile, R and in 10m L on faint track. With pond on R, head down towards A666, keeping gully on L. Cross gully at stones after the last hawthorn tree, to ladder stile over wall and cross A666 WITH CARE to **Checkpoint 2 - A666 (698172): [8.9mile].**

Over stile, ahead on track through trees and over second stile. Take second stile on L before trees and follow down through gorse to footbridge. Cross bridge and R up path to top of bank. Ahead through gate. Ahead for 100m, aiming to the right hand end of the pine trees in the distance. Then bear R for 150m, aiming to the right of the lone hawthorn, to meet remains of wall foundations. (overgrown) Along remains of wall to reach a low FP post. Turn L and pass another low post and continue to reach farm track. Follow this for 500m to go through first gate and then Turn R through the second gate. You are now on the Witton Weavers Way. In 200m bear slightly R on the main path and in another 100m follow path as it bends L through gate. Follow track for just over 2mile/3¹/₄km to **Checkpoint 3 Track Junction (667189): [12.0mile].**

Turn R up track. Over stile by gate and uphill on track. As main track bends sharp L, ahead on track up hill, through gate to reach wall and finger post (675191). Ahead on path sign posted to Turton (74°). Ignore paths on L to Darwen. After ¹/₃ mile (540m) note start of culvert running alongside to R of path. After a further 120m DO NOT cross footbridge over culvert. **CONTINUE ON TRACK for 900m. At SD687187 take the stile on the Right. Head down field, through the saplings, to the bridge. Cross Bridge and go up the steep slope to left of gully. Over stile, with footpath marker, at top. Aim 130° across moor towards a lone stone gatepost. On reaching the gatepost, continue in the same direction, up the slope, to reach the footpath with a fence. Turn Left on this track to reach the A666. Cross the road (SD702180)**

R on road to take first footpath on L through gate. Signed Edgworth. In 300m, (704177) at the fork, take the R path, down hill. In a further 450m continue ahead on the path as it narrows uphill. After 50m take the steps down. At bottom, turn R and ahead to follow path with Entwistle Reservoir on L for 1300m. Take steps on R, before reservoir dam wall and up to **Checkpoint 4 - Batridge Barn Car Park (721171): [16.4mile]. (CLOSES 13:30)**

+++ 18 mile competitors, rejoin full route at this point.

Leave checkpoint with wall on L, down steps on L and L to pass the lower car park. Continue onto and over reservoir dam. At end of dam, ahead on access Rd to pass railway cottages and keep to R of Strawbury Duck Pub. R over railway bridge at Entwistle Station and follow Rd as it bends R. In 25m L through small gate downhill. Through 2nd gate and descend through trees to cross footbridge. Cross second footbridge then immediately L through trees. Ahead over stile and uphill reaching house and garden on R, Take step/stile to cross wire fence. Ahead to reach FP post. R up hill, with fence on R. Over stile to L of gate. Ahead on narrow enclosed path next to hedge. Turn L with hedge to reach gate. Cross driveway and L on narrow enclosed path beside gate to Longworth Bank Farm. Continue between houses, cross main road WITH CARE and up Moorside Road. Where road bends R turn L on driveway and in 80m bear R to Orrel Cote Farm. With house on L continue to **Checkpoint 5 – Orrel Cote Farm (740189): [9.8 or 18.4mile]. (CLOSES 14:20)**

Over stile behind garage and bear R (200°) to grassy track. When you come to a stile in fence on the R, go LEFT on track, keeping quarry on L. Keep wall on R, over stile (or through gate), through 2 gates to road (746186). R and continue on road CAUTION - TRAFFIC, then pavement on L, into Crowthorn Village. Turn Left up Crowthorn Road and follow road to pass over cattle grid and fork L onto track with 2 concrete strips towards chain link fence. (Use squeeze gap to the left of the 5 bar gate, if it is shut.) Bear L on track uphill. At FP post take small track L, just before corner of chain link fence. (If you reach the rusting harrow you have gone too far!) Continue towards the wall ahead and then through the gate. Turn right and follow the wall to wooden FP post (758183). Rise up peat bank using the NEW paved route. Follow paved path to MOD warning signs at base of Bull Hill (765188). Do not ascend Bull Hill but take footpath sharp L, narrow but well trodden, initially at 52°, continuing 1000m to corner of walls by finger post - **Checkpoint 6 - Wall NE of Bull Hill (772192): [12.6 or 21.3mile]. (CLOSES 15:20)**

From checkpoint take path, initially at 122° then bearing 200° turning uphill at yellow topped post. Follow yellow markers to pass MOD map. Follow path to second cross of the circuit, Pilgrims Cross. From cross follow paved path to L (135°). Where paving ends, continue ahead, pass cairn, then descend, cross stream and ahead to Peel Tower (777164). Continue past tower (200°), follow track as it bends sharp L (do not go over the stile) and then R. At T junction R to **Checkpoint 7 – Holcombe Old Road (780163): [15.1 or 23.8mile]. (CLOSES 16:10)**

Continue for 700m to go L through small gated stile in wall (Surrounding wall may be damaged/collapsed, please be careful) (775160). Downhill, with wall on R, newly planted hedge on L, to stone wall stile in field corner ahead. Over stile, ahead, keep wall on L to metal gate. Through gate and start downhill using 114 East Lincs steps through Redisher Wood. At bottom of steps, at FP post, R to meet further steps to river. Cross river at footbridge and L along bank to reach steps down. At bottom bear L and then R over stone bridge, follow track uphill. Pass around the 5 bar gate. Turn R at first house (774155). Continue on track. After 300m, at the grit bin, turn L and follow track as it bends and pass house on L (along driveway) to stile. Over stile and immediate L. To stile, over, and R. Continue with fence on R to tarmac access road. Over stile, L on access road to reach main road. Turn left and in 20m cross road WITH CARE and take stile next to black gate onto signed footpath. Follow footpath ahead on grassy track, hedge on L. As hedge on L ends bear R (180°), following the wire fence, to stile. Over stile, into trees, cross stream and up steps in bank, continuing ahead, through gate to golf club. Keep ahead on main track passing clubhouse, through car park. Ahead on track, L to cross stream, ahead over golf course and up road, Hove Close. Turn R into Larkfield Close, cross road to pass church/cemetery on your R. Turn R, cross main road at zebra crossing and L before Pub. Turn L to enter Greenmount Community Centre.

FINISH (778143): [17.7 or 26.4mile]. (ALL ENTRANTS TO FINISH BY 17:00)

WELL DONE!