Essex and Herts LDWA

**Risk Assessment for Stagger Anytime Challenge Event**.

**Date** 28th December 2020 to 28th March 2021 **Start and Finish.**  The War Memorial**,** St John’s Church Memorial Gardens, Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfichet. CM24 8JP GR TL 512 249

**Distance** 25.7 miles

**Overview**

**Type of Event**

The Entry Form and information on sientries makes clear the type of event offered. The entrant will follow the route using a route description. There will no support. Entrants have been advised to wear suitable clothing; bring a torch if they intend finishing after dark; and carry sufficient food and drink, mobile phone, and first aid kit. Each entrant has made an agreement that they participate at their own risk, and that they will obey the event rules and the country code.

**Risk Assessment of Route**

There has been a risk assessment of the route (below). The route has been checked thoroughly with a final check of the route carried out prior to event opening. The route description will enable the walker to navigate round the route. A major part of the route is on footpaths and bridleways. These are joined up by unavoidable road sections. At roads where crossing is required the route description gives warnings to take extra care.

**Risk to Landowners**

The main concern is trespass as the route is cross-country and follows rights of way. These are mostly waymarked and well-equipped with infrastructures such as stiles, bridges and way markers that help keep walkers on route. The walkers have the written route description, which has been thoroughly checked for accuracy.

**Covid-19 Risks**

The route contains some short, enclosed footpaths and the narrow ones are noted in the route description. There are some stiles, bridges, gates, and a pedestrian crossing, with high contact points. Entrants will be advised to take care and carry hand sanitisers and face masks as appropriate.

Refer to route description and map.

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| Paragraph  No | Grid  Ref | Potential Hazards | Risk  Level | Safety Measures in place | Risk Level |
| Through -out  the route |  | Rough & uneven ground. Footbridges may be slippery when wet or icy. | Low | Caution to be taken throughout. Route to be checked regularly for changes. | Low |
| Through -out the route |  | Exposed to the elements during adverse weather. Dehydration/hypothermia | Low | Entrants to be reminded that there will no support, to wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and carry sufficient food and drink. | Low |
| Through –  out the route |  | Getting lost or becoming disorientated. Sustaining an injury or illness. | Low | Entrants advised to take a charged mobile phone, torch, and a first aid kit. GPX file available. | Low |
| Through-  Out the route |  | Social distancing on narrow enclosed paths. | Low | Take care if encountering oncoming walkers. Heed general Covid-19 advice. | Low |
| 1 and  12 |  | Urban street walking | Low | Use pedestrian crossing points where available.  Crossroads with caution where none available. Heed general Covid-19 advice and show courtesy towards other people. | Low |
| 1 | TL  502  252 | Quiet lane | Low | Face oncoming traffic | Low |
| 2 | TL  492  256 | Road crossing | Low | Cross road with care | Low |
| 2 | TL  477  251 | Minor road | Low | Face oncoming traffic | Low |
| 5 | TL  451  214 | Minor road crossing | Low | Face oncoming traffic. 50yds after passing red phone box, crossroad with care to fork L. | Low |
| 5 | TL  435  218 | Crossing river at ford.  (footbridge currently under repair) with a high water level. | Med  ium | Alternative route described in description | Low |
| 5 | TL  435  218 | Road crossing | Low | Cross with care | Low |
| 6 | TL  429  215 | Crossing fairway on golf course | Low | Beware of golf balls coming from your right. | Low |
| 7 | TL  412  214 | 130yds on minor road | Low | Face oncoming traffic for 130yds, and cross road with care to FPS. | Low |
| 7 | TL  392  203 | Lane beyond ‘Archers Hall’ prone to flooding | Low | Alternative route described in description. | Low |
| 7 | TL  392  203 | 130yds on quiet lane | Low | Face oncoming traffic | Low |
| 8 | TL  318  214 | 130yds on quiet lane | Low | Face oncoming traffic | Low |
| 8 | TL  391  221 | Approach to footbridge over river, prone to flooding | Low | Alternative route described in description | Low |
| 9 | TL  396  225 | Major road crossing (A120) | Low | Turn right on pavement and cross with care at traffic island. | Low |
| 10 | TL  409  246 | Quiet lane for 1500yds | Low | Face oncoming traffic | Low |
| 10 | TL  440  253 | Minor road crossing (‘High Hall’) | Low | Cross with care | Low |
| 11 | TL  461  245 | Hole in footbridge | Low | Caution hole in far end of footbridge | Low |
| 11 | TL  474  248 | Minor road through Farnham Village | Low | Use pavement or grass verge where available. Caution where none available. Cross road with care. | Low |
| 12 | TL  490  243 | 130yds on narrow lane with blind bends. | Med -ium | Caution blind bends | Low |
| 12 | TL  494  243 | Road junction | Med -ium | Cross to LHS before 30mph sign and approach junction with care. Cross road with care. | Low |
| 12 | TL  499  245 | Lane liable to flood | Med –  ium | Alternative route described in description | Low |
| 12 | TL  506  246 | 220 yds on Narrow enclosed path | Low | Take care if encountering oncoming walkers. Heed general Covid-19 advice. | Low |

The above risk assessment has been fully discussed with and agreed by the following signatories

Organiser Essex and Herts LDWA committee

Assessor Peter Tremain

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